District Office Lease Amendment – Instructions

NO LEASE AMENDMENT OR ATTACHMENT CAN BE SIGNED BEFORE THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSEL.

The term for a District Office Lease Amendment for the 114th Congress may not commence prior to January 3, 2015.

Members should endeavor to lease space through the last day of a congressional term rather than the last day of a calendar year. For the 114th Congress, leases should end on January 2, 2017, not December 31, 2016.

A. Section 1 has three blank lines to be filled in:
   1. the term of the previous lease that is being amended or extended;
   2. street address of office being leased; and
   3. city, state and ZIP where office is being leased.

B. Section 2 requires the new ending date (if the lease is going to be extended), which must be on or before January 2, 2017. If the lease is not going to be extended, write "N/A" in the space provided.

C. Section 3 requires the monthly rent amount for the extended term, and if any other provision is changed, the blank space beneath Section 3 is provided for any changes or additions. If there are no other changes to your existing lease write "NONE" in the space provided.

D. **The Member/Member-Elect is required to <u>personally</u> sign the documents.**

E. A District Office Lease Attachment for the 114th Congress must accompany this District Office Lease Amendment ("Amendment").

F. **Prior to either party signing an Amendment, the Member/ Member-Elect must submit the proposed Amendment, accompanied by a copy of the District Office Lease Attachment for the 114th Congress, to the Administrative Counsel for review and approval.** If the proposed terms and conditions of the Amendment are determined to be in compliance with applicable law and House Rules and Regulations, the Administrative Counsel will notify the Member/Member-Elect that (s)he may proceed with the signing of the Amendment. Please submit the proposed Amendment and District Office Lease Attachment either by e-mail in PDF form (leases@mail.house.gov) or fax (202-225-6999).

G. Once signed by both parties, the Amendment and District Office Lease Attachment must be submitted to the Administrative Counsel for final approval. They may be sent by email in PDF form or faxed to 202-225-6999, but the originals still must be submitted by inter office mail (217 Ford House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515) after emailing or faxing.

H. If approved, Administrative Counsel will send them to Finance so that payment can begin. If there are errors, you will be contacted and required to correct them before the Amendment is approved.

I. If you have any additional questions about District Office Leases, please contact the Office of the Administrative Counsel by e-mail (leases@mail.house.gov).

U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

District Office Lease Amendment

1. **Prior Lease Term.** The undersigned Landlord ("Lessor") and Member of the U. S. House of Representatives ("Lessee") agree that they previously entered into a District Office Lease ("Lease") (along with the District Office Lease Attachment), which covered the period from May 27, 2013 to January 2, 2015 for the lease of office space located at 7335 Ridge Road in the city, state and ZIP of Parma, OH 44129.

2. **Extended Term.** If applicable, the above referenced Lease is extended through and including January 2, 2017. (This District Office Lease Amendment ("Amendment") may not provide for an extension beyond January 2, 2017, which is the end of the constitutional term of the 114th Congress.)

3. **Rent and Any Other Changes.** The monthly rent for the extended term of the Lease shall now be $150.00. All other provisions of the existing Lease shall remain unchanged and in full effect, except for the following additional terms, which are modified as indicated in the space below [If no additional terms are to be modified, write the word "NONE" below].

4. **District Office Lease Attachment for 114th Congress.** This Amendment shall have no force and effect unless and until accompanied by an executed District Office Lease Attachment for the 114th Congress and the District Office Lease Attachment for the 114th Congress attached hereto supersedes and replaces any prior District Office Lease Attachment.

5. **Counterparts.** This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts and by facsimile copy, each of which shall be deemed to be an original but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument.

6. **Section Headings.** The section headings of this Amendment are for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to limit or affect any of the provisions hereof.

[*Signature page follows.*]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this District Office Lease Amendment as of the later date written below by the Lessor or the Lessee.

City of Parma, OH	James B. Renacci
Print Name of Lessor/Landlord/Company	*Print Name of Lessee*
By: _____	_____
Lessor Signature	*Lessee Signature*
Name:	
Title:	
_____	_____
Date	*Date*

This District Office Lease Amendment must be accompanied with an executed District Office Lease Attachment.

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District Office Lease Attachment

1. **Incorporated District Office Lease Attachment.** Lessor (Landlord) and Lessee (Member/Member-Elect of the U.S. House of Representatives) agree that this District Office Lease Attachment ("Attachment") is incorporated into and made part of the Lease ("Lease") and, if applicable, District Office Lease Amendment ("Amendment") to which it is attached.

2. **Performance.** Lessor expressly acknowledges that neither the U.S. House of Representatives (the "House") nor its Officers are liable for the performance of the Lease. Lessor further expressly acknowledges that payments made by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House (the "CAO") to Lessor to satisfy Lessee's rent obligations under the Lease – which payments are made solely on behalf of Lessee in support of his/her official and representational duties as a Member of the House – shall create no legal obligation or liability on the part of the CAO or the House whatsoever. Lessee shall be solely responsible for the performance of the Lease and Lessor expressly agrees to look solely to Lessee for such performance.

3. **Modifications.** Any amendment to the Lease must be in writing and signed by the Lessor and Lessee. Lessor and Lessee also understand and acknowledge that the Administrative Counsel for the CAO ("Administrative Counsel") must review and give approval of any amendment to the Lease prior to its execution.

4. **Compliance with House Rules and Regulations.** Lessor and Lessee understand and acknowledge that the Lease shall not be valid, and the CAO will not authorize the disbursement of funds to the Lessor, until the Administrative Counsel has reviewed the Lease to determine that it complies with the Rules of the House and the Regulations of the Committee on House Administration, and approved the Lease by signing on page 4 of this Attachment.

5. **Payments.** The Lease is a fixed term lease with monthly installments for which payment is due in arrears on or before the end of each calendar month. In the event of a payment dispute, Lessor agrees to contact the Office of Finance of the House at 202-225-7474 to attempt to resolve the dispute before contacting Lessee.

6. **Void Provisions.** Any provision in the Lease purporting to require the payment of a security deposit shall have no force or effect. Furthermore, any provision in the Lease purporting to vary the dollar amount of the rent specified in the Lease by any cost of living clause, operating expense clause, pro rata expense clause, escalation clause, or any other adjustment or measure during the term of the Lease shall have no force or effect.

7. **Certain Charges.** The parties agree that any charge for default, early termination or cancellation of the Lease which results from actions taken by or on behalf of the Lessee shall be the sole responsibility of the Lessee, and shall not be paid by the CAO on behalf of the Lessee.

8. **Death, Resignation or Removal.** In the event Lessee dies, resigns or is removed from office during the term of the Lease, the Clerk of the House may, at his or her sole option, either: (a) terminate the Lease by giving thirty (30) days' prior written notice to Lessor; or (b) assume the obligation of the Lease and continue to occupy the premises for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days following the certification of the election of the Lessee's successor. In the event the Clerk elects to terminate the Lease, the commencement date of such thirty (30) day termination notice shall be the date such notice is delivered to the Lessor or, if mailed, the date on which such notice is postmarked.

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9. **Term.** The term of the Lease may not exceed the constitutional term of the Congress to which the Lessee has been elected. The Lease may be signed by the Member-Elect before taking office. Should the Member-Elect not take office to serve as a Member of the 114th Congress, the Lease will be considered null and void.

10. **Early Termination.** If either Lessor or Lessee terminates the Lease under the terms of the Lease, the terminating party agrees to promptly file a copy of any termination notice with the Office of Finance, U.S. House of Representatives, B-245 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, and with the Administrative Counsel by e-mail at leases@mail.house.gov.

11. **Assignments.** Lessor shall not have the right to assign (by operation of law or otherwise) any of its rights, interests and obligations under the Lease, in whole or in part, without providing thirty (30) days prior written notice to Lessee, and any such purported assignment without such notice shall be void. Lessor shall promptly file a copy of any such assignment notice with the Administrative Counsel by e-mail at leases@mail.house.gov.

12. **Sale or Transfer of Leased Premises.** Lessor shall provide thirty (30) days prior written notice to Lessee in the event (a) of any sale to a third party of any part of the leased premises, or (b) Lessor transfers or otherwise disposes of any of the leased premises, and provide documentation evidencing such sale or transfer in such notice. Lessor shall promptly file a copy of any such sale or transfer notice with the Administrative Counsel by e-mail at leases@mail.house.gov.

13. **Bankruptcy and Foreclosure.** In the event (a) Lessor is placed in bankruptcy proceedings (whether voluntarily or involuntarily), (b) the leased premises is foreclosed upon, or (c) of any similar occurrence, Lessor agrees to promptly notify Lessee in writing. Lessor shall promptly file a copy of any such notice with the Office of Finance, U.S. House of Representatives, B-245 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, and with the Administrative Counsel by e-mail at leases@mail.house.gov.

14. **Estoppel Certificates.** Lessee agrees to sign an estoppel certificate relating to the leased premises (usually used in instances when the Lessor is selling or refinancing the building) upon the request of the Lessor. Such an estoppel certificate shall require the review of the Administrative Counsel, prior to Lessee signing the estoppel certificate. Lessor shall promptly provide a copy of any such estoppel certificate to the Administrative Counsel by e-mail at leases@mail.house.gov.

15. **Maintenance of Common Areas.** Lessor agrees to maintain in good order, at its sole expense, all public and common areas of the building including, but not limited to, all sidewalks, parking areas, lobbies, elevators, escalators, entryways, exits, alleys and other like areas.

16. **Maintenance of Structural Components.** Lessor also agrees to maintain in good order, repair or replace as needed, at its sole expense, all structural and other components of the premises including, but not limited to, roofs, ceilings, walls (interior and exterior), floors, windows, doors, foundations, fixtures, and all mechanical, plumbing, electrical and air conditioning/heating systems or equipment (including window air conditioning units provided by the Lessor) serving the premises.

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17. **Lessor Liability for Failure to Maintain.** Lessor shall be liable for any damage, either to persons or property, sustained by Lessee or any of his or her employees or guests, caused by Lessor's failure to fulfill its obligations under Sections 15 and 16.

18. **Initial Alterations.** Lessor shall make any initial alterations to the leased premises, as requested by Lessee and subject to Lessor's consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The cost of such initial alterations shall be included in the annual rental rate.

19. **Federal Tort Claims Act.** Lessor agrees that the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2671-80, satisfies any and all obligations on the part of the Lessee to purchase private liability insurance. Lessee shall not be required to provide any certificates of insurance to Lessor.

20. **Limitation of Liability.** Lessor agrees that neither Lessee nor the House nor any of the House's officers or employees will indemnify or hold harmless Lessor against any liability of Lessor to any third party that may arise during or as a result of the Lease or Lessee's tenancy.

21. **Compliance with Laws.** Lessor shall be solely responsible for complying with all applicable permitting and zoning ordinances or requirements, and with all local and state building codes, safety codes and handicap accessibility codes (including the Americans with Disabilities Act), both in the common areas of the building and the leased space of the Lessee.

22. **Electronic Funds Transfer.** Lessor agrees to accept monthly rent payments by Electronic Funds Transfer and agrees to provide the Office of Finance, U.S. House of Representatives, with all banking information necessary to facilitate such payments.

23. **Refunds.** Lessor shall promptly refund to the CAO, without formal demand, any payment made to the Lessor by the CAO for any period for which rent is not owed because the Lease has ended or been terminated.

24. **Conflict.** Should any provision of this Attachment be inconsistent with any provision of the attached Lease or attached Amendment, the provisions of this Attachment shall control, and those inconsistent provisions of the Lease or the Amendment shall have no force and effect to the extent of such inconsistency.

25. **Construction.** Unless the clear meaning requires otherwise, words of feminine, masculine or neuter gender include all other genders and, wherever appropriate, words in the singular include the plural and vice versa.

26. **Fair Market Value.** The Lease or Amendment is entered into at fair market value as the result of a bona fide, arms-length, marketplace transaction. The Lessor and Lessee certify that the parties are not relatives nor have had, or continue to have, a professional or legal relationship (except as a landlord and tenant).

27. **District Certification.** The Lessee certifies that the office space that is the subject of the Lease is located within the district the Lessee was elected to represent unless otherwise authorized by Regulations of the Committee on House Administration.

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28. **Counterparts.** This Attachment may be executed in any number of counterparts and by facsimile copy, each of which shall be deemed to be an original but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument.

29. **Section Headings.** The section headings of this Attachment are for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to limit or affect any of the provisions hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this District Office Lease Attachment as of the later date written below by the Lessor or the Lessee.

City of Parma, OHIO	James B. Renacci
Print Name of Lessor/Landlord	*Print Name of Lessee*
By: _____	_____
Lessor Signature	*Lessee Signature*
Name:	
Title:	
_____	_____
Date	*Date*

From the Member's Office, who is the point of contact for questions?
Name_____ Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____@mail.house.gov

This District Office Lease Attachment and the attached Lease or Amendment have been reviewed and are approved, pursuant to Regulations of the Committee on House Administration.

Signed _____ Date _____, 20_____.
(Administrative Counsel)

Send completed forms to: Administrative Counsel, 217 Ford House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.
Copies may also be faxed to 202-225-6999.