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## **Amash casts 2,500th consecutive vote**

*Congressman continues perfect voting record*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich.) cast his 2,500th consecutive vote in Congress last week, extending the longest active voting streak of any sitting representative.

“I never have missed a vote, and I publicly explain every vote I take,” said Amash. “Through diligence and transparency, I’m trying to show Congress what some West Michigan hard work can accomplish.”

Amash is the first and only congressman to explain every vote he has cast, which he does on his public Facebook Page:

<http://facebook.com/repjustinamash>

“Technology allows me to be more transparent and accountable to the people who elected me. My vote explanations have spurred members of the Michigan state House to increase transparency, and I hope the same will happen in Congress,” said Amash.

Amash began posting vote explanations while a state representative. He began his perfect vote record there, too, totaling more than 1,300 votes in a row in the state House.

The 2,500th congressional vote was on an amendment to H.R. 4660, the appropriations bill for the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice, science programs, and related agencies. His explanation was:

For my 2,500th vote in Congress (and 2,500th public vote explanation), I voted no on the Cicilline of RI Amendment to #HR4660, which transfers \$8.5 million from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to the Department of Justice’s Project Safe Neighborhoods program. The Project Safe Neighborhoods program sends federal funds to local governments to help reduce gun violence.

Funding NASA is more appropriately a federal function than funding state and local law enforcement. Instead of directly funding local law enforcement functions, the federal government can improve the budget flexibility of local governments by eliminating the unfunded federal mandates that affect them.

The amendment was not agreed to 196-212.

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