

**WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) released the following statement today after the Obama Administration recommended a 0.5% pay raise in 2013 for federal civilian employees:**

“Today the Obama Administration released a proposal to adjust federal civilian salaries in 2013, allowing for 0.5% increase, which falls short of the 1.2% base pay adjustment provided for under current law for 2013. While this modest increase is a positive step toward recognizing the contribution these hardworking men and women make in service to this nation, it must be pointed out that federal civilian employees have been experiencing the effects of a two-year pay freeze. As a result, they have contributed \$60 billion to deficit reduction over the next decade. In the coming days and weeks, I will consider the Administration’s proposed increase in the context of its overall 2013 budget proposal.”