The Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics (hereafter “the Board”), by a vote of no less than four members, on August 29, 2018, adopted the following report and ordered it to be transmitted to the Committee on Ethics of the United States House of Representatives (hereafter “the Committee”).

SUBJECT: Representative David Schweikert

NATURE OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION: Rep. Schweikert may have used official resources, including staff time, to benefit his campaigns and pressured congressional staff to perform political activity. If Rep. Schweikert used official resources for campaign purposes or pressured congressional staff to perform political activity, then he may have violated House rules, standards of conduct, and federal law.

Rep. Schweikert may have authorized compensation to an employee who did not perform duties commensurate with the compensation the employee received. If Rep. Schweikert authorized compensation to an employee who did not perform duties commensurate with the compensation the employee received, then Rep. Schweikert may have violated House rules, standards of conduct, and federal law.

Rep. Schweikert may have improperly tied official activities to past or potential campaign or political support. If Rep. Schweikert improperly linked official activities to campaign or political support, then he may have violated House rules, standards of conduct, and federal law.

Rep. Schweikert or his campaign committee may have received loans or gifts from a congressional employee. If Rep. Schweikert solicited or accepted a loan, gift, or other contribution from a congressional employee, then Rep. Schweikert may have violated House rules, standards of conduct, and federal law.

Rep. Schweikert may have omitted required information from his annual House financial disclosure statements and Federal Election Commission (“FEC”) candidate committee reports. If Rep. Schweikert failed to disclose required information in his annual House financial disclosure statements or FEC candidate committee filings, then he may have violated House rules, standards of conduct, and federal law.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board recommends that the Committee further review the above allegation because there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Schweikert used official resources for campaign purposes or pressured congressional staff to perform political activity.
The Board recommends that the Committee further review the above allegation because there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Schweikert authorized compensation to an employee who did not perform duties commensurate with the compensation the employee received.

The Board recommends that the Committee dismiss the above allegation because there is not substantial reason to believe that Rep. Schweikert improperly linked official activities to campaign or political support.

The Board recommends that the Committee further review the above allegation because there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Schweikert solicited or accepted a loan, gift, or other contribution from a congressional employee.

The Board recommends that the Committee further review the above allegation because there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Schweikert failed to disclose required information in his annual House financial disclosure statements or FEC candidate committee filings.

VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE: 6

VOTES IN THE NEGATIVE: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR STAFF DESIGNATED TO PRESENT THIS REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS: Omar S. Ashmawy, Staff Director & Chief Counsel.