

# **APPENDIX B**

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.

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CITATIONS TO LAW**

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On April 5, 2018, the Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics (hereafter “the Board”) adopted the following findings of fact and accompanying citations to law, regulations, rules and standards of conduct (*in italics*). The Board notes that these findings do not constitute a determination of whether or not a violation actually occurred.

**I. INTRODUCTION**

**A. Summary of Allegations**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

**B. Jurisdiction Statement**

5. The allegations that were the subject of this review concern Rep. David Schweikert, a Member of the United States House of Representatives from the 6th District of Arizona. The Resolution the United States House of Representatives adopted creating the Office of Congressional Ethics (“OCE”) directs that, “[n]o review shall be undertaken... by the board

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Subject to the Nondisclosure Provisions of H. Res. 895 of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress as Amended of any alleged violation that occurred before the date of adoption of this resolution.”<sup>1</sup> The House adopted this Resolution on March 11, 2008. Because the conduct under review occurred after March 11, 2008, review by the Board is in accordance with the Resolution.

**C. Procedural History**

6. The OCE received a written request for preliminary review in this matter signed by at least two members of the Board on November 15, 2017. The preliminary review commenced on November 16, 2017.<sup>2</sup>
7. On November 27, 2017, the OCE notified Rep. Schweikert of the initiation of the preliminary review, provided him with a statement of the nature of the review, notified him of his right to be represented by counsel in this matter, and notified him that invoking his right to counsel would not be held negatively against him.<sup>3</sup>
8. At least three members of the Board voted to initiate a second-phase review in this matter on December 15, 2017. The second-phase review commenced on December 16, 2017.<sup>4</sup> The second-phase review was scheduled to end on January 29, 2018.
9. On December 15, 2017, the OCE notified Rep. Schweikert of the initiation of the second-phase review in this matter, and again notified him of his right to be represented by counsel in this matter, and that invoking that right would not be held negatively against him.<sup>5</sup>
10. The Board voted to extend the second-phase review by an additional period of fourteen days on January 25, 2018. The additional period ended on February 12, 2018.
11. The Board voted to refer the matter to the Committee for further review and adopted these findings on April 5, 2018.

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<sup>1</sup> H. Res 895 of the 110th Congress §1(e) (2008) (as amended) (hereafter “the Resolution”).

<sup>2</sup> A preliminary review is “requested” in writing by members of the Board of the OCE. The request for a preliminary review is received by the OCE on a date certain. According to the Resolution, the timeframe for conducting a preliminary review is 30 days from the date of receipt of the Board’s request.

<sup>3</sup> Letter from Omar S. Ashmawy, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Office of Congressional Ethics, to Rep. Schweikert, November 27, 2017. The OCE initially communicated with Rep. Schweikert’s office on Thursday, November 16, 2017. It provided the office a letter noting that the Board had “taken an action concerning [Rep. Schweikert]” and asked for the opportunity to speak with Rep. Schweikert that week. The OCE followed up on this initial contact on Friday, November 17, 2017, Monday, November 20, 2017, and Tuesday, November 21, 2017. On Monday, November 27, 2017, immediately after the Thanksgiving holiday, the OCE called Rep. Schweikert’s office again to follow up on these prior communications. On Monday, November 27, 2017, the OCE was finally contacted by Rep. Schweikert’s counsel. Immediately after receiving a designation of counsel form, the OCE provided Rep. Schweikert’s counsel with the above-described notification.

<sup>4</sup> According to the Resolution, the Board must vote (as opposed to make a written authorization) on whether to conduct a second-phase review in a matter before the expiration of the 30-day preliminary review. If the Board votes for a second-phase, the second-phase commences the day after the preliminary review ends.

<sup>5</sup> Letter from Paul Solis, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Congressional Ethics, to Rep. Schweikert, December 15, 2017.

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12. The report and its findings in this matter were transmitted to the Committee on April 16, 2018.

**D. Summary of Investigative Activity**

13. The OCE requested documentary and testimonial information from the following sources:

- (1) Rep. David Schweikert;
- (2) Oliver Schwab;
- (3) Keith A. Davis, former treasurer to various Rep. Schweikert-affiliated campaign and political action committees;
- (4) Campaign Financial Services, current treasurer to various Rep. Schweikert-affiliated campaign and political action committees;
- (5) Former Legislative Director and Deputy Chief of Staff (“Former Deputy Chief of Staff”);
- (6) Former Financial Administrator;
- (7) Former Legislative Assistant and Legislative Director (“Former Legislative Director”);
- (8) Kevin Knight, Rep. Schweikert’s Deputy Chief of Staff;
- (9) Katherina Dimenstein, Rep. Schweikert’s Legislative Director;
- (10) Ashley Sylvester, Rep. Schweikert’s Officer Manager and Press Assistant;
- (11) Ernestina Borquez-Smith, Rep. Schweikert’s Director of Constituent Services and Office Manager;
- (12) Kelly Roberson, former Rep. Schweikert staff member;
- (13) Thomas Leander, former Rep. Schweikert staff member;
- (14) Ana Schwab, wife of Oliver Schwab;
- (15) Jennifer Casey Schwab, mother of Oliver Schwab;
- (16) Forrest Schwab, brother of Oliver Schwab;
- (17) Hilton Worldwide Holdings, Inc.; and

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(18) Hyatt Hotels Corporation.

14. The following individuals and entities refused to cooperate with the OCE's review:

- (1) Rep. David Schweikert;
- (2) Oliver Schwab;
- (3) Keith A. Davis;
- (4) Campaign Financial Services;
- (5) Kevin Knight;
- (6) Katherina Dimenstein;
- (7) Ashley Sylvester;
- (8) Ernestina Borquez-Smith;
- (9) Kelly Roberson;
- (10) Thomas Leander;
- (11) Ana Schwab;
- (12) Jennifer Casey Schwab; and
- (13) Forrest Schwab.

## **II. REP. SCHWEIKERT MAY HAVE AUTHORIZED MRA DISBURSEMENTS FOR IMPERMISSIBLE, UNOFFICIAL EXPENSES**

### **A. Applicable Law, Rules, and Standards of Conduct**

#### **15. Federal Law**

*2 U.S.C. § 5341(a) states that “[t]here is established for the House of Representatives a single allowance, to be known as the ‘Members’ Representational Allowance’, which shall be available to support the conduct of the official and representational duties of a Member of the House of Representatives with respect to the district from which the Member is elected.”*

*31 U.S.C. § 1301(a) states that, “[a]ppropriations shall be applied only to the objects for which the appropriations were made except as otherwise provided by law.”*

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16. House Ethics Manual

*“During each session of Congress, each Member has a single MRA available to support the conduct of official and representational duties to the district from which elected. . . . The MRA may only be used for official and representational expenses. The MRA may not be used to pay for any expenses related to activities or events that are primarily social in nature, personal expenses, campaign or political expenses, or House committee expenses.”<sup>6</sup>*

*“Federal law provides that official funds may be used only for the purposes for which they are appropriated. When funds are used other than for their intended purposes, the misused funds may be recovered by the government for repayment to the United States Treasury. . . . Committee on House Administration regulations require Members to certify and document all expenses before funds may be disbursed from the MRA. The use of money received by submitting such a voucher for other than official expenses may involve a fraud against the government, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 (prohibiting making any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or using false writings, documents, or entries, concerning any matter within the jurisdiction of any agency or department of the United States).”<sup>7</sup>*

*With respect to mixed purpose trips, “the Member, officer, or employee must determine the primary purpose of the trip. The source associated with that primary purpose – for example, a political committee for campaign or political activity, the federal government for official business, or the traveler’s own funds for personal business – must pay for the airfare (or other long-distance transportation expense), and all other travel expenses incurred in accomplishing that purpose. Any additional meal, lodging, or other travel expenses that the Member or staff person incurs in serving a secondary purpose must be paid by the source associated with that secondary purpose. The determination of the primary purpose of a trip must be made in a reasonable manner, and one relevant factor in making that determination is the number of days to be devoted to each purpose. That is, often the primary purpose of a trip is the one to which the greater or greatest number of days is devoted.”<sup>8</sup>*

17. The Committee on House Administration, Members’ Congressional Handbook

*According to the Members’ Congressional Handbook:*

*“1. The MRA may only be used for official and representational expenses.*

*...*

*4. The MRA may not be used to pay for any expenses related to activities or events that are primarily social in nature (including but not limited to: sporting events, theme park activities, concerts, personal events, etc.).*

*5. The MRA may not pay for personal expenses.*

*6. The MRA may not pay for campaign expenses.*

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<sup>6</sup> House Ethics Manual (2008) at 323.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* at 331-32.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.* at 116.

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7. *The MRA may not pay for campaign-related political party expenses.*<sup>9</sup>

*Disbursements from the MRA are paid on a reimbursement basis or by direct payment (to vendors) and require: . . . The Member's signature, certifying that the expense was incurred in support of the Member's official and representational duties to the district from which he or she is elected.*<sup>10</sup>

*"Mixed purpose trips typically involve travel that includes official, campaign and/or privately-sponsored activities. Often this travel is funded by a mix of official, campaign and/or private funds. If the primary purpose is for a non-official event/purpose, the office cannot schedule official activities around the non-official event/purpose to make the travel eligible for congressional offices to be reimbursed. Mixed purpose trips may need to be approved by the Committee on Ethics."*<sup>11</sup>

*The Members' Congressional Handbook also identifies a travel category called "Combined Travel," and explains: "Combined travel is travel by a Member or their employees for the primary purpose of supporting the official and representational duties of the Member, but includes an intervening destination or an additional time period that is included for personal purposes. Combined travel requires that:*

- 1. The primary purpose of the travel must be official and representational. The personal segment of the combined travel may not be purchased at a government rate or be purchased with a Government Travel Card.*
- 2. The traveler must attach the combined travel form to the voucher submitted for combined travel reimbursement, stating that the official travel and personal travel was combined for personal convenience. (Combined Travel form).*
- 3. All travel must occur within the United States, its territories, or possessions.*

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*In the event of a segment of personal travel, there is an absolute prohibition on reimbursement from official funds for the personal travel segment.*<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Committee on House Administration, Members' Congressional Handbook, 115<sup>th</sup> Congress (Feb. 27, 2018), at 2; *see also* Committee on House Administration, Members' Congressional Handbook, 114<sup>th</sup> Congress (March 16, 2016), at 1-2 (containing the same guidance); Committee on House Administration, Members' Congressional Handbook, 113<sup>th</sup> Congress (Dec. 16, 2011), at 1-2 (containing the same guidance).

<sup>10</sup> Committee on House Administration, Members' Congressional Handbook, 115<sup>th</sup> Congress (Feb. 27, 2018), at 43; *see also* Committee on House Administration, Members' Congressional Handbook, 114<sup>th</sup> Congress (March 16, 2016), at 38 (containing the same guidance); Committee on House Administration, Members' Congressional Handbook, 113<sup>th</sup> Congress (Dec. 16, 2011), at 32 (containing the same guidance).

<sup>11</sup> Committee on House Administration, Members' Congressional Handbook, 115<sup>th</sup> Congress (Feb. 27, 2018), at 37; *see also* Committee on House Administration, Members' Congressional Handbook, 114<sup>th</sup> Congress (March 16, 2016), at 33 (containing the same guidance).

<sup>12</sup> Committee on House Administration, Members' Congressional Handbook, 115<sup>th</sup> Congress (Feb. 27, 2018), at 36-37; *see also* Committee on House Administration, Members' Congressional Handbook, 114<sup>th</sup> Congress (March 16, 2016), at 32-33 (containing the same guidance); Committee on House Administration, Members' Congressional Handbook, 113<sup>th</sup> Congress (Dec. 16, 2011), at 28.

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*With respect to reimbursements for training and other educational expenses, the Members' Congressional Handbook states the following: "[o]rdinary and necessary expenses for Members or employees to attend vendor-sponsored conferences, seminars, briefings, professional training, and informational programs related to the official and representational duties to the district from which he or she is elected are reimbursable. . . . Members or employees may not be reimbursed for expenses to attend educational programs in order to obtain a primary, secondary, graduate, postgraduate, or professional degree."*<sup>13</sup>

## 18. Committee Reports

*As the Committee explained in In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Luis V. Gutiérrez, "where Members have used official funds for impermissible purposes, the Committee has regularly directed them to repay any misspent funds. This requirement has most frequently arisen in circumstances where official funds were used for a Member's personal benefit or to benefit their campaign . . . However, the Committee has also made clear that a Member is responsible to repay MRA funds used for impermissible purposes, even where neither the Member nor the Member's campaign benefitted from the use of official funds."<sup>14</sup> This is the case when a Member fails to properly supervise staff and the lack of appropriate oversight results in the misspent MRA funds.<sup>15</sup>*

### **B. Rep. Schweikert May Have Authorized MRA Expenditures for Personal or Campaign-Related Expenses**

19. The OCE examined MRA disbursement documents and data in order to determine whether Rep. Schweikert approved the disbursement of MRA funds to Oliver Schwab for any improper purposes. Specifically, the OCE examined whether Mr. Schwab improperly sought and received reimbursement for (1) expenses associated with a 2015 trip to Arizona, (2) office supply purchases, or (3) training programs, and whether Rep. Schweikert certified that any of these expenses were for official, representational duties when in fact they were not.
20. Despite extensive non-cooperation from numerous witnesses, the OCE found evidence that Mr. Schwab may have received reimbursements from Rep. Schweikert's MRA for campaign or personal expenses associated with a trip to Arizona between January 28, 2015 and February 2, 2015.

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<sup>13</sup> Committee on House Administration, Members' Congressional Handbook, 115<sup>th</sup> Congress (Feb. 27, 2018), at 16. "Informational programs are events in which interaction with participants relates to official business, including but not limited to discussions about the federal role of government in various issue areas, discussions involving how the Member may assist constituencies through action from the federal government or seek relief from the government in any manner, discussions of policy matters, etc. Information programs should not be primarily social in nature, including but not limited to awards events not related to official business, galas or balls that are primarily social, or other events in which official interaction is more incidental than is the primary purpose." *Id.*; see also Committee on House Administration, Members' Congressional Handbook, 114<sup>th</sup> Congress (March 16, 2016), at 14-15 (containing the same guidance).

