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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The Honorable Jim McGovern
Chairman
House Rules Committee
H-312, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman McGovern:

I write in support of efforts to ensure Members of Congress are able to vote on essential legislation while not physically present in Washington, D.C during the coronavirus pandemic. Numerous states, including the Wisconsin Legislature, and other nations, including the British Parliament, have already instituted successful virtual legislative meeting procedures.

While I intend to be physically present and voting this week, I know several of our colleagues will be unable to vote in person due to health or travel difficulties. Foreseeing this eventuality, the Congressional Progressive Caucus issued a Whip Question to its Members several weeks ago to measure support for instituting virtual voting in the House of Representatives. Responses from the Caucus were overwhelmingly in support.

I support remote voting efforts in Congress in whatever form they may take, and plan to vote in favor of implementing legislation when it is presented to the full U.S. House of Representatives. I thank you for your friendship and look forward to continuing to work together on this and other matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Pocan', written in a cursive style.

Mark Pocan
Member of Congress
Co-Chair, Progressive Caucus