## Conference Report: FY 2019 Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill

\$4.836B IN DISCRETIONARY FUNDING FOR THE HOUSE AND SENATE

## > PRIORITIZING SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Directs a much-needed, increase of \$29.8M above FY18 levels for the Capitol Police, totaling \$456.3M, to enhance the safety and security of the Capitol Complex for Members, staff, and the thousands of guests who visit every day
  - Bolsters funding for security in district offices and for risk-based protection when Members are outside of the Capitol Campus
- Provides \$733.7M for the Architect of the Capitol to make essential security and safety improvements to the historic buildings of the U.S. Capitol

## SUPPORTING AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

- Provides \$1.2B for the operations of the U.S. House of Representatives \$32M above FY18
  - Directs additional funding to IT and cybersecurity enhancement and mandatory workplace rights training
  - Provides funding for the Office of Employee Advocacy, which provides legal consultation, representation, and assistance on allegations, claims, and complaints under the Congressional Accountability Act
  - Provides \$3M for fellowships for wounded veterans in Congressional offices, supporting an additional 25 fellowships (bringing the total to 110 two-year fellowship positions)
  - **Dedicates funding for paid internships** (up to \$20,000 per Member office), which will open the door to a broader pool of students and young people who have the ability and interest to serve Congress
- Includes \$696M for the Library of Congress, modernizing the Library's information technology
- Includes \$117M for the Government Publishing Office the same as last year

## > MAINTAINING FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Maintains the 10% spending cut for Congress that has been in place since FY10
- Continues the Member pay freeze that has been in place since FY10
- Provides \$589.75M, an increase of \$10.8M over last year, for the Government Accountability
  Office, continuing GAO's critical oversight work that provides Congress with accurate,
  nonpartisan reporting of how taxpayer dollars are spent on federal programs
  - Increased funding enables the hiring of 130 additional FTEs, which will **increase oversight** and accountability of taxpayer dollars