<sup>14</sup> *In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Luis V. Gutiérrez*, 115th Congress, 2d Sess. (2018) at 27-28.

<sup>15</sup> *Id.* at 26; 31; 32.

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**i. Overview of MRA Spending Practices in Rep. Schweikert's Office**

21. Rep. Schweikert, like all other Members of Congress, pays for official expenses with MRA funds. The Committee on House Administration requires Members to sign MRA disbursement requests in order to “certify[] that the expense was incurred in support of the Member’s official and representational duties to the district from which he or she is elected.”<sup>16</sup>
22. Although Members must certify that all MRA disbursements are for official, representational purposes, former Rep. Schweikert staff members agreed that Rep. Schweikert had little or no involvement in approving MRA disbursement requests.<sup>17</sup> Instead, Rep. Schweikert designated certain individuals as authorized signers who would sign MRA disbursement documentation on his behalf.<sup>18</sup>
23. Former Deputy Chief of Staff, a Legislative Director and then Deputy Chief of Staff in Rep. Schweikert’s office between 2012 and 2016, told the OCE that Rep. Schweikert was not involved in the MRA disbursement process and recalled frequently signing certifications for Rep. Schweikert.<sup>19</sup> He also told the OCE that he instituted an informal policy, between December 2014 and November 2016 (when he was managing MRA disbursement requests), whereby at least two independent staff members would review and sign disbursement requests before they were submitted to the Office of Finance.<sup>20</sup>
24. Former Financial Administrator, a financial administrator in Rep. Schweikert’s office between October 2014 and January 2017, believed that most reimbursement requests were signed on Rep. Schweikert’s behalf, by either Mr. Schwab or Former Deputy Chief of Staff, both of whom she understood to be authorized signers.<sup>21</sup> Former Financial Administrator told the OCE that, despite her recommendations, Rep. Schweikert’s office did not have an employee manual that established policies and procedures regarding office and employee spending.<sup>22</sup> When asked what sort of procedures were in place to ensure that staff members were only reimbursed for legitimate expenses, she said: “I think believing in [the] integrity of the staffers.”<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> Committee on House Administration, Members’ Congressional Handbook at 43 (2018); *see also* House Ethics Manual at 332; Committee on House Administration, Voucher Documentation Standards (Oct. 1, 2016) at 3 (“All vouchers must contain the name and signature of the voucher preparer and the signature of the Member/Chair/Office.”).

<sup>17</sup> Transcript of Interview of Former Deputy Chief of Staff, Jan. 18, 2018 (“Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1”) (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0021); Transcript of Interview of Former Financial Administrator, Jan. 23, 2018 (“Former Financial Administrator Transcript”) (Exhibit 2 at 17-4790\_055-56); Transcript of Interview of Former Legislative Director, Jan. 31, 2018 (“Former Legislative Director Transcript”) (Exhibit 3 at 17-4790\_079). This includes requested reimbursements for travel, office supplies, training, and other official expenditures. *Id*; *see also e.g.* Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0015; 0019); Former Financial Administrator Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 17-4790\_0055).

<sup>18</sup> Former Financial Administrator Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 17-4790\_55-56); Former Legislative Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 17-4790\_0079); Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0020-21).

<sup>19</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0020-21).

<sup>20</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0015-22).

<sup>21</sup> Former Financial Administrator Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 17-4790\_0055-56).

<sup>22</sup> Former Financial Administrator Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 17-4790\_0048-49).

<sup>23</sup> Former Financial Administrator Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 17-4790\_0058).

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25. Former Legislative Director, a Legislative Assistant and then Legislative Director in Rep. Schweikert's office between February 2011 and January 2017, also told the OCE that Rep. Schweikert was uninvolved in the MRA disbursement process.<sup>24</sup> He indicated that Mr. Schwab and Former Deputy Chief of Staff would have signed MRA reimbursement requests on Rep. Schweikert's behalf.<sup>25</sup>
26. With respect to Mr. Schwab's reimbursement requests, Former Deputy Chief of Staff told the OCE on multiple occasions that he "had no reason to believe that [Oliver Schwab] was doing anything unethical with his reimbursements."<sup>26</sup> However, he also acknowledged that, "in hindsight," he felt there "should have been more supervision" on Mr. Schwab's spending practices.<sup>27</sup>
27. When asked whether there were always two independent individuals reviewing and signing MRA disbursement requests before they were submitted, Former Financial Administrator said yes, but acknowledged that she would sometimes be the only one reviewing requests from Mr. Schwab.<sup>28</sup>
28. Former Legislative Director told the OCE that Mr. Schwab maintained control over office finances.<sup>29</sup> While he acknowledged that Former Deputy Chief of Staff and financial administrators had some role in the MRA disbursement process, Former Legislative Director told the OCE that he did not believe there was a "check and balance" on Mr. Schwab's spending practices.<sup>30</sup> He described Mr. Schwab as having "full carte blanche authority to manage the MRA disbursements and the office finances as he deemed necessary."<sup>31</sup>
29. When asked if there was "appropriate spending and reimbursement oversights in Rep. Schweikert's office," Former Legislative Director responded by saying: "I would say no. . . . The only true oversight was [Mr. Schwab]."<sup>32</sup>

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<sup>24</sup> Former Legislative Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 17-4790\_0079-80; 0096).

<sup>25</sup> *Id.*

<sup>26</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0009); Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0034) ("I have always thought that Oliver is pretty good with ethics with a capital E. . . . He had no desire to step over the line, and I had no reason to believe that . . . He never gave me any indication that he would try to step over the line."); Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0038) (explaining that he was an individual with involvement in the MRA reimbursement process and Mr. Schwab "never gave [him] any indication that he was doing anything that was not kosher at the time."). Former Deputy Chief of Staff said all this having acknowledged an incentive to speak poorly about Mr. Schwab given the manner in which Mr. Schwab terminated Former Deputy Chief of Staff's employment in the office. *See* Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0003-0010; 0030)]; *see also* Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0038) ("We did not end on good terms. We ended on very bad terms. I want to make . . . you all aware that, that we ended on very bad terms.").

<sup>27</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0015).

<sup>28</sup> Former Financial Administrator Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 17-4790\_0058).

<sup>29</sup> Former Legislative Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 17-4790\_0079-80; 0096).

<sup>30</sup> Former Legislative Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 17-4790\_0078-80; 0096).

<sup>31</sup> Former Legislative Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 17-4790\_0096).

<sup>32</sup> *Id.* The OCE notes that Former Legislative Director was forced out of Rep. Schweikert's office by Mr. Schwab under circumstances that both he, and other staff members, felt to be "inappropriate" or unfitting given his prior service. Former Legislative Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 17-4790\_0107-08); Transcript of Interview of Former

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**ii. The Arizona Trip**

30. Oliver Schwab spent six days in Arizona between Wednesday, January 28, 2015 and Monday, February 2, 2015, a time period during which Arizona was hosting both the Phoenix Open PGA golf tournament and Super Bowl XLIX (“the Arizona Trip”). The OCE determined that \$6,059.46 in official funds were spent on Mr. Schwab’s travel during this timeframe.<sup>33</sup> This includes the cost of his flight, accommodations, a rental car, and various gas, parking, and food expenses.<sup>34</sup>
31. These Arizona Trip expenses were reimbursed pursuant to MRA disbursement requests that required Rep. Schweikert’s certification.<sup>35</sup> Given the non-cooperation by Rep. Schweikert, the OCE was not able to determine whether Rep. Schweikert signed these documents personally or whether the documents were signed on his behalf.<sup>36</sup> Regardless, Rep. Schweikert is responsible for ensuring that MRA disbursements are made only for official, representational purposes.
32. Evidence obtained by the OCE suggests that Mr. Schwab may have managed various official matters while on the Arizona Trip. Evidence also establishes that Mr. Schwab attended a variety of campaign or personal activities, including the Phoenix Open and Super Bowl XLIX. Mr. Schwab’s wife, mother, and brother, who all reside outside of Arizona, were also in Arizona during the Arizona Trip and attended the Super Bowl.

*a. Overall Trip Details*

33. Mr. Schwab flew from Baltimore-Washington International Airport to Phoenix, Arizona on Wednesday, January 28, 2015.<sup>37</sup> The round trip flight cost \$920.20.<sup>38</sup>
34. After landing in Arizona late Wednesday evening, Mr. Schwab rented a Ford Focus from Alamo Rent A Car.<sup>39</sup> He rented the car from Wednesday, January 28, 2015 through Monday, February 2, 2015, and the total cost of the car rental was \$614.21, or \$102.36 per day.<sup>40</sup>
35. Mr. Schwab stayed at the Hilton Garden Inn, located at 8550 East Princess Drive in Scottsdale, Arizona, from Wednesday, January 28, 2015 through Monday, February 2, 2015.<sup>41</sup> The cost of

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Deputy Chief of Staff, Feb. 8, 2018 (“Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 2”) (Exhibit 4 at 17-4790\_0130-31).

<sup>33</sup> Arizona Trip Reimbursement Chart (Exhibit 5 at 17-4790\_0134-36).

<sup>34</sup> *Id.*

<sup>35</sup> Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0138-94).

<sup>36</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff told at the OCE that he believed at least some of the Arizona Trip reimbursement requests were signed by him on Rep. Schweikert’s behalf. Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0020-21).

<sup>37</sup> Arizona Trip Reimbursement Chart (Exhibit 5 at 17-4790\_0134-36).

<sup>38</sup> *Id.*

<sup>39</sup> *Id.*

<sup>40</sup> *Id.*

<sup>41</sup> *Id.* The hotel is located approximately six miles north of Rep. Schweikert’s District Office, and is located less than one mile east of TPC Scottsdale, where the Phoenix Open is held each year.

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this five-night stay was \$4,027.07, or \$805.41 per night.<sup>42</sup> Additionally, Mr. Schwab was reimbursed for \$146.00 of food expenses incurred at the Hilton Garden Inn between Thursday, January 29, 2015 and Sunday, February 1, 2015.<sup>43</sup>

36. Billing receipts from Hilton establish that two people stayed in Mr. Schwab's room.<sup>44</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff told the OCE that Mr. Schwab's wife (then-fiancée) was in Arizona with him during the Arizona Trip.<sup>45</sup> In addition to his wife, Mr. Schwab's mother, who resides in Massachusetts, and brother, who resides in California, were also in Arizona that weekend.<sup>46</sup>

*b. Evidence of Official Activities*

37. Rep. Schweikert, Mr. Schwab, and other current staff members from the Washington, D.C. and Arizona offices refused to cooperate with this review. Accordingly, the OCE could not determine the extent to which Mr. Schwab engaged in official activities while on the Arizona Trip.
38. Two witnesses familiar with the Arizona Trip – Former Financial Administrator and Deputy Chief of Staff – indicated that Mr. Schwab handled official matters while in the District. However, neither witness was in Arizona at the time, and therefore they could not verify Mr. Schwab's activities.
39. Former Financial Administrator told the OCE that the Arizona Trip was presented to her as an official trip.<sup>47</sup> At least part of this understanding came from a January 24, 2015 email Mr. Schwab sent to her and Former Deputy Chief of Staff, in which he stated:

I wanted to give a heads up that my trip out next week will end up being about \$4,000 for the hotel and about \$1,000 for the rental car. Being Phoenix Open and the Superbowl [sic] weekend in Phoenix, I apologize about this—but it's a priority for [Rep. Schweikert] that I'm on the ground to help as we host events with the House Majority Leader, other visiting Members, and I've got those 2 personel [sic] issues we need to get out of the way.<sup>48</sup>

40. Former Deputy Chief of Staff told the OCE that, “[a]s far as [he] knew, [the Arizona Trip] was a mix-use trip with probably ... more official business than unofficial [business].”<sup>49</sup> He recalled

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<sup>42</sup> *Id.*

<sup>43</sup> *Id.*

<sup>44</sup> *Id.*; see also Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0156; 0186; 0189-90; 0192).

<sup>45</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0025-26). Former Legislative Director told the OCE that Mr. Schwab's wife would frequently travel with Mr. Schwab to Arizona, although he did not know whether she traveled to the District that weekend. Former Legislative Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 17-4790\_0082-83).

<sup>46</sup> Super Bowl Photos (Exhibit 7 at 17-4790\_0196-200); Examiner Article.

<sup>47</sup> Former Financial Administrator Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 17-4790\_0063; 0066).

<sup>48</sup> Email between Former Financial Administrator and Oliver Schwab, Jan. 24, 2015 (Exhibit 8 at 17-4790\_0203); Former Financial Administrator Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 17-4790\_0062-63).

<sup>49</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0024).

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Mr. Schwab taking office meetings and attending site tours, and he also believed that Mr. Schwab was working out of the District Office each day of the Arizona Trip.<sup>50</sup> He acknowledged that these recollections were based primarily upon representations made to him by Mr. Schwab,<sup>51</sup> but also said he had no reason to believe Mr. Schwab was making any misrepresentations to him.<sup>52</sup>

*c. Evidence of Personal or Campaign Activities*

41. Pursuant to House rules, standards of conduct, and federal law, it would have been improper for Rep. Schweikert to authorize the use of official funds to finance a trip when its primary purpose was personal or campaign-related. Additionally, if the Arizona Trip's primary purpose was official, but the trip also involved secondary personal or campaign-related purposes, then the lodging, car rental, gas, and food costs associated with those secondary purposes should have been paid by either Mr. Schwab personally or the appropriate political entity.
42. Despite the non-cooperation from Rep. Schweikert, Rep. Schweikert's campaign and political action committees, Mr. Schwab, and Mr. Schwab's family, the OCE found evidence suggesting that Mr. Schwab was reimbursed, with MRA funds, for accommodations, a car rental, and food, gas, and parking expenses that were likely associated with the personal or campaign-related aspects of his trip. As discussed more fully below, Mr. Schwab may have primarily engaged in campaign or personal activities during at least three of the four full days of the Arizona Trip.
43. Preliminarily, the OCE also notes that it received a letter from Rep. Schweikert's counsel which stated that the OCE's review had alerted Rep. Schweikert and his various campaign and political committees to certain "remedial measures [that] need to be instituted."<sup>53</sup> The letter also represented that Mr. Schwab will be repaying – from his personal funds – the cost of the Arizona Trip.<sup>54</sup> The letter plainly indicates that the OCE would have found additional evidence of misuse had it received cooperation during its review.<sup>55</sup>

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<sup>50</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0024-25).

