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Washington, DC – Today, the House passed two pieces of legislation designed to increase accountability

“Today, I cast my vote for two measures that address the relationship between Members of Congress and

“The bills include provisions to strengthen and increase the frequency of lobbyist reports, ensures those

“These bills greatly strengthen reporting and disclosure provisions and provide real teeth when those pro

“I am proud that one my first votes as a newly elected member of Congress was in favor of an aggressive

“Yet despite today’s votes, there is still significantly more work to do.

“Members of Congress should be held in high regard by the people they represent. There should be no

“It is imperative that we re-establish a positive relationship with the constituents we serve.

“That will require constant vigilance, openness and accountability. And it will require substantive action.

