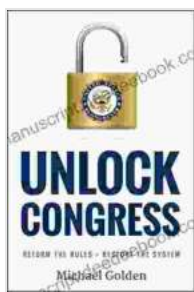


# Unlock Congress: Reform the Rules, Restore the System

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## The Need for Congressional Reform

Congress is facing a number of challenges that are preventing it from functioning effectively. These challenges include:

- **Gridlock:** Congress is deeply divided along partisan lines, which has made it difficult to pass legislation. In recent years, Congress has been unable to pass even the most basic bills, such as a budget or a continuing resolution to keep the government running.
- **Outmoded rules:** The rules that govern Congress are outdated and need to be reformed. These rules make it difficult for Congress to pass legislation, and they also give too much power to a small number of members.
- **Lack of transparency:** The American people have lost faith in Congress, and one of the reasons for this is the lack of transparency in the legislative process. Congress needs to be more transparent so that the American people can see how their representatives are voting and why.

## **A Proposal for Congressional Reform**

The following is a set of reforms that would help to address the challenges facing Congress and restore the system:

- **Reform the filibuster:** The filibuster is a Senate rule that allows a single senator to delay or block a vote on legislation. This rule has been used to gridlock Congress and prevent the passage of important legislation. A reform of the filibuster would make it more difficult for a single senator to block legislation.
- **Reduce the number of committees:** Congress has too many committees, which makes it difficult for members to keep track of legislation and makes it easier for special interests to influence the

legislative process. A reduction in the number of committees would streamline the legislative process and make it more transparent.

- **Increase transparency:** Congress needs to be more transparent so that the American people can see how their representatives are voting and why. This could be done by requiring members to disclose their campaign contributions, by making committee meetings open to the public, and by providing more information about the legislative process on the internet.
- **Term limits:** Term limits would limit the number of terms that members of Congress can serve. This would help to reduce the influence of special interests and would make Congress more responsive to the needs of the American people.

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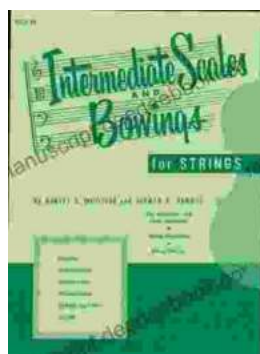
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