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## **Chairman Towns' Statement on the**

## **Telework Enhancement Act of 2010 Becoming Law**

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WASHINGTON – Chairman Edolphus “Ed” Towns (D-NY) today issued the following statement after President Obama signed H.R. 1722, the “Telework Enhancement Act of 2010” into law. The bipartisan, cost-savings measure will help ensure continuity of government services during emergencies, bolster productivity, and allow the federal government to compete with private sector companies already offering employees telework opportunities.

“I applaud the President for signing into law the Telework Enhancement Act of 2010 today. This bipartisan legislation benefits both taxpayers and the federal government by promoting cost savings, reducing energy consumption and traffic congestion, and preventing a loss in productivity when homeland security emergencies occur. It also promotes a healthy work-life balance for federal employees and will help the government recruit the best and brightest into the civil service.”

H.R. 1722 was introduced in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress by Representatives John Sarbanes (D-MD) and referred to the Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

[After passing out of the committee unanimously](#)  
in April 2010, the

[House passed](#)

H.R. 1722 on July 14, 2010, by a vote of 290 – 131. The Senate amended the bill and passed it by unanimous consent on September 29, 2010.

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[House then passed](#)

H.R. 1722 by a vote of 254-152.

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