<sup>51</sup> *Id.*

<sup>52</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0034).

<sup>53</sup> Letter from Jason Torchinsky, Counsel to Rep. Schweikert, to Paul Solis, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Congressional Ethics, Jan. 29, 2018 (Exhibit 9 at 17-4790\_0205-06). This letter contains two points that the OCE felt obligated to clarify in a subsequent communication to Mr. Torchinsky. First, as discussed above at footnote 3, any delays associated with Rep. Schweikert receiving notice of this review were solely the result of Rep. Schweikert or his counsel's decision not to respond to OCE communications between November 16, 2017 and November 27, 2017. Second, any suggestion that Mr. Schweikert "was not the subject of this review" is plainly mistaken, as Review No. 17-4790 was specifically opened to review conduct by Rep. Schweikert. In OCE's November 27, 2017 letter, Rep. Schweikert was advised that the OCE "has initiated a preliminary review into a matter concerning [him]" and further explained that Rep. Schweikert "may have violated House rules, standards of conduct, and federal law" by authorizing impermissible MRA expenditures.

<sup>54</sup> *Id.*

<sup>55</sup> *Id.*

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Friday January 30, 2015

44. Evidence suggests that Mr. Schwab spent the majority of his day away from the District Office on Friday, January 30, 2015. While time away from the District Office is not necessarily indicative of the fact that Mr. Schwab was not performing official duties, several of the destinations could have been personal in nature. Further, his absence from the District Office comports with Rep. Schweikert's representation concerning the personal nature of the Arizona Trip (made in his letter from counsel discussed above). It also conflicts with Former Deputy Chief of Staff's recollection about the amount of time Mr. Schwab spent in the District Office during the Arizona Trip.
45. On Friday morning, Mr. Schwab parked his rental car at a downtown Phoenix parking garage located at 112 N. 2nd Street, Phoenix, Arizona.<sup>56</sup> This parking complex is adjacent to the Phoenix Convention Center, which hosted numerous Super Bowl-related activities during the week leading up to Super Bowl XLIX.<sup>57</sup>
46. Later in the day, Mr. Schwab appears to have stopped at several retail establishments. Mr. Schwab's credit card records suggest that he made purchases at REI (an outdoor clothing and equipment retailer) and London Gold (an Arizona-based jeweler).<sup>58</sup>
47. Additionally, Mr. Schwab parked at a 2401 E. Camelback Road parking complex, which is The Camby Hotel's parking facility.<sup>59</sup> The Camby is a boutique hotel in the Biltmore neighborhood of Phoenix, and it is located within walking distance of the Biltmore Fashion Park, an upscale shopping mall.<sup>60, 61</sup>

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<sup>56</sup> Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0149). Reimbursement requests place Mr. Schwab at a Starbucks in Fountain Hills, Arizona, just after 9:00 AM on Friday morning. Arizona Trip Reimbursement Chart (Exhibit 5 at 17-4790\_0134-36). He left the Starbucks and drove approximately thirty miles southeast to a Circle K gas station located at 966 E. Van Buren Street in downtown Phoenix. *Id.* He purchased gas at the Circle K at 10:13AM. *Id.* The 112 N. 2nd Street parking complex is located less than one mile from the Circle K mentioned above, which suggests Mr. Schwab parked his car here after leaving the Circle K around 10:15 AM.

<sup>57</sup> See e.g., DPJ Staff, *Touchdown Downtown: Phoenix Scores Super Bowl Central*, DOWNTOWN PHOENIX JOURNAL (March 18, 2014), available at <http://downtownphoenixjournal.com/2014/03/18/touchdown-downtown-phoenix-scores-super-bowl-central/> (last visited Feb 26, 2018); Eugene Scott, *2015 Super Bowl could be Valley' biggest yet*, THE REPUBLIC (March 18, 2014), available at <https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/phoenix/2014/03/19/phoenix-super-bowl-financial-impact/6595475/> (last visited Feb. 26, 2018).

<sup>58</sup> Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0148; 0159; 0184; 0188; 0194). Mr. Schwab did not seek reimbursements for these expenses. Credit card statements submitted along with Mr. Schwab's MRA reimbursement requests were obtained by the OCE and provided evidence of these personal expenditures. *Id.*

<sup>59</sup> Arizona Trip Reimbursement Chart (Exhibit 5 at 17-4790\_0134-36); The Camby Hotel, *Home*, <https://www.thecamby.com/> (last visited Feb. 26, 2018) (noting the address as 2401 E. Camelback Rd.).

<sup>60</sup> The Camby Hotel, *Local Area*, <https://www.thecamby.com/local-area> (last visited Feb. 26, 2018).

<sup>61</sup> The OCE recognizes that some or all of the travel or expenditures that occurred on Friday, January 30, 2015 could have been associated with Mr. Schwab's wife or another member of his family. If that was the case, this still raises misuse concerns because it suggests Mr. Schwab may have been seeking reimbursements for car rental, gas, or parking fees associated with a family member's travel.

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Saturday January 31, 2015

48. It was reported that Mr. Schwab, along with his wife and mother, attended the Phoenix Open on Saturday, January 31, 2015, and that Mr. Schwab's brother joined the group later that day in a private box at Talking Stick Resort Arena to watch the Phoenix Suns play the Chicago Bulls.<sup>62</sup>
49. Mr. Schwab appears to have confirmed attendance at both events, stating that he attended the Phoenix Open, along with Rep. Schweikert, as a part of a McCarthy Victory Fund event,<sup>63</sup> and that the private box was sponsored by an industry group, which he attended as a guest of his wife.<sup>64</sup>
50. The OCE found evidence that the McCarthy Victory Fund sponsored a fundraiser at the Phoenix Open,<sup>65</sup> and as discussed above, Mr. Schwab told colleagues that he was needed in Arizona to "host events with the House Majority Leader."<sup>66</sup>

Sunday February 1, 2015

51. It was also reported that Mr. Schwab attended brunch with his brother and spent time at the Phoenix Desert Botanical Gardens before attending the Super Bowl on Sunday February 1, 2015.<sup>67</sup>
52. Receipts from the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort & Spa indicate that Mr. Schwab had brunch with three other individuals around 10:00 AM on Sunday morning.<sup>68</sup> While Mr. Schwab initially

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<sup>62</sup> See e.g., Examiner Article. The Examiner Article relied, at least in part, on social media postings in reporting this. Because Mr. Schwab and others did not cooperate with this review, the OCE was not able to verify whether there were social media posts of Mr. Schwab at either the Phoenix Open or Phoenix Suns game.

<sup>63</sup> While the article reported that Mr. Schwab and Rep. Schweikert attended a McCarthy Victory *Committee* event, the OCE believes it was a McCarthy Victory *Fund* event, as discussed more fully below.

<sup>64</sup> Examiner Article.

<sup>65</sup> On January 22, 2015, the McCarthy Victory Fund spent \$3,660.48 on lodging at the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort & Spa. McCarthy Victory Fund, Report of Receipts and Disbursements, April 15, 2015 Quarterly Report at 109, filed July 7, 2015. Additionally, the McCarthy Victory Fund spent \$9,375.00 on a facility rental and \$200.00 on photography services from The Thunderbirds, located at 7226 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100, Phoenix, Arizona. McCarthy Victory Fund, Report of Receipts and Disbursements, April 15, 2015 Quarterly Report at 107; 119, filed July 7, 2015. The Thunderbirds "is a non-profit organization formed in 1986 to distribute monies raised through the Waste Management Phoenix Open golf tournament" with an address of 7226 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100, Phoenix, Arizona. Thunderbirds Charities Website (Exhibit 10 at 17-4790\_0208-09). Additionally, Former Deputy Chief of Staff told the OCE that it "was common knowledge" that Rep. McCarthy or the NRCC was having a fundraising event of some kind in Phoenix during Super Bowl weekend. Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0024; 0027-28). While Former Deputy Chief of Staff could not definitively say whether Mr. Schwab and Rep. Schweikert attended the Phoenix Open or any other fundraiser, he noted that Rep. Schweikert and Rep. McCarthy "are close" and he said he would "almost guarantee" that Rep. Schweikert and Oliver Schwab would have attended if any such an event was held in Phoenix that weekend. Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0028).

<sup>66</sup> See *supra*, footnote 48.

<sup>67</sup> See e.g., Examiner Article. The Examiner Article relied, at least in part, on social media postings in reporting this. Because Mr. Schwab and others did not cooperate with this review, the OCE was not able to verify whether there were social media posts of Mr. Schwab at brunch, the botanical gardens, or the Super Bowl.

<sup>68</sup> Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0149; 0155).

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sought reimbursement for this expense, designating it as a “mtg / constituents food / bev,” he does not appear to have been reimbursed for it, which suggests the brunch may have been a political or personal expenditure.<sup>69</sup>

53. Former Deputy Chief of Staff confirmed that Mr. Schwab, along with his wife and Rep. Schweikert, attended the Super Bowl on Sunday afternoon.<sup>70</sup> The OCE also obtained photographs of Mr. Schwab’s mother and brother at Super Bowl XLIX.<sup>71</sup>

### iii. Office Supplies

54. The OCE examined office supply purchases and practices in Rep. Schweikert’s office in order to determine whether Mr. Schwab was improperly reimbursed with Rep. Schweikert’s MRA funds for any office supply purchases that did not have official purposes.
55. Rep. Schweikert’s office did not have a formal office policy or procedure regarding the purchase of office supplies or reimbursement for such purchases.<sup>72</sup> Former Rep. Schweikert staff members told the OCE that Rep. Schweikert was generally uninvolved in the purchase of office supplies or reimbursement for such purchases,<sup>73</sup> and that individual staff members would purchase supplies from either the House office supply store or a third party vendor such as Amazon.<sup>74</sup>
56. Former Deputy Chief of Staff, Former Financial Administrator, and Former Legislative Director all told the OCE that Mr. Schwab may have spent too much money on office supplies. Former Deputy Chief of Staff told the OCE that he thought Mr. Schwab was a “spendthrift,”<sup>75</sup> but that he had no reason to believe Mr. Schwab was purchasing office supplies for his personal benefit.<sup>76</sup> He explained that Mr. Schwab may not have been “studious” with office supply purchases, and he would “rib him” about purchases that he thought were “a waste of money,” but he never felt that Mr. Schwab was acting unethically.<sup>77</sup>

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<sup>69</sup> Compare Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0149; 0155) with Statements of Disbursement, Jan. 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015. Hyatt Hotels Corporation did not have any record of Mr. Schwab or any of his family members staying at this hotel and could not provide any further detail about who dined at the Hyatt on Sunday, February 1, 2015. As discussed above, FEC disbursement records indicate that the McCarthy Victory Fund purchased lodging at this hotel around this time. See *supra*, footnote 65.

<sup>70</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0025-26).

<sup>71</sup> Super Bowl Photos (Exhibit 7 at 17-4790\_0196-200). The OCE also found that Mr. Schwab spent \$3,625.00 on January 25, 2015 on a purchase from the “NTL Football League.” Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0148; 0159; 0184). The OCE recognizes that this \$3,625.00 expenditure may not have been for a ticket/s to the Super Bowl, but notes the expenditure suggests Mr. Schwab made a substantial personal investment for something associated with either the game itself or events leading up to the game.

<sup>72</sup> Former Legislative Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 17-4790\_0091); Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0019).

<sup>73</sup> Former Legislative Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 17-4790\_0092); Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0019).

<sup>74</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0019); Former Legislative Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 17-4790\_0091).

<sup>75</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0009).

<sup>76</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0009; 0028-29).

<sup>77</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 1 at 17-4790\_0009; 0028-29; 0036).

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57. Former Financial Administrator told the OCE that she thought Mr. Schwab's spending habits were a joke in Rep. Schweikert's office.<sup>78</sup> She noted that Rep. Schweikert would jokingly ask her if Mr. Schwab was spending too much money on office supplies,<sup>79</sup> and she would jokingly ask Mr. Schwab whether he "[had] Amazon on speed dial."<sup>80</sup> Former Financial Administrator told the OCE that she would raise concerns to Mr. Schwab about the amount of money he spent on office supplies and felt compelled to remind him that he could get materials for free (or much cheaper) from the House.<sup>81</sup>
58. Additionally, she informed the OCE that Rep. Schweikert had her prepare a chart in early 2016 that compared office supply spending in his office with that of other offices.<sup>82</sup> The chart revealed that his office "spent significantly more than other offices."<sup>83</sup>
59. Former Legislative Director told the OCE that he thought some of Mr. Schwab's office supply purchases were excessive; however, he acknowledged not knowing whether the purchases were made with official or personal funds.<sup>84</sup>
60. The OCE reviewed approximately two-years of office supply reimbursement requests made by Oliver Schwab and did not find evidence that Mr. Schwab misused MRA funds for his personal benefit with respect to these requests.

#### **iv. Training**

61. The OCE examined educational expenditures in Rep. Schweikert's office in order to determine whether Mr. Schwab was improperly reimbursed with Rep. Schweikert's MRA funds for any training programs he attended as Chief of Staff.
62. Between Sunday, October 23, 2016 and Friday, October 28, 2016, Mr. Schwab attended a Harvard Executive Education program titled "Leadership Decision Making: Optimizing Organizational Performance."<sup>85</sup> The cost of the course was \$7,400.00.<sup>86</sup>
63. The program, which was held on Harvard's campus and included lodging, generally began with breakfast at 8:00 AM, included various sessions throughout the day on topics such as decision making, negotiations, and conflict resolution, and concluded with dinner around 6:30 PM.<sup>87</sup>

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<sup>78</sup> Former Financial Administrator Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 17-4790\_0051).

<sup>79</sup> *Id.*

<sup>80</sup> *Id.*

<sup>81</sup> Former Financial Administrator Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 17-4790\_0051; 0067-68).

<sup>82</sup> Former Financial Administrator Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 17-4790\_0059).

<sup>83</sup> *Id.*

<sup>84</sup> Former Legislative Director Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 17-4790\_0099).

