

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 16, 2012

CONTACT  
Will Adams  
202.225.3849  
will.adams@mail.house.gov

## **AMASH POSTS 1000TH STRAIGHT VOTE EXPLANATION**

*CONTINUES RECORD AS ONLY CONGRESSMAN TO EXPLAIN EVERY VOTE ON FACEBOOK*

Washington, D.C. – Rep. Justin Amash (R-MI) posted his thousandth straight vote explanation to Facebook last night, continuing his streak as the only congressman to post an explanation of every vote he takes.

The thousandth vote explanation concerned H.R. 2079, a bill to name a U.S. Post Office in East Rockaway, New York. Amash voted “yes,” and the bill passed 418-2.

“When I first came to Congress, other Representatives told me it would be impossible to explain every vote I take,” said Amash. “Explaining my actions in Congress is an essential part of this job. If I can do it, so can other Representatives and Senators.”

Nearly 20,000 people follow Amash’s Facebook Page, which he maintains himself. In addition to being the first and only Representative to explain every vote on the House floor, Amash was one of the first government officials to be interviewed live from Facebook’s offices in Washington, D.C.

“Americans have a right to know what their government is doing,” said Amash. “By using all of the tools available—town halls, phone calls, mail, e-newsletters, and Facebook—constituents have the opportunity to become informed and hold Congress accountable, and Members of Congress have the opportunity to learn from our constituents as well.”

Amash’s official congressional Facebook Page is at:

<http://www.facebook.com/repjustinamash>

###