

Statement
Chairman Charles B. Rangel
Committee on Ways and Means
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- Funding has not been a partisan issue in our Committee. There have been disagreements, but this has not been one of them.
- The Minority is given their third of the allocation, and they will continue to do so. This includes, salaries and travel.
- For 2009, we received \$10,119,889.
- Of this, we spent \$9,023,148, or 89%, of our allotment.
- Most of this went to staff salaries and the rest went to equipment upgrades.
- We have asked the Speaker for three additional staff slots.
- Our staff has been asked to work long hours and are overburdened, sacrificing their personal lives to carry out the agenda of the American people.
- It would lessen the strain and enable our Committee to continue to do its work.
- We are also in need of more space.

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