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Dear Democratic Leader Jeffries and Steering & Policy Committee Co-Chairs,

I write to respectfully request an assignment to the House Appropriations Committee for the 119th Congress. Should I receive that assignment, I would also appreciate the opportunity to retain my membership on the House Veterans Affairs Committee through a waiver.

I first wrote to the Steering & Policy Committee at the beginning of 2022 to express my interest in joining the Appropriations Committee. As I have continued to hear from my constituents about the issues that are most important to them, it is clear this committee assignment will allow me to best serve my Frontline district.

I have used my appropriations accomplishments throughout my first three terms to serve and appeal to my constituents in a meaningful way. I was able to secure programmatic appropriations and community project funding that effectively target local issues valued by residents of my district, regardless of their political affiliation. For example, I worked to help advance solutions to the challenge of stranded spent nuclear fuel at sites across the country, including within my district, while accounting for the sensitivities of our Democratic colleagues who are also impacted by the issue but have different interests. After I worked with the Appropriations Committee to secure funding for the federal government's program on spent nuclear fuel, I traveled around my district to ensure my constituents were aware of the progress we are making for them.

I have also worked hard to ensure my constituents are aware of the other resources that I bring back to the district for them. This past Congress, I developed a map for my official House website to illustrate projects in each city I represent for which I have secured funding. The map is a tool that resonates with my constituents, and I received significant positive feedback on it. We were able to further highlight the map through earned media when we broke the \$1 billion mark in funding secured for local projects.

These individual successes have paired well with my desire to be a team player who helps drive the success of our Democratic Caucus. Over the course of my service, I have helped define our priorities in the areas of climate action and veterans' affairs. On climate, I pushed forward our ambitious goals and policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. At the same time, I made true bipartisan progress towards ensuring that no veteran goes hungry, homeless, or jobless. Democratic Caucus leaders have been able to count on me to support our Democratic

appropriations bills on the floor as well as every major bipartisan funding package. I expect to continue to support these bills going forward.

The strategy above is the formula that brought me back for the 119th Congress, and it is one that I plan to replicate in order to continue winning my Frontline district. With an assignment to the Appropriations Committee, I am confident that I will be successful and be able to share my experience with our new Frontline colleagues next Congress.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Levin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

MIKE LEVIN
Member of Congress