

Musgrave opposes automatic pay raise

Washington, DC

Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave today voted to oppose an automatic pay increase for Members of Congress. A fiscal conservative, Musgrave opposed this measure that was included in the annual Fiscal Year 2004 Transportation and Treasury Appropriations Act.

"Congressional salaries are substantial enough," said Musgrave. "Members of Congress should be more concerned with improving current economic conditions than filling their own pockets. Among all of the votes on Capitol Hill about methods to save taxpayers money, this is one of the easiest."

"In addition, these so-called cost of living increases are cloaked behind archaic legislative procedures, making it easy for Congressmen to support the raise with little criticism," said Musgrave. "Hardworking taxpayers that are currently struggling to afford basic necessities deserve greater accountability from their elected officials. That is why I voted against this measure."

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Marilyn Musgrave was elected to the United States House of Representatives in January 2003, and she represents Colorado's Fourth Congressional District. Musgrave is a member of the House Committees on Agriculture, Education and the Workforce, and Small Business. To learn more about Rep. Musgrave please visit her official website at <http://www.house.gov/musgrave>.

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