<sup>85</sup> Harvard Executive Education Course Materials (Exhibit 11 at 17-4790\_0211-22). The OCE recognizes that invoices indicate that Mr. Schwab paid for a course titled "Leadership in Crisis," held between April 3, 2016 and April 8, 2016, but the OCE believes, based on the other evidence obtained, that Mr. Schwab attended the "Leadership Decision Making" course held in October 2016. *See id.*

<sup>86</sup> *Id.*

<sup>87</sup> *Id.*

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64. On October 29, 2016, Mr. Schwab emailed Former Financial Administrator and asked whether this sort of program was reimbursable.<sup>88</sup> He explained that the “course was comprised of senior government managers from across the government and military” and noted his surprise that he was “the only person who had paid for the course personally.”<sup>89</sup>
65. In response, Former Financial Administrator told Mr. Schwab that the course may be reimbursable if it primarily benefited the office (and not him personally).<sup>90</sup> Mr. Schwab thereafter explained that the course was “100% better management and human resources decision making” and that he used Rep. Schweikert’s office as his “operational case all week.”<sup>91</sup>
66. In December 2016, Mr. Schwab and Former Financial Administrator submitted MRA reimbursement materials “for [a] leadership course to benefit office as a whole, not personal benefit.”<sup>92</sup> The \$7,400.00 was reimbursed to Mr. Schwab thereafter.<sup>93</sup>
67. Although Mr. Schwab did not cooperate with this review and Former Financial Administrator raised concerns about reimbursement for this course, given the curriculum,<sup>94</sup> the intended audience,<sup>95</sup> and the fact that it is not a degree program, the OCE does not conclude, based on the facts known to it as of the date of this report, that Mr. Schwab misspent official funds on this program.

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68. Although the Board found insufficient evidence to conclude that Mr. Schwab misused MRA funds with respect to office supply purchases or his October 2016 Harvard training program, the Board finds substantial reason to believe that the Arizona Trip was, at least in part, personal or campaign-related. Therefore, there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Schweikert – as the individual responsible for ensuring his staff’s compliance with all MRA rules and regulations – improperly certified to the disbursement of MRA funds for campaign or personal expenses.

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<sup>88</sup> Emails between Former Financial Administrator and Oliver Schwab, Oct. 29, 2016 (Exhibit 12 at 17-4790\_0224-26).

<sup>89</sup> *Id.*

<sup>90</sup> *Id.*

<sup>91</sup> *Id.*

<sup>92</sup> Harvard Executive Education Course Materials (Exhibit 11 at 17-4790\_0211).

<sup>93</sup> Statement of Disbursements of the House, January 1, 2016 – March 31, 2016.

<sup>94</sup> Harvard Kennedy School, Leadership Decision Making: Curriculum, <https://www.hks.harvard.edu/educational-programs/executive-education/leadership-decision-making/curriculum> (last visited March 14, 2018).

<sup>95</sup> Harvard Kennedy School, Leadership Decision Making: Who Should Apply, <https://www.hks.harvard.edu/educational-programs/executive-education/leadership-decision-making/who-should-apply> (last visited March 14, 2018).

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**III. REP. SCHWEIKERT MAY HAVE ACCEPTED IMPROPER CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM A CONGRESSIONAL EMPLOYEE**

**A. Applicable Law, Rules, and Standards of Conduct**

69. Federal Law

*Under 18 U.S.C. § 602, “[i]t shall be unlawful for . . . an individual elected to or serving in the office of Senator or Representative . . . to knowingly solicit any contribution within the meaning of section 301(8) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 from any other such officer, employee, or person.”<sup>96</sup>*

*Under 18 U.S.C. § 603(a), “[i]t shall be unlawful for an officer or employee of the United States or any department or agency thereof, or a person receiving any salary or compensation for services from money derived from the Treasury of the United States, to make any contribution within the meaning of section 301(8) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to any . . . Senator or Representative in . . . the Congress, if the person receiving such contribution is the employer or employing authority of the person making the contribution.”<sup>97</sup>*

70. House Ethics Manual

*“A provision of the federal criminal code, 18 U.S.C. § 603, makes it unlawful for any federal officer or employee to make certain campaign contributions to ‘the employer or employing authority of the person making the contribution.’ Accordingly, an employee of a Member office is prohibited from making a ‘contribution’ . . . to his or her employing Member.”<sup>98</sup>*

*According to the House Ethics Manual, “[t]he prohibition against an employee making [a] contribution to the individual’s employing Member is absolute. A House employee may not make such a contribution even if the contribution was entirely unsolicited and the employee genuinely wishes to make the contribution.”<sup>99</sup>*

*“The definition of the term contribution in the FECA is quite detailed . . . [U]nder FEC regulations, most **outlays** that an individual makes on behalf of a campaign are deemed to be a contribution to that campaign from that individual. **This is so even if it is intended that the campaign will reimburse the individual promptly.** The major exception to this rule is for outlays that an individual makes to cover expenses that he or she incurs in **traveling** on behalf of*

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<sup>96</sup> “The term ‘contribution’ includes (i) any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for Federal office.” 52 U.S.C. § 30101(8)(A); *see also* 11 CFR § 100.52(a).

<sup>97</sup> Under 18 U.S.C. § 603(b), “a contribution to an authorized committee as defined in section 302(e)(1) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 shall be considered a contribution to the individual who has authorized such committee.”

<sup>98</sup> House Ethics Manual (2008) at 137-38.

<sup>99</sup> *Id.* at 138.

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*a campaign.*<sup>100</sup> *Assuming certain travel outlays are reimbursed within specified time periods,  
they will not be considered “contributions.”*<sup>101</sup>

*The House Ethics Manual also states that a Member “must take reasonable steps to ensure that  
any outside organization over which he or she exercises control – including the individual’s own  
authorized campaign committee . . . – operates in compliance with applicable law.”*<sup>102</sup>

**B. Rep. Schweikert May Have Accepted Campaign Contributions from his Chief of  
Staff, Oliver Schwab**

71. The OCE found that Oliver Schwab made multiple contributions to Rep. Schweikert’s campaign committees. These include a direct contribution to Rep. Schweikert’s campaign in 2012 and routine personal outlays made on behalf of Rep. Schweikert’s campaign committees between 2011 and 2016.
72. On March 3, 2012, while employed as Rep. Schweikert’s Chief of Staff, Mr. Schwab made a \$1,000.00 contribution to Schweikert for Congress, Rep. Schweikert’s then-principal campaign committee.<sup>103</sup>
73. Between 2011 and 2016, while also employed in Rep. Schweikert’s congressional office, Mr. Schwab made various personal outlays on behalf of Rep. Schweikert’s campaign committees that were subsequently reimbursed to him.<sup>104</sup> The OCE determined that Mr. Schwab was likely reimbursed for at least \$16,886.99 in personal outlays made on behalf of Rep. Schweikert’s campaign committees;<sup>105</sup> however, the OCE could not determine a definitive figure given the non-cooperation by Rep. Schweikert, Rep. Schweikert’s affiliated campaign entities, and Oliver Schwab.
74. Portions of Mr. Schwab’s personal outlays attributable to travel may have been permissible, and not considered improper “contributions,” if reimbursed within the required timeframes.<sup>106</sup>

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<sup>100</sup> *Id.* at 138-39 (emphasis in original).

<sup>101</sup> *Id.* With respect to personal outlays for travel expenses, a “contribution” does not include situations where “the campaign provides reimbursement within 60 days after the expenses are incurred if payment was made by credit card, or within 30 days in all other cases.” *Id.* at 139. n.27; *see also* 11 C.F.R. § 116.5(b).

<sup>102</sup> House Ethics Manual at 123.

<sup>103</sup> Schweikert for Congress, FEC Report of Receipts and Disbursements, Apr. 15, 2012 Quarterly Report at 71, filed April 15, 2012. On April 4, 2012, \$1,000.00 was refunded to Mr. Schwab by Schweikert for Congress. Schweikert for Congress, FEC Schedule B Itemized Disbursements, July 15, 2012 Quarterly Report at 158, filed September 6, 2012. Presumably this refund was made in recognition of the illegality of the March 3, 2012 contribution; however, the OCE cannot say with certainty given Rep. Schweikert’s refusal to cooperate with this review.

<sup>104</sup> FEC Disbursement Chart (Exhibit 13 at 17-4790\_0228-32). Friends of David Schweikert is Rep. Schweikert’s current principal campaign committee and Schweikert for Congress was a prior principal campaign committee.

<sup>105</sup> FEC Disbursement Chart (Exhibit 13 at 17-4790\_0228-32). The OCE calculated the figure identified above by adding only disbursements from Rep. Schweikert’s campaign committees that specifically referenced a “reimbursement” or “reimb” as the “purpose” of the disbursement. *See id.* The OCE excluded any other disbursements, although it recognizes that other disbursements to Mr. Schwab may qualify as reimbursements for improper personal outlays. The OCE also excluded the April 2, 2012 \$1,000.00 “refund” for the reasons discussed above. *See supra*, footnote 103.

<sup>106</sup> *See supra*, Section III.A.

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However, several of Mr. Schwab's personal outlays, including outlays for "Office Supplies," "Food/Beverage," and "Postage," appear to be improper contributions.<sup>107</sup>

75. Based on the foregoing information, the Board finds that 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.

#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

76. Based on the foregoing information, the Board finds that 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.
77. Based on the foregoing information, the Board finds that 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.
78. Accordingly, the Board recommends that the Committee further review the above allegations concerning Rep. Schweikert.

#### **V. INFORMATION THAT THE OCE WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS**

79. As discussed below, thirteen individuals or entities refused to cooperate with this review. The Board recommends the issuance of subpoenas to the following non-cooperative individuals and entities:

##### Rep. Schweikert

80. The OCE requested information from Rep. Schweikert in his official capacity and from his affiliated campaign and political action committees. The OCE also requested the opportunity to interview Rep. Schweikert. Rep. Schweikert, through counsel, declined to produce any information or interview with the OCE.

##### Oliver Schwab

81. The OCE requested information from and the opportunity to interview Mr. Schwab. Mr. Schwab, through counsel, declined to produce any information or interview with the OCE.

##### Keith A. Davis

82. Keith A. Davis is a former treasurer to various Rep. Schweikert-affiliated campaign and political action committees. Mr. Davis informed the OCE that, as of the date of its December 14, 2017

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<sup>107</sup> See FEC Disbursement Chart (Exhibit 13 at 17-4790\_0227-32).

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request for information, he was no longer handling FEC compliance matters for Rep. Schweikert, and he had turned over all files to Campaign Financial Services.<sup>108</sup> In response, the OCE explained that its request included any responsive email communications, or other documents, still currently accessible to Mr. Davis.<sup>109</sup> Mr. Davis did not provide any documents to the OCE and did not provide a certification under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 affirming that he had no responsive documents.

### Campaign Financial Services

83. Campaign Financial Services is an FEC compliance firm handling FEC compliance matters for various Rep. Schweikert-affiliated campaign and political action committees. Campaign Financial Services declined to produce any information in response to the OCE's requests for information and declined to interview with the OCE.

### Current Congressional Staff Members

84. Kevin Knight is Rep. Schweikert's Deputy Chief of Staff. Mr. Knight did not respond to OCE requests for an interview.
85. Katherina Dimenstein is Rep. Schweikert's Legislative Director. Ms. Dimenstein, through counsel, declined to interview with the OCE.
86. Ashley Sylvester is Rep. Schweikert's Officer Manager and Press Assistant. Ms. Sylvester, through counsel, declined to interview with the OCE.
87. Ernestina Borquez-Smith is Rep. Schweikert's Director of Constituent Services and Office Manager. Ms. Borquez-Smith, through counsel, declined to interview with the OCE.

### Former Congressional Staff Members

88. Kelly Roberson was an Intern, District Aide, Director of Operations, and Policy Advisor in Rep. Schweikert's office between September 2011 and December 2016. Ms. Roberson did not respond to OCE requests for an interview. The OCE was informed that on January 19, 2018, prior to the time that the OCE reached out to Ms. Roberson for an interview, Mr. Schwab and Ms. Roberson had lunch together, at Mr. Schwab's invitation.<sup>110</sup>
89. Mr. Thomas Leander was an Intern, Fellow, Staff Assistant, Legislative Correspondent, Legislative Aide, and Legislative Assistant in Rep. Schweikert's office between May 2014 and August 2017. On January 11, 2018, Mr. Leander agreed to interview with the OCE on January 18, 2018.<sup>111</sup> On January 17, 2018, Mr. Leander informed the OCE that the interview no longer

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<sup>108</sup> Email from Keith A. Davis to Jeffrey L. Brown, Investigative Counsel, Dec. 14, 2017.

<sup>109</sup> Email from Jeffrey L. Brown, Investigative Counsel, to Keith A. Davis, Dec. 14, 2017.

<sup>110</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 2 (Exhibit 4 at 17-4790\_0127-28).

<sup>111</sup> Email from Tommy Leander to Jeffrey Brown, Investigative Counsel, Jan. 11, 2018.

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Mr. Schwab's Family

90. Ana Schwab, Mr. Schwab's wife, declined, through counsel, to produce any information in response to the OCE's requests for information and declined to interview with the OCE.
91. Jennifer Casey Schwab, Mr. Schwab's mother, did not respond to the OCE's requests for information and request for an interview.
92. Forrest Schwab, Mr. Schwab's brother, declined to produce any information in response to the OCE's requests for information and declined to interview with the OCE.

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<sup>112</sup> Email from Tommy Leander to Jeffrey Brown, Investigative Counsel, Jan. 17, 2018.

# **EXHIBIT 1**

**Transcript of Interview of  
Former Deputy Chief of Staff  
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1 Jeff Brown: Okay. This is Jeff Brown. With me is Paul Solis and Brandon Wong from the  
2 Office of Congressional Ethics. Before us we have Former Deputy Chief of  
3 Staff ("Former Deputy COS"). It is a little after 3:00 on January 18. We are in  
4 the conference room at the Office of Congressional Ethics. Former Deputy  
5 Chief of Staff has been given a copy of the False Statements Warning, and we  
6 are going to get underway.

7 Former Deputy COS: Before we begin, I am Former Deputy Chief of Staff. I give consent for this  
8 conversation to be recorded on the condition that I get a copy of the  
9 transcription.

