Congressman Peters’ Plan to Ensure Ethical Standards

Annual Ethics and Sexual Harassment Training for Members and Staff

- Members of Congress are only required to complete ethics training one time, and there is no requirement for either Members or their staffs to receive sexual harassment training.
- We should require every Representative, Senator, and staffer in Congress to receive ethics and sexual harassment training every year, much like many private companies require.

Ban Lobbyists from the House Floor

- Former Members of Congress are allowed on the House floor, and during special events like the State of the Union even members who have become lobbyists can come and advocate for a particular company or issue.
- The rules must be changed so that former Members of Congress who have become lobbyists or work for foreign governments cannot come onto the House floor.

No First-Class Airfare on Taxpayer Funds

- There are currently no rules in Congress to prevent Members of Congress from using their office travel budgets, which are taxpayer funded, to purchase first-class airfare. Congressmembers, like the rest of the American public, shouldn’t be using taxpayer funds for their personal luxury.