

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT

Review No. 17-4790

The Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics (hereafter “the Board”), by a vote of no less than four members, on April 5, 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. David Schweikert may have authorized expenditures from his Members’ Representational Allowance (“MRA”), made by or on behalf of his Chief of Staff Oliver Schwab, that were not for permissible official expenses. If Rep. Schweikert authorized impermissible MRA expenditures, then he may have violated House rules, standards of conduct, and federal law.

Rep. Schweikert’s campaign committees may have accepted contributions from an individual who was employed in Rep. Schweikert’s congressional office, in the form of individual outlays that later were reimbursed by the campaign committees. If Rep. Schweikert failed to ensure that his campaign committee complied with applicable rules regarding contributions from congressional employees, then he may have violated House rules, standards of conduct, and federal law.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board recommends that the Committee further review the above allegations concerning Rep. Schweikert because there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Schweikert authorized expenditures from his MRA, made by or on behalf of his Chief of Staff Oliver Schwab, that were not for permissible official expenses.

The Board recommends that the Committee further review the above allegations concerning Rep. Schweikert because there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Schweikert failed to ensure that his campaign committee complied with applicable rules regarding contributions from congressional employees.

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.