10 Jeff Brown: Is Former Deputy Chief of Staff okay, or do you prefer-

11 Former Deputy COS: It's Former Deputy Chief of Staff.

12 Jeff Brown: Former Deputy Chief of Staff, okay. Former Deputy Chief of Staff, you were  
13 previously employed by Representative Schweikert. In what capacity were  
14 you employed in his office?

15 Former Deputy COS: Started as an LA, became the LD, then the Deputy Chief of Staff.

16 Jeff Brown: Okay. Can you roughly walk me through the timeframes in which you held  
17 those different jobs?

18 Former Deputy COS: I came on at the new Congress of 2012 and worked for him until ... No.  
19 Beginning of 2011 and worked for him until January 3 of 2017.

20 Jeff Brown: Okay. Do you recall approximately the dates in which you were promoted  
21 through those roles?

22 Former Deputy COS: Promoted to LD, May-June timeframe of 2012. Deputy Chief of Staff,  
23 December of 2014.

24 Jeff Brown: Okay. Who did you report to while you were in Representative Schweikert's  
25 office?

26 Former Deputy COS: Initially, Matthew Tully as an LA. Then he became Chief of Staff when I  
27 became the LD. I continued to report to him until he left. I guess that would  
28 be spring of ... I think '13, at which point in time I reported to Oliver Schwab.

29 Jeff Brown: You are no longer in Representative Schweikert's office. Where do you  
30 currently work?

31 Former Deputy COS: Consumers' Research.

32 Jeff Brown: Okay. When did you start there?

33 Former Deputy COS: June of this year as a 1099 employee and was hired full-time August, early  
34 September of this year.

35 Paul Solis: Do you mean 2017?

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- 1 Former Deputy COS: Sorry, 2017. Yes. 2017. Last year.
- 2 Jeff Brown: Why did you leave Representative Schweikert's office?
- 3 Former Deputy COS: I felt that the office had become unstable. I had been given assurances that  
4 the Chief of Staff was leaving, and when he decided to stay he became  
5 somewhat abusive to me and another senior staffer. I was then given the  
6 option of staying for a dramatically reduced salary, with my performance  
7 being judged on campaign donations or leaving with a six month severance. I  
8 chose to leave. However, I never received the severance. At the end of  
9 December, I was told that the office would not be honoring that agreement.
- 10 Jeff Brown: Okay. I'd like to break down some of that. You said there was you and  
11 another individual you felt was subject to some abusive behavior. Who is the  
12 other staffer?
- 13 Former Deputy COS: Kevin Knight.
- 14 Jeff Brown: Okay. When you were referring to the Chief of Staff a moment ago, you were  
15 referring to Oliver Schwab.
- 16 Former Deputy COS: Correct.
- 17 Paul Solis: Well, first I'd like to ... based on Jeff's initial question about why you left. You  
18 said you felt the office had become unstable. Can you just give us a little  
19 more detail on what you-
- 20 Former Deputy COS: Oliver, through two hour-and-a-half sessions over the phone, the first with  
21 me and Kevin Knight, the second with just me, basically spent 90 minutes  
22 cussing me out and tell me that I was terrible at my job ... after literally 24  
23 hours prior saying that I was going to be there forever, and he was leaving,  
24 and I was going to be Chief of Staff. He was showing ... this all happened over  
25 the course of literally a two week period. He was showing signs of severe  
26 stress and anger at the member and was lashing out at me. So, it was  
27 basically two hour-and-a-half sessions where he screamed and swore at one  
28 with both me and Kevin Knight and one with just me.
- 29 Paul Solis: Okay. So, he had informed you in some way that he was leaving the office?
- 30 Former Deputy COS: Yes.
- 31 Paul Solis: Okay. When did he inform you of that?
- 32 Former Deputy COS: He had been saying that the entire congress. He had his paperwork in at one  
33 point in time.
- 34 Paul Solis: This is the 114th Congress?
- 35 Former Deputy COS: Yeah, the 114th. We're in the 15th. At one point in time at 113th, he had  
36 paperwork signed to leave, and on his last day decided to stay. Basically

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1 through the entire year of 2016, he would go through these tirades against  
2 the member both to me and ... and sometimes to Keven and I together,  
3 sometimes just to me, sometimes just to Kevin ... about how awful David was  
4 and how he hated it and how he was going to quit. He basically said, "I'm not  
5 coming back." That was basically the whole year of 2016. When he decided  
6 to come back after having his two outbursts with me and basically saying,  
7 you know, "Here are two options: You can quit with severance or you can  
8 come back next year at a reduced title, reduced pay, you'll never see your  
9 family, and you're going to be judged on how much money we bring in to  
10 Dave, even though you're not the fundraiser, you're going to be the one  
11 that's responsible for that top dollar." As the legislative staff, I did not want  
12 to come back anymore.

13 Paul Solis: So, that information that was passed to you by Mr. Schwab occurred in two  
14 telephone conversations?

15 Former Deputy COS: No, that was face ... the last conversation was ... so after his first round of  
16 abuse over the phone with me and Kevin Knight, I just kind of ... he wasn't  
17 around, he was out of town.

18 Paul Solis: When did that happen?

19 Former Deputy COS: October of 2016, maybe the end of September. It was literally the day before  
20 the NCAI Convention in Phoenix. It was the first phone call. I was basically  
21 given instructions to fly out to Phoenix day of, to go to that convention even  
22 though previously we had discussed me not going, because of the hour-and-  
23 a-half phone call. I went. Things were fine for a week. He ended up getting  
24 really frustrated over an even with Kevin McCarthy that was kind of air  
25 dropped on us. He spent the next Monday on the phone with me while he  
26 was in Phoenix. I was in the office at the time, and the entire staff could hear  
27 him screaming over the phone. I had to go to the member's office. After that  
28 it was another hour-and-a-half, basically just screaming and cussing and  
29 everything is terrible. After that I asked for a meeting. At that meeting he  
30 gave me the options to stay at reduced salary, reduced title, and being  
31 judged by campaign donations, or to go with six month severance. I chose to  
32 go with the six month severance.

33 Paul Solis: Okay, that face to face meeting also happened in October of 2016?

34 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

35 Paul Solis: Were you a campaign staffer, either paid or volunteer at the time?

36 Former Deputy COS: No.

37 Paul Solis: Do you know then why he would say to you that your performance would be  
38 based on campaign donations?

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- 1 Former Deputy COS: I know that David ... and this was the ongoing theme throughout the year of  
2 how he wanted to quit, was David was putting increasing pressure on him to  
3 raise money because David wanted to run for the Senate. David was  
4 basically telling him, "I need a million dollars if I'm going to run for the  
5 Senate." I think that was weighing on him. I do not believe if I had stayed  
6 that would have been what happened. That was just what was threatened,  
7 and I didn't want to take that chance.
- 8 Paul Solis: Did he say to you at all whether the member had made the information he  
9 passed to you that your performance would be based on campaign  
10 contributions, did he say whether that came from Representative  
11 Schweikert?
- 12 Former Deputy COS: Absolutely not, no. He didn't. David had said to me on multiple occasions,  
13 "I'm leaning on Oliver to raise money. That's not your responsibility."
- 14 Paul Solis: Okay.
- 15 Jeff Brown: Was Representative Schweikert ever made aware of these two October 2016  
16 outbursts?
- 17 Former Deputy COS: No.
- 18 Jeff Brown: Did you ever have any conversations with Representative Schweikert about  
19 your decision to leave?
- 20 Former Deputy COS: I believe it was relayed to him that I wanted to leave to be a chief. When I  
21 had decided to leave, I didn't want to bring it up. I really just wanted to be  
22 done with the place. You know, with David and with Oliver. Once I left in  
23 November ... I think my last official day in the office was the Monday before  
24 Thanksgiving of 2016. After that I never talked to David again.
- 25 Paul Solis: Just to get the timing straight, you said your last day in the office was  
26 November of 2016 ... you said before Thanksgiving? Or after?
- 27 Former Deputy COS: The Monday before Thanksgiving.
- 28 Paul Solis: Before Thanksgiving. And when we asked you how long you'd been in the  
29 office, you specifically mentioned January 3, 2017?
- 30 Former Deputy COS: I physically left the office. I was continuing to do work and one of the things  
31 that was ... you're going to be basically essentially on contract for the next  
32 six months and so I was no longer physically in the office but I was still  
33 performing work for the office until January 3rd.
- 34 Paul Solis: Of 2017?
- 35 Former Deputy COS: Of 2017.

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1 Jeff Brown: Okay. You said that Mr. Schwab had made it clear on several occasions that  
2 he was planning to leave the office. Can you talk about those instances in a  
3 little more detail?

4 Former Deputy COS: Up and ... I mean it was such a regular occurrence that people were noticing  
5 how tired I was and people thought it was because David is a hard member  
6 to work for. He's highly caffeinated and a little off kilter at times. It was  
7 because Oliver was always threatening to quit, like literally day of walk out,  
8 quit. "I'm going to quit today. I hate David and I hate this job and this is going  
9 to be terrible." And I consistently talked him off the ledge because David is, I  
10 would say ... the word I would use would be emotionally attached to Oliver.

11 Jeff Brown: What other staffers in the officer would have seen or been privy to any of  
12 these conversations?

13 Former Deputy COS: Cami Lepire heard the conversation. Oh, as far as Oliver quitting or him  
14 yelling at me?

15 Jeff Brown: Either one.

16 Former Deputy COS: As far as the conversation that was overheard when he was yelling at me the  
17 second time, Cami Lepire did overhear that and apologized because she  
18 thought it was her fault that he was yelling and it wasn't. But he was fairly  
19 open to every staffer that would ask him that he was going to quit and not  
20 come back in my opinion. There was no one that ... there was literally no one  
21 in the office that assumed he was going to be back this Congress.

22 Paul Solis: Just a little bit walk back on your time in the office, so from 2011 when you  
23 started, was Mr. Schwab in the office?

24 Former Deputy COS: Yes. He was-

25 Paul Solis: Your entire time there?

26 Former Deputy COS: He was there until he left to run the Super PAC in the Quayle campaign of  
27 2012 and then he came back after the election.

28 Paul Solis: Did he have the same job title both periods?

29 Former Deputy COS: No. He came back ... Matt Tully was still chief of staff when Oliver came back.  
30 Oliver I think had the title of senior advisor and then when Matt left, Oliver  
31 became the chief of staff again.

32 Paul Solis: Okay. Again when was that when he became chief of staff?

33 Former Deputy COS: Whenever Matt Tully left, I believe Spring of '14.

34 Paul Solis: Okay. And in that 2011 to 2012 window before he left to go run the Super  
35 PAC, was title also senior advisor?

36 Former Deputy COS: No, it was chief of staff.

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1 Paul Solis: Mr. Schwab's?

2 Former Deputy COS: I did not report to him but that was his ... Oliver was the chief of staff. I  
3 reported to Matt Tully when Matt Tully was the LD. When Oliver left, Matt  
4 Tully became the chief and then I reported to Matt Tully as chief as the LD.

5 Paul Solis: Got it.

6 Jeff Brown: Do you currently have any relationship with Oliver Schwab?

7 Former Deputy COS: None.

8 Jeff Brown: Okay. When was the last time you spoke with him?

9 Former Deputy COS: I think I sent him an email thanking him for a referral to or for information  
10 that John Carter had a job opening at that time. I was still unemployed and I  
11 said thank you. And I think it was the last response. I did have an email from  
12 him, you know, when you called, I knew this was going to be about this  
13 because I saw the story. I was not one of the sources. I called Kevin because I  
14 still have a ... I do have a very good relationship with Kevin. He and I talk  
15 regularly and he's kind of my mentor in a lot of things. I told him, I said, "I  
16 wasn't the source," and I don't have anything to do with this and I really  
17 don't want anything to do with this." Evidently, Kevin did relay to Oliver that  
18 I was not the source and Oliver said, "Thank you for your kind words," and  
19 that was the last I've heard of him. He has not called me or emailed me since  
20 and I did not respond to that email.

21 Jeff Brown: What did Kevin say about the story?

22 Former Deputy COS: He ... when I had called him, he had not even heard ... he had not even seen  
23 the story. He was doing ... oh he may have been on vacation with his ... I  
24 think that's when his mother-in-law was passing. So, he didn't even know  
25 the story.

26 Jeff Brown: Have you talked to anybody else about that story?

27 Former Deputy COS: Other than my wife and my parents, no.

28 Paul Solis: When was Mr. Schwab's email to you about-

29 Former Deputy COS: That's not ... I did share that with my current employer so that she would  
30 know that that was going on.

31 Paul Solis: Wait for the train to go by. When did Mr. Schwab send you that email saying,  
32 "Thank you for your kind words?"

33 Former Deputy COS: Sometime in November.

34 Paul Solis: Of 2017?

35 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

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1 Jeff Brown: Do you have any idea who the sources were for that story?

2 Former Deputy COS: I could probably make a guess for one and a good guess for one and a  
3 somewhat educated guess for the other but other than that, no.

4 Paul Solis: Okay. What would you lead you to have an educated guess on one of those?

5 Former Deputy COS: I believe that he terminated Mary O'Connor at roughly the same time he did  
6 me. She had major issues with some of the things that he did. I believe I  
7 signed all the budget paperwork. I have no reason to believe that he was  
8 doing anything unethical with his reimbursements. Spendthrift, that's for  
9 sure. But, you know, she would get frustrated over his spendthrift nature but  
10 I believe that she had concerns so I believe that she could be one. I also have  
11 not heard but I ... not directly from any source, but from people who have  
12 worked with Martha McSally's chief, that he could be one, that that would be  
13 the kind of thing that he would do.

14 Paul Solis: And who is that?

15 Former Deputy COS: Justin Roth.

16 Jeff Brown: What is Oliver's relationship to Justin?

17 Former Deputy COS: Just colleagues but the suspicion and this is someone who is now working  
18 for the federal government way out west who I used to work with in John  
19 Carter's office, he has no ties to him other than he worked for Justin Roth  
20 when Justin Roth was Joe Walsh's chief. And he said based on the things that  
21 he observed Justin Roth do while he was with Joe Walsh, that he could see  
22 that Justin Roth would leak something like this to the press to force David to  
23 stay out of the Senate race so that Martha McSally could run.

