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Mr. Brian Massie
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Dear Mr. Massie:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the budget of congressional offices. It was nice to hear from you and I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

You may be interested to know that I have returned more than \$800,000 from my Congressional budget to the U.S. Treasury since 2013. Fiscal responsibility is needed in order to create a stronger, more prosperous nation for the next generation, which is why I began the tradition of returning unused taxpayer funds back when I was the Geauga County Prosecutor. It will take a lot to change how Washington does business, but I will not stop working until we have restored fiscal discipline in our nation's capital.

To further answer your question about unused Members' Representational Allowance (MRA) funds, any unexpended MRA appropriated balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year is available for two additional fiscal years before being returned to the U.S. Treasury as part of returned FY appropriations. For example, FY 2014 appropriations (10/1/13— 9/30/14) will be returned to the U.S. Treasury 9/30/16. During FY 2014, FY 2012 and 2013 appropriations were still available to use toward a valid expenditure. During FY 2014, FY 2011 appropriations were no longer available for use. These appropriations were returned to the U.S. Treasury

9/30/13. You can learn more about MRA rules on the House Ethics Committee's website at: <https://ethics.house.gov/official-allowances/members-representational-allowance>.

Once again, thank you for contacting me. Should you have additional comments or questions on this or any other issue, please feel free to contact me at my Mentor, Twinsburg, or Washington, D.C. office. I also invite you to stay in touch by signing up for my weekly email newsletter, the Weekly Wrap, which you can do by visiting my website at <https://joyce.house.gov/newsletter-sign-up/>.

Sincerely,



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