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Washington, D.C. – Congressman Ben Ray Luján of New Mexico's Third District released the following statement today after cosponsoring H.R. 3858, legislation that blocks a cost-of-living adjustment for members of Congress and freezes their pay for the next fiscal year.

"During these tough times, while too many New Mexicans are still looking for work and families are struggling to get by, members of Congress should not be getting an automatic pay raise. It is critical that as public servants, we make it clear to the American people that our focus is on turning our economy around and putting them back to work, not enhancing our own bottom line. Freezing the pay of members of Congress while our constituents are still suffering from the deepest recession in a generation will help send that message. I encourage the Republican leaders in the House to bring this legislation up for a vote without delay."

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