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STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL GRIMM

In accordance with House Rule XI, clause 3, H. Res. 451, and Committee Rules 10(a)(2) and 18(e)(2), the Committee on Ethics (Committee) unanimously voted on May 8, 2014, to establish an Investigative Subcommittee. Pursuant to the Committee's action, the Investigative Subcommittee shall have jurisdiction to determine whether Representative Michael Grimm violated the Code of Official Conduct or any law, rule, regulation, or other applicable standard of conduct in the performance of his duties or the discharge of his responsibilities, with respect to allegations forming the basis for criminal charges of obstructing the tax law, conspiracy to defraud the United States, aiding and abetting tax evasion, health care fraud, wire fraud, mail fraud, unlawful employment of aliens, obstruction of an official proceeding, and perjury, as filed against him in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York on April 25, 2014.

The Honorable K. Michael Conaway will serve as the Chair of the Investigative Subcommittee, and the Honorable Linda T. Sánchez will serve as the Ranking Member. The other two members of the Investigative Subcommittee are the Honorable Charles W. Dent and the Honorable Ted Deutch.

The Department of Justice has asked the Committee to defer consideration of the matters in the Investigative Subcommittee's jurisdiction. The Committee, following precedent, unanimously voted to recommend to the Investigative Subcommittee that it defer action on its investigation at this time. No other public comment will be made on this matter except in accordance with Committee rules.

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