24 Paul Solis: And just to go back, you mentioned a couple times this Mary O'Connor?

25 Former Deputy COS: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

26 Paul Solis: Was, I think you used the word terminated, was she actually her  
27 employment was terminated by the Member? Paperwork was signed by the  
28 Member?

29 Former Deputy COS: That was after I left.

30 Paul Solis: Okay. So you don't know that firsthand knowledge?

31 Former Deputy COS: I ... the only ... I mean I wasn't in the office at the time but I was told by  
32 former staffers that were still on the Hill that she was let go.

33 Paul Solis: Okay. And you also referred to your employment as being terminated as well  
34 and I just want to be clear, you talked to us about the options that were  
35 given to you but were you officially terminated or did you resign?

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1 Former Deputy COS: I took a severance package and then I got an email right before the start of  
2 the new Congress saying that the severance package was not going to be  
3 offered because he needed the money for other places.

4 Paul Solis: Okay.

5 Former Deputy COS: And so at that point in time, I would consider myself moving from resigning  
6 to terminated.

7 Paul Solis: Okay.

8 Former Deputy COS: Semantics.

9 Paul Solis: Okay. Were you notified at all by the House that your employment had been  
10 terminated?

11 Former Deputy COS: I mean only in the I didn't get a paycheck the next month.

12 Paul Solis: Okay.

13 Former Deputy COS: I filed for unemployment and it was not contested.

14 Paul Solis: Okay. I just want to be clear because I think it matters in the timeline here.  
15 You were offered a severance package and I want to ask a question about  
16 that. You were offered a severance package, you received an email from  
17 Oliver Schwab or Representative Schweikert?

18 Former Deputy COS: Oliver Schwab.

19 Paul Solis: Informing you that that severance package was not going to be issued-

20 Former Deputy COS: Honored.

21 Paul Solis: -honored to you. Then what happened? You just stopped receiving a  
22 paycheck?

23 Former Deputy COS: I got my paycheck on ... my last paycheck for up through ... from January 1st  
24 to January 3rd, and that was it.

25 Paul Solis: Were you and you talked about Mr. Schwab's message to you that there were  
26 options in front of you. You could stay on-

27 Former Deputy COS: That was in October.

28 Paul Solis: Did you refuse those options in that meeting with him or that discussion  
29 with him?

30 Former Deputy COS: No. I told him I needed time to think about it. I originally asked to give him a  
31 decision post-Halloween or no post-Thanksgiving and he did ... he originally  
32 agreed to that and then moved the timeline up but I had decided basically  
33 within less than 24 hours that I was not going to go back.

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1 Paul Solis: Okay. So, you had never filed paperwork in late 2017 with House Payroll  
2 notifying them of your ending of employment with the House?

3 Former Deputy COS: No.

4 Paul Solis: You just stopped receiving a paycheck?

5 Former Deputy COS: Yeah.

6 Paul Solis: Did you at all inquire with the Office again about the status of your  
7 employment?

8 Former Deputy COS: He sent me an email saying that they weren't- that my ... after ... The original  
9 agreement was for me to receive payment until - full salary for six months  
10 until July 1 of 2017. Either late December or early January, he sent me an  
11 email saying that because of David's changing budget needs, he can't honor  
12 the agreement, and that I would be paid through January 3rd, and that  
13 would be the end of it.

14 At the time, my wife was in her third trimester. It was a very difficult  
15 pregnancy and every time I had an email receive from Oliver Schwab, I  
16 would talk to my wife, because we had that kind of relationship and it would  
17 shoot her blood pressure up and be dangerous for the baby. I just wanted it  
18 to end and so I said, "Fine. I will not seek any compensation."

19 Jeff Brown: Did you maintain any of these documents related to your severance?

20 Former Deputy COS: Everything else was done through the House. I didn't have access my House  
21 email post-Thanksgiving. I recently deleted ... I guess, I kept seeing his name  
22 pop up in my Google searches, so I deleted everything, but that can probably  
23 be recovered, the last email that I got from him. That was before you emailed  
24 me. That was the last time, I think.

25 Jeff Brown: Did you want to ask a question about the severance?

26 Paul Solis: No. I think ... You've given us the terms of the severance. It was that you  
27 were going to be paid through July of 2017 at your typical salary, your  
28 normal salary.

29 Former Deputy COS: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

30 Paul Solis: But that you would no longer be reporting to work anymore, right?

31 Former Deputy COS: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

32 Paul Solis: Your employment would be terminated or ...

33 Former Deputy COS: I would be continuing to work as a need basis.

34 Paul Solis: Okay.

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1 Former Deputy COS: In the office.

2 Paul Solis: It was still an understanding you would be a House employee?

3 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

4 Paul Solis: At a reduced work hours?

5 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

6 Paul Solis: But there was no understanding between you and Mr. Schwab that you  
7 would no longer be reporting at all to work?

8 Former Deputy COS: I think he was under the impression that I would get a new job really quickly  
9 and he would never have to ever pay me any additional money, which was  
10 my intention. I really wanted to be done, but ... But yeah, that's ...

11 Paul Solis: Do you know if there was an official designation of the type of work category  
12 you'd be in? It was leave with pay or ... ?

13 Former Deputy COS: I don't.

14 Paul Solis: Okay. We can move on, Jeff, if you like.

15 Jeff Brown: We've talked a little bit about your relationship with Oliver, in the office, Mr.  
16 Schwab. What was your working relationship like with Representative  
17 Schweikert?

18 Former Deputy COS: Excellent.

19 Jeff Brown: Can you talk a little bit about the working relationship that you had with  
20 him? Sort of, what things you would directly report to him on?

21 Former Deputy COS: Oliver was technically my supervisor when I became the deputy chief of  
22 staff, but for all intents and purposes, I was reporting to David on  
23 everything, everything legislatively. I staffed him at committee. We had a  
24 very good working relationship.

25 Jeff Brown: To what extent was Representative Schweikert aware of Mr. Schwab's  
26 continued threats to quit?

27 Former Deputy COS: I don't think he was. He knew that Oliver had put in paperwork once to  
28 leave, but I don't think David was aware that Oliver was constantly teetering  
29 back and forth on it.

30 Jeff Brown: How would you describe Representative Schweikert's relationship with Mr.  
31 Schwab?

32 Former Deputy COS: Dependent. Maybe even co-dependent.

33 Jeff Brown: What do you mean by that?

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1 Former Deputy COS: I think ... I'm not a doctor. I think that David displays some signs of autism.  
2 And Oliver got him elected the first time, and David feels that without Oliver,  
3 nothing could go right for him.

4 Jeff Brown: What do you mean Oliver got him elected the first time?

5 Former Deputy COS: I mean, Oliver was the campaign staffer. The story that I know is that they  
6 were in the car. Oliver was with Senator Toomey at the time, back when  
7 Toomey was running Club for Growth. David called Toomey, said, "I need to  
8 figure out how to win this campaign." Toomey said, "I've got this guy for you  
9 right now. He'll be there." And they won. They beat Harry Mitchell and David  
10 got elected. And so, when he won the campaign, I think he considered  
11 Oliver's campaign plan as what won him that campaign.

12 Jeff Brown: If it's okay, I would like to sort of take a step back a little bit, and talk a little  
13 bit more generally about the ways things operated in Representative  
14 Schweikert's office.

15 Former Deputy COS: Okay.

16 Jeff Brown: You can kind of talk through some generalities, and then I have some more  
17 specific questions along the lines of some of the stuff we were just talking  
18 about. Did you have occasion to travel while you were in Representative  
19 Schweikert's office?

20 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

21 Jeff Brown: Okay. How frequently?

22 Former Deputy COS: Once a quarter, maybe.

23 Jeff Brown: And generally, for what sort of purposes would you travel?

24 Former Deputy COS: Most of my travel was done to the district. I had maybe one or two over the  
25 course of the year to go outside the district to represent Schweikert in an  
26 official capacity a day he wasn't available.

27 Jeff Brown: How frequently do staffers travel to and from the district?

28 Former Deputy COS: Most staffers very infrequently, no more than once or twice a quarter. There  
29 were a few staffers that were from the district that would be more regular to  
30 go back and staff David on events. Oliver seemed like he was traveling most  
31 weekends to the district, at least every other weekend to the district.

32 Jeff Brown: And when you say weekends, what days are we actually talking?

33 Former Deputy COS: Last session day to the flying day. So if it's a four-day week and we ended on  
34 Thursday, Oliver would fly out Thursday or Friday morning and then come  
35 back before votes on the Monday or the Tuesday, depending on which ...

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1 Jeff Brown: Are you aware of what sort of role Oliver was playing while in Arizona for  
2 Rep. Schweikert?

3 Former Deputy COS: A little. He made a dual-hat role, both as the chief of staff representative for  
4 David, official business, and also doing fundraising.

5 Jeff Brown: Okay.

6 Paul Solis: He was a paid campaign employee?

7 Former Deputy COS: I did very little campaign work for him. I know very little about the ins and  
8 outs of the campaign.

9 Paul Solis: Are you aware if Oliver Schwab was a paid campaign employee?

10 Former Deputy COS: I am not.

11 Paul Solis: You do know that he did work for the campaign?

12 Former Deputy COS: I do.

13 Paul Solis: But whether or not he was compensated for that you do not know?

14 Former Deputy COS: I do not know.

15 Jeff Brown: You said Oliver would travel back and forth to the district with some degree  
16 of frequency. Who else would travel back? Specifically, who else would  
17 travel back and forth with frequency?

18 Former Deputy COS: Other than the member, no one else with frequency.

19 Jeff Brown: Can you walk us through the process by which a staffer, if they were  
20 traveling to another district, how would they arrange for travel out to the  
21 district?

22 Former Deputy COS: Usually book their own flights and then reimburse the flight.

23 Jeff Brown: How does the reimbursement process work?

24 Former Deputy COS: Book the flight, print the flight receipt, and then you look at the flight receipt  
25 and then you reimburse, the reimbursement process.

26 Jeff Brown: Who is the person that you're going to to seek the reimbursements?

27 Former Deputy COS: When I was signing some budget documents it was both me with the second  
28 eye set of Mary O'Connor. I would not sign my own documents without  
29 another staff to look through anything that I was getting reimbursed on.

30 Jeff Brown: Who would have signed them for Mr. Schwab?

31 Former Deputy COS: Often me with Mary O'Connor also seeing.

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1 Jeff Brown: If Oliver was heading out to the district during one of those weekends,  
2 would you have conversations about what kind of work he was doing out in  
3 the district?

4 Former Deputy COS: Usually, yes.

5 Jeff Brown: You mentioned that he would staff David on both official and campaign-  
6 related issues.

7 Former Deputy COS: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

8 Jeff Brown: If there were campaign-related issues was there ever any discussion about  
9 whether or not the campaign would pay for the flight or the official MRA  
10 would pay for the flight?

11 Former Deputy COS: No. Most issues with the campaigns, they were either ... If he was doing  
12 campaign-related activities, they were either after-hours or on the weekend.  
13 He would be there for official business at least, basically a day and a half, two  
14 days, and if there was any sort of campaign event, it would not be the  
15 majority of his time there.

16 Jeff Brown: Did you have any concerns based upon the travel-related documents that  
17 you saw with the way in which Mr. Schwab was spending MRA funds to  
18 travel to and from the district?

19 Former Deputy COS: Not at the time. In hindsight, I felt there may...should have been more  
20 supervision of him.

21 Jeff Brown: What do you mean by that?

22 Former Deputy COS: I just ... I'm a very cover-your-butt kind of guy. I'm very familiar with your  
23 organization because when I was with John Carter, I learned all about the  
24 history of the OCE and how it was formed. He was my boss. I felt like I had to  
25 sign his documents. I didn't really think about it until after I left, that there  
26 was not enough overlap on activities and there should've been more.

27 Jeff Brown: To what extent was Representative Schweikert involved approving any of  
28 Mr. Schwab's travel?

29 Former Deputy COS: Almost none. I mean, other than him telling David "I'm coming to the  
30 District," David said ... or David telling him "Come to the District."

31 Jeff Brown: So the individuals that may have been involved with Oliver's travel to and  
32 from the District would have been potentially yourself, Mary, and maybe  
33 Representative Schweikert?

34 Former Deputy COS: Yeah. I'm sure I didn't sign every single reimbursement document. I'm sure  
35 if you look through, over the reimbursement documents, you'll find a Kelly  
36 Roberson or a Katherina Dimenstein or maybe a Ryan White as well. But it  
37 was my standard operating procedure that at least two staffers, whether

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1                                   that was me and Mary O'Connor or another staffer and Mary O'Connor,  
2                                   always saw the documents for reimbursement.

3   Jeff Brown:                 Were there any policies and procedures in place in the office relating to  
4                                   staffer travel to the District?

5   Former Deputy COS:       No, not officially.

6   Jeff Brown:                 Okay. Unofficially?

7   Former Deputy COS:       I wouldn't say unofficial. I mean, other than "You need to go to the District,  
8                                   go to the District for these meetings."

9   Jeff Brown:                 Yeah.

10   Paul Solis:                 Your policy that you just talked about of having at least a couple staffers look  
11                                   over reimbursement request documents, that also applied to Mr. Schwab's  
12                                   reimbursement requests?

13   Former Deputy COS:       Yes.

14   Paul Solis:                 So he would have two independent people look over his documents?

15   Former Deputy COS:       I would always look at and Mary O'Connor would always look at it.

16   Paul Solis:                 And when you talked about your policy, you sort of developed that method  
17                                   or was that-

18   Former Deputy COS:       That was my ... yeah, that was my method.

19   Paul Solis:                 Okay. And Mr.-

20   Former Deputy COS:       For reimbursements.

21   Paul Solis:                 And Mr. Schwab sort of acquiesced or agreed to that-

22   Former Deputy COS:       Yeah.

23   Paul Solis:                 That method?

24   Former Deputy COS:       Yep.

25   Jeff Brown:                 Would you and/or Mary have been raising any issues that you did see?

26   Former Deputy COS:       Yes.

27   Jeff Brown:                 Okay. Do you know if either yourself or Mary ever raised any issues with any  
28                                   MRA-related disbursements?

29   Former Deputy COS:       The only two I can think of were a Dyson fan for Oliver's office and the  
30                                   standing desks, both of which Mary said "If these get kicked back, you need  
31                                   to pay out of pocket." And that's it.

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1 Paul Solis: And this policy, again, you have of two independent staffers looking at the  
2 documents, how long was that in place?

3 Former Deputy COS: For the entire time that I was signing the budget documents.

4 Paul Solis: How long were you signing budget documents?

5 Former Deputy COS: I believe December of 2014.

6 Paul Solis: Until the end of your-

7 Former Deputy COS: Yeah.

8 Paul Solis: - employment?

9 Former Deputy COS: Until I left the office on the Monday before Thanksgiving of 2016.

10 Paul Solis: Why didn't Mr. Schwab, as chief, take on the budget responsibilities? Was  
11 that a decision by-

12 Former Deputy COS: I asked to take on the budget responsibilities. At one point in time, he said  
13 "The budget's killing me," and I said "I'll do the budget." I wanted the  
14 experience.

15 Paul Solis: And this is with Mr. Schwab, you had this conversation?

16 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

17 Paul Solis: Okay.

18 Jeff Brown: When staffers travel out to the District Office, is there a hotel that they  
19 would ordinarily stay in?

20 Former Deputy COS: I almost always stayed at the Scottsdale Plaza because it was pretty cheap  
21 and it's close to the District, or close to the District Office. Oliver almost  
22 always stayed at this okay Hilton Garden Inn. I'd stayed there once I think,  
23 and I did not care for it.

24 Jeff Brown: Are both of those hotels close to the District Office?

25 Former Deputy COS: Yes, within 10 minutes I think.

26 Jeff Brown: Would you need to rent a car in order to get from the closest hotel to the  
27 District Office?

28 Former Deputy COS: Oh, I don't think there's any hotel close enough to the District Office that you  
29 could just walk to.

30 Jeff Brown: So it was standard practice, if anyone was traveling to the District, to rent a  
31 car?

32 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: Can you walk us through who the primary staffers are out in the District?
- 2 Former Deputy COS: Kevin Knight, Ernestina Borquez-Smith are the only two that I know of that  
3 are still there.
- 4 Jeff Brown: Can you tell us a little bit about their roles?
- 5 Former Deputy COS: Kevin is ... I like to call him the heart, David's heart. He's a former  
6 legislative ... or, sorry. He's a former Minnesota Congress ... State House  
7 Representative. He takes the hard meetings in the District, you know, the  
8 meetings that most people end up crying in. Ernestina is the ... I don't mean  
9 like ... I mean like the heartstring meetings, the ALSs, the Dreamer kids,  
10 those types of meeting where it's ... you want to be able to be helpful. Kevin  
11 does a better job, or at least in the District, does a really good job at  
12 interacting with them. Ernestina, she is a bit of a catchall in the District. She  
13 also is the head case worker. In my opinion, there's no one better.
- 14 Jeff Brown: What sort of relationship does Oliver have with Kevin Knight?
- 15 Former Deputy COS: I would assume he has a good relationship. We were all very close for almost  
16 six years.
- 17 Jeff Brown: You said Kevin is a bit of a mentor to you-
- 18 Former Deputy COS: Yes.
- 19 Jeff Brown: Can you just elaborate on how that relationship developed?
- 20 Former Deputy COS: Kevin and I started ... My very first trip out to the District, which ... I cannot  
21 remember if it was in 2011 or 2012, but I was there for an entire week.  
22 Kevin just kind of sat down and said "Here's how my life has been. I started  
23 as a salesman and ran for politics. Came here to retire, got with David. Here  
24 are the conservative things that I believe and how you should live your life,"  
25 and I went to church with Kevin when I was down in the District. He's an  
26 older guy who has a good head on his shoulders.
- 27 Jeff Brown: When you would travel to and from the District, how does one keep track of  
28 expenses?
- 29 Former Deputy COS: Receipts.
- 30 Jeff Brown: And how does a staffer go about getting reimbursed for their expenses in the  
31 District?
- 32 Former Deputy COS: Standard House expense report form.
- 33 Jeff Brown: Who do those flow through in Representative Schweikert's office?
- 34 Former Deputy COS: If it was me traveling, I would show Oliver and one other staffer and Mary  
35 O'Connor. If it was another staffer, they'd go to Oliver then to me and then to  
36 Mary O'Connor.

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1 Jeff Brown: Okay. Were there any office policies or procedures or guidelines on amount  
2 of money that could be spent on accommodation, travel?

3 Former Deputy COS: Try to keep it as ... Wherever you're staying, try to get a government rate,  
4 cheaper than \$150 a night. Get the cheapest car you can find within 4 or \$5.  
5 For me and the instructions that I gave to my staff was if your meals are  
6 office-related, you can reimburse them. If you're going to go out and have  
7 drinks and just have a good time, then no.

8 Jeff Brown: Switching gears a little bit, office supplies. If you're a staffer in  
9 Representative Schweikert's office and you need office supplies, how do you  
10 go about procuring those office supplies?

11 Former Deputy COS: Well, if it's an immediate need, typically would use the office supply store in  
12 the House. Some of those items are really expensive. If it was power cords  
13 and things like that, you'd order them on Amazon usually, for me and the  
14 other staffers. Anything that you couldn't get in the office ... Anything that  
15 you couldn't get in the supply store or was exuberantly expensive in there, it  
16 would go through Amazon.

17 Jeff Brown: Is there an individual in the office who's primarily responsible for ensuring  
18 that the office has all the office supplies that it needs?

19 Former Deputy COS: I would say for the most part, staff would say "I need to go downstairs and  
20 get pens," or "I need this." Most of the Amazon supply purchases, I would  
21 say, directly from the lower level staff, would come through me.

22 Jeff Brown: Is there any sort of office policy or procedure on office supplies?

23 Former Deputy COS: You know, not ... Be reasonable.

24 Jeff Brown: Does Representative Schweikert have any involvement in-

25 Former Deputy COS: No.

26 Jeff Brown: ... the office supply purchases?

27 Former Deputy COS: None.

28 Jeff Brown: Switching gears again, I'd like to talk a little bit about education. Are staffers  
29 in Representative Schweikert's office reimbursed for educational  
30 coursework of any kind?

31 Former Deputy COS: Yes. I mean, they paid for ... The House reimbursed my education for my  
32 federal student loans.

33 Jeff Brown: How about outside of repayment for student loans? Are individuals  
34 permitted to take coursework while they're staffers?

35 Former Deputy COS: No one during my time there did that. I don't ... that I ever remember signing  
36 a reimbursement for.

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1 Jeff Brown: Okay. Are you familiar, excuse me, with the Naval War College?  
2 Former Deputy COS: I am.  
3 Jeff Brown: It seems to be a popular place for folks in Representative Schweikert's office  
4 to take courses. Can you elaborate on that?  
5 Former Deputy COS: I believe that Katherina Dimenstein and Ryan White were both trying to get  
6 master's degrees from there. As Congressional staffers, I believe ... I was  
7 under the impression it was free.  
8 Paul Solis: Why do you have that impression?  
9 Former Deputy COS: That's what I was told by them, and I had no reason not to believe them. I've  
10 heard lots of people talk about the Naval War College for the most part being  
11 free for Congressional staffers.  
12 Jeff Brown: Do you know if their courses are online or in person?  
13 Former Deputy COS: No idea.  
14 Paul Solis: Do you recall Oliver saying that he took courses there?  
15 Former Deputy COS: I don't think so.  
16 Paul Solis: Or did anybody talk about Oliver taking courses there?  
17 Former Deputy COS: I don't think so.  
18 Jeff Brown: I'm going to hand you just a couple documents and feel free to flip through  
19 them -  
20 Former Deputy COS: Okay.  
21 Jeff Brown: I really just have a couple very brief questions -  
22 Former Deputy COS: Okay.  
23 Paul Solis: And, you know, he's not the author of these-  
24 Jeff Brown: Correct.  
25 Paul Solis: ... documents. You didn't create the documents, at least as far as we  
26 understand it. It's just more of a refresher to get your eyes on an item on a  
27 piece of paper that maybe you can help answer Jeff's questions.  
28 Former Deputy COS: Okay.  
29 Jeff Brown: Can you just generally describe for me what this document is?  
30 Former Deputy COS: It looks like a current commercial reimbursement for travel. And it looks like  
31 they're almost all flights. Yeah.

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1 Jeff Brown: I should say for the record too, the Bates range on this document is  
2 CAO\_0005 through 10. On the first page, so CAO\_0005, is that Representative  
3 Schweikert's signature?

4 Former Deputy COS: No.

5 Jeff Brown: Whose signature is that?

6 Former Deputy COS: That's mine.

7 Jeff Brown: I'm handing you one other document. This is CAO\_0011 through 26. Same  
8 question, just what is this?

9 Former Deputy COS: It looks like a reimbursement for a trip. I'm not sure what the telecom ... I  
10 don't remember the telecom one was for, but the rest of it looks to be, time  
11 frame, maybe the Super Bowl trip.

12 Jeff Brown: Is that your signature on the first page of this document?

13 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

14 Jeff Brown: And just one final document here. This is CAO\_0062 through 76. What is this  
15 document?

16 Former Deputy COS: It looks like office supplies reimbursement.

17 Jeff Brown: Okay. Whose signatures are those on the front, if you're aware?

18 Former Deputy COS: That's Ashley Sylvester's. That one, I don't know.

19 Paul Solis: It looks like it possibly could be ... the first name there could be David. Under  
20 it is member/chairman/officer/other approver's signature. Do you recall if  
21 that looks like Representative Schweikert's signature?

22 Former Deputy COS: I don't think so.

23 Paul Solis: Okay.

24 Jeff Brown: Is Representative Schweikert generally or ever involved in signing these  
25 sorts of reimbursement forms?

26 Former Deputy COS: No.

27 Jeff Brown: Okay. When there is a document that calls for a  
28 member/chairman/officer/other approver's signature, who is generally  
29 signing those documents?

30 Former Deputy COS: Often it was me, as in the case of these first two, with two other people  
31 viewing it before I would sign it. But this one, I don't what the ... I don't  
32 remember seeing that one.

33 Jeff Brown: Does representative Schweikert keep a stamp-

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- 1 Former Deputy COS: Yes.
- 2 Jeff Brown: ... of his signature? Okay.
- 3 Former Deputy COS: Yes.
- 4 Jeff Brown: And what is that stamp used for?
- 5 Former Deputy COS: I don't recall anyone ever stamping a reimbursement. It's usually for like  
6 signing letters to other members. It is not his signature on that, on that  
7 stamp though.
- 8 Jeff Brown: I want to make sure that I understand this. For MRA-related disbursements,  
9 Representative Schweikert is generally not a signatory to any of those  
10 documents?
- 11 Former Deputy COS: Yes, correct.
- 12 Jeff Brown: With these documents in front of you, can you help again just ... I know we've  
13 talked about this, but if you can walk us through the process by which  
14 somebody is going to get reimbursed for office supplies or travel ... Can you  
15 walk us through that with reference to these documents? How does the  
16 process work in Representative Schweikert's office?
- 17 Former Deputy COS: It looks like this is the government card, so ... Actually, I don't know if it is or  
18 if it's his card. It's been a long time. But typically, you would printout the, at  
19 least at the time ... And this may have been the one that kind of triggered my  
20 whole receipt thing. I would only do receipts if they had printouts of the  
21 flights. But, if I remember correctly, but you'd submit your flights. This is a  
22 little out of the typical norm as far as what the ... of the signature.
- 23 Jeff Brown: Just for the record, you're referring to the document-
- 24 Former Deputy COS: 005.
- 25 Jeff Brown: Thank you.
- 26 Former Deputy COS: But it looks like they're all flights to and from Phoenix. It could be member  
27 travel or David travel or both of them together. Since it looks like it is all  
28 flights, that may have been why. Everything else, you would provide Amazon  
29 printouts, receipts of what you ordered to be reimbursed. We'd go through  
30 those, and if they were office appropriate, you would sign them.
- 31 Jeff Brown: And then after these documents were signed and they're compiled with  
32 receipts, where do these documents go?
- 33 Former Deputy COS: I kept a bunch in a filing cabinet in my desk. Anything that I signed, I kept for  
34 myself a copy. I turned those back in when I left.
- 35 Jeff Brown: Aside from the copy that you kept, where would the originals go?

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1 Former Deputy COS: Well, so the originals would be turned in by Mary O'Connor. I thought they  
2 were copies coming back to me but they may have been the originals that  
3 come back after she processes them.

4 Paul Solis: But where is she taking them to?

5 Former Deputy COS: Oh, to just the reimbursement ... the-

6 Paul Solis: So House -

7 Former Deputy COS: The House-

8 Paul Solis: [inaudible crosstalk 00:48:04]-

9 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

10 Jeff Brown: Did Mary have an official title in the office?

11 Former Deputy COS: I don't remember what her official title was, but she is a reimbursement  
12 contractor essentially and works for several offices.

13 Jeff Brown: If you had to describe what Mary did on day-to-day basis, how would you  
14 describe that?

15 Former Deputy COS: She would come in. She'd most ... pay the bills, anything that we had that  
16 came in, any sort of bills that she had pay ... that needed to be paid. She  
17 would pay the bills. If we have any reimbursements, she would look over the  
18 reimbursements with me and then process them.

19 Paul Solis: You want to ask about ... He mentioned a Super Bowl trip.

20 Jeff Brown: I do want to ask you about that.

21 Former Deputy COS: I figured you would.

22 Jeff Brown: What can you tell us about that trip?

23 Former Deputy COS: I was-

24 Paul Solis: First of all, you called it the Super Bowl trip, so why do you call it the Super-

25 Former Deputy COS: Because it was the weekend of the Phoenix Open and the Super Bowl. It was  
26 also the Super Bowl ... They called it the Super Bowl trip in that article.

27 Paul Solis: Okay.

28 Jeff Brown: And by the article, you are referring to-

29 Former Deputy COS: The Examiner article.

30 Jeff Brown: Thank you. What can you tell us ... Well, I should actually ... When did you  
31 first read the Examiner article?

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- 1 Former Deputy COS: It was kind of interesting. I started getting texts and phone calls, "Let's do  
2 lunch," on November 5th from former staffers or other people on the Hill. I  
3 was like "Okay, let's do lunch." Then finally one of the former staffers said "I  
4 can't believe you went to the press on this," and I was like ... I had no idea  
5 that this article was coming out, and I did not talk to the press so I was just  
6 as surprised as anyone else on that. But when I read that, I assumed at some  
7 point you all would be calling me.
- 8 Jeff Brown: Aside from what you've read in the Examiner article, what first-hand  
9 knowledge do you have about Mr. Schwab's trip to Phoenix?
- 10 Former Deputy COS: As far as I know, it was a mix-use trip with probably I would say more  
11 official business than unofficial. He did go to the actual Super Bowl but  
12 because of the two week weekend ... or the weekend that was there, it was  
13 both the Phoenix Open and the Super Bowl. I remember at one point in time,  
14 he told me everything that he was doing that was officially related. And I ...  
15 as lodging if I remember correctly, it was the standard Hilton that he had  
16 already stayed ... always stayed in. So other than the cost which as someone  
17 who had just done the budget was really frustrated with, but I had no reason  
18 to believe that he had gone off the reservation on that trip as far as ethics is  
19 concerned.
- 20 Jeff Brown: What sort of official activities do you recall him telling you that he was  
21 doing?
- 22 Former Deputy COS: I think and again this is two years ... two years now, no three years. I know  
23 he was taking office meetings. I know he was in the office really early every  
24 day he was down there and working out of the District office. I believe he  
25 took some site tours and some other things. And, you know, he also went to  
26 the Super Bowl and I believe that was at least one fundraiser that was down  
27 there. No, I think ... a McCarthy fundraiser I think.
- 28 Jeff Brown: Let's take some of that one at a time. How would you be aware of what  
29 official activities he was doing aside from him telling you?
- 30 Former Deputy COS: That would have been it.
- 31 Paul Solis: When you said he was in the office early, and do you know that by emails he  
32 was sending or by phone calls he was making?
- 33 Former Deputy COS: I believe he did call me once from the office number and I just ... I vaguely  
34 remember him saying ... I asked him, "Why are you calling me from the  
35 District office this early," and he's, "I'm working."
- 36 Jeff Brown: Okay. And you said he was in the office every day he was there during that  
37 trip?

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1 Former Deputy COS: I actually don't know that for sure. I would ... he claimed to be in the office  
2 every day and he never gave me a reason to believe when he was in the  
3 office that he wasn't in the office, that he said that he was in the office that he  
4 wasn't in the office.

5 Jeff Brown: Let's break some of this down. You said he attended the Super Bowl. How do  
6 you know that?

7 Former Deputy COS: There were pictures on Facebook and he told me he was going to go to the  
8 Super Bowl.

9 Jeff Brown: Okay. Do you know if he attended the Super Bowl with anyone?

10 Former Deputy COS: His wife and David.

11 Jeff Brown: Are you aware-

12 Paul Solis: And that's Representative Schweikert?

13 Former Deputy COS: Yes, sorry.

14 Jeff Brown: Are you aware of any other activities that he partook in on Super Bowl  
15 Sunday?

16 Former Deputy COS: No.

17 Jeff Brown: You mentioned the Phoenix Open. Did Oliver attend the Phoenix Open?

18 Former Deputy COS: I do not know.

19 Jeff Brown: Okay. Is the Phoenix Open an event that Representative Schweikert or other  
20 staffers have attended in the past?

21 Former Deputy COS: I don't know.

22 Jeff Brown: Aside from the Super Bowl, what other-

23 Former Deputy COS: I will say this about the Phoenix Open. I do know that that particular time of  
24 year is ... or with the Phoenix Open, every year has been, you know, you go  
25 out there, you take meetings, you show people around the District because it  
26 is a busy ... lots of people fly in and want to talk to the member that  
27 represents. But I don't know if they ever attended the actual event.

28 Jeff Brown: And are those events campaign related or official?

29 Former Deputy COS: I am unaware of any campaign-related events to the Phoenix Open. I would  
30 ... the ones that I can think of are site tours and things like that, typical  
31 official-type business.

32 Jeff Brown: Aside from the Super Bowl, what other activities do you know that Oliver  
33 Schwab attended during that period?

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1 Former Deputy COS: I don't remember.

2 Jeff Brown: You said that you saw photos on Facebook. Do you remember seeing any  
3 photos besides Super Bowl pictures?

4 Former Deputy COS: I don't remember any other about the Super Bowl pictures ... other than the  
5 Super Bowl pictures and I am no longer friends with Oliver on Facebook.

6 Jeff Brown: You mentioned his wife was out in Arizona at the time. How do you know  
7 that?

8 Former Deputy COS: I think she was in there in the pictures with him. I'm not sure they were  
9 married yet. I don't remember exactly when they got married.

10 Jeff Brown: Did staffers in Representative Schweikert's office, when they traveled to the  
11 District, was it common or did it ever happen that they would travel with  
12 significant others?

13 Former Deputy COS: I don't-

14 Jeff Brown: And I don't mean to suggest that official funds would be used to pay but-

15 Former Deputy COS: No, I don't think so. Not typically. I-

16 Jeff Brown: So-

17 Former Deputy COS: - I never went with my wife the entire time I was with David.

18 Jeff Brown: So, aside from what we'll call the Super Bowl trip in 2015, you're not aware  
19 of Oliver's wife ever being out in the District when he was there for either  
20 official or campaign-related business?

21 Former Deputy COS: I think there were times that she was working for the NRCC where she  
22 would be out there ... she was an employee of the NRCC at one point in time  
23 in that region. So, she may have been out there with him. I don't remember  
24 the exact timeframe and there was a period where she was unemployed, so  
25 she may have been out with him. I don't remember any specific times.

26 Paul Solis: Were you the one who looked at reimbursement receipts after that trip?

27 Former Deputy COS: I was.

28 Paul Solis: Did you notice anything you felt to be not official or did you reject any  
29 requests for reimbursement?

30 Former Deputy COS: No, other than I can't believe you just busted a hole in my budget, but no.

31 Paul Solis: So, you felt that the costs were high?

32 Former Deputy COS: Yeah, but not unreasonable based on the weekend that it was there and  
33 looking at some of the ... I did ... I don't remember if I looked before or after

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1 for hotels on my own. I just remember it being really expensive to go out to  
2 Scottsdale that weekend.

3 Paul Solis: Okay. Did ... were there any reimbursement requests for Mr. Schwab's wife  
4 in any capacity?

5 Former Deputy COS: No, not that I know of.

6 Jeff Brown: How about family members? His mother or his brother?

7 Former Deputy COS: Out to the District for reimbursements, no. I can't say for certain whether or  
8 not there was any time that they were out there with him. I'd never  
9 processed any reimbursements for them.

10 Jeff Brown: If Mr. Schwab indicated on a reimbursement that he was having a meal with  
11 constituents, would you ask questions about who those constituents were?

12 Former Deputy COS: Not typically. He didn't ... no, not typically.

13 Paul Solis: You mentioned something about a McCarthy fundraiser that weekend if I  
14 recall.

15 Former Deputy COS: I think there was an NRCC fundraiser at some point in time over the course  
16 of that weekend that McCarthy was there.

17 Paul Solis: And that's because you ... well, how would you become aware of that or how  
18 did you become aware of that?

19 Former Deputy COS: I mean Kevin McCarthy was in the photos I think of the Super Bowl at some  
20 point in time and there was a lot of chatter in the office. It was common  
21 knowledge on the Hill that they were going to have an event out in Phoenix  
22 for the NRCC that weekend.

23 Jeff Brown: You mentioned Oliver expressing some frustration over the Kevin McCarthy  
24 related fundraiser. Can you elaborate on that?

25 Former Deputy COS: It ended up not being a fundraiser and actually now that I think about it, the  
26 Friday before the second incident which would have been in October of  
27 2016, where Oliver yelled at me for an hour and a half on the phone, Kevin  
28 McCarthy air-dropped a, you know, there were some ... they were doing one  
29 thing and Kevin McCarthy called and said, "I want to do a Valley Fever event  
30 instead." And in two days we put together a Valley Fever event.

31 Jeff Brown: What's a Valley Fever-

32 Former Deputy COS: I'm sorry, Valley Fever is a fungus that is common in Arizona and Southern  
33 California that kills people. It's a fairly ... it's very common. Pretty much  
34 everyone gets it but it can basically cause you to rot from the inside out if  
35 you get a severe case of it. There's not a lot of studies done. David and Kevin  
36 McCarthy joined together to do ... to start the Valley Fever caucus and work

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1                               towards, you know, trying to get the NIH to fund a cure. There was no ... as  
2                               far as my awareness was concerned, there was never a fundraiser, any sort  
3                               of campaign aspect to the Valley Fever caucus or any Valley Fever event.

4   Jeff Brown:               Before we leave this topic, are you aware of Oliver Schwab and his wife  
5                               attending a basketball game of any kind over Super Bowl weekend?

6   Former Deputy COS:   No.

7   Paul Solis:               You mentioned, that same weekend, we asked you about the McCarthy  
8                               event, you said there was discussions in the office about an NRCC ...

9   Former Deputy COS:   No, not within the office. It was just on the hill, people knew there was going  
10                              to be an NRCC event.

11   Paul Solis:             That Superbowl weekend ...

12   Former Deputy COS:   Yep.

13   Paul Solis:             And you saw, did you see pictures of that event?

14   Former Deputy COS:   Not of the event, I just saw pictures of Kevin McCarthy there.

15   Paul Solis:             Okay. Do you know if Representative Schweikert, or Oliver Schwab ... Do you  
16                              whether they attended this event?

17   Former Deputy COS:   I would assume they did, I do not know for certain.

18   Paul Solis:             Why would you assume that they would?

19   Former Deputy COS:   It's the leader, if the majority leader was there doing a fundraising event,  
20                              David and Kevin McCarthy are close. I would make the assumption that he  
21                              was there if there was an event. I almost guarantee you that I would be right.

22   Paul Solis:             And the same would go for Oliver's attendance?

23   Former Deputy COS:   If David was going to an event and Oliver was in the district, then Oliver  
24                              would also attend the event.

25   Jeff Brown:             We've talked about this, but I want to ask it again. Do you have any concerns  
26                              about any sort of office supply purchases that Oliver made during his tenure  
27                              as Chief of Staff?

28   Former Deputy COS:   Not directly, and there was nothing ... Oliver and I got into it multiple times  
29                              over the Dyson fan that he bought for the back office, which was reimbursed.  
30                              It did go through Office of Payroll, Mary I believe flagged it and said, "Is this  
31                              okay?" I don't remember what it was, but I brought that up regularly, about  
32                              how I thought that was a waste of money. And he did not appreciate that, but  
33                              I continued to rib him about it.

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1 Other office supplies, I have no indication that he bought anything that he  
2 used at home, or didn't bring anything into our office or the Arizona office.

3 Jeff Brown: Did staff use Apple products?

4 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

5 Jeff Brown: I'm going to show you two documents, CAO\_0634 and CAO\_0549.

6 Do the products listed on these pages, do these appear to be products that  
7 would've been used in the office?

8 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

9 Jeff Brown: How would those have been used in the office?

10 Former Deputy COS: Oliver spoke almost exclusively on his Apple . . . sorry, on his iPhone, and he  
11 would go through headphones like crazy. He would go through them a lot,  
12 and so I would imagine that he got sick one day, or sick of having the ones  
13 break and bought a whole bunch.

14 Jeff Brown: How about the digital adapters?

15 Former Deputy COS: I do not know about the HDMI or lightning adapters, but it would not be out  
16 of the realm to want to use them to put them out of display, that wouldn't  
17 flag my concern.

18 Jeff Brown: We've talked a little bit about education already. Are you aware of any  
19 educational courses that Oliver took while Chief of Staff, for Rep.  
20 Schweikert?

21 Former Deputy COS: I think he was doing a Harvard Business School enrichment. I don't  
22 remember ever being asked to sign a reimbursement for that.

23 Jeff Brown: Besides Harvard, how about any other institutions?

24 Former Deputy COS: No.

25 Jeff Brown: Do you recall ever hearing anything about him taking coursework at  
26 Stanford?

27 Former Deputy COS: No.

28 Jeff Brown: How about Johns Hopkins?

29 Former Deputy COS: No.

30 Jeff Brown: The Naval War College?

31 Former Deputy COS: No. Maybe the Naval War College, I don't remember him talking much about  
32 it, but he may have mentioned something about wanting to do coursework  
33 over there, or him talking about how it was a great thing with Kat or Ryan.

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1 Jeff Brown: If he was going to be reimbursed for coursework, who would've signed the  
2 paperwork for those reimbursements?

3 Former Deputy COS: I would think it would have been me and Mary. Me with Mary looking over. I  
4 don't remember ever seeing that.

5 Jeff Brown: Okay.  
6 Are you familiar with the Casey Family Foundation?

7 Former Deputy COS: I don't think so.

8 Jeff Brown: Are you aware of Oliver's involvement in any sort of family foundation?

9 Former Deputy COS: He does have a family foundation, I don't know ... I thought it was a Schwab  
10 family foundation, but if it's a Casey family foundation that's possible.

11 Jeff Brown: What do you know about that family foundation?

12 Former Deputy COS: That he's on the board, and that's about it.

13 Jeff Brown: What's the purpose of this foundation?

14 Former Deputy COS: I don't know. He and I didn't talk about it.  
15 I wanted to bring something up which made the interactions that I had  
16 before I left his office so stunning. He knew that my wife was pregnant, my  
17 wife was considering leaving her job to stay home with our kids. I shared  
18 that information with him, told him we were looking at buying a new house,  
19 and he said, "My foundation could provide a bridge loan for you and your  
20 family if you needed to get your new house and didn't have time to sell your  
21 old." I found that to be nice but strange, and did not take him up on the offer.

22 Jeff Brown: Did you have any other discussions about what type of work the foundation  
23 did?

24 Former Deputy COS: No.

25 Jeff Brown: Do you know what his role was at the foundation?

26 Former Deputy COS: I really don't. I know it existed, and I'm sure we had conversations about it. I  
27 don't recall it being relevant, or significant.

28 Jeff Brown: So aside from how Oliver is compensated for his work as Chief of Staff on the  
29 Hill, aside from his compensation that he receives directly from House of  
30 Representatives, are you aware of any other income streams that Mr.  
31 Schwab has?

32 Former Deputy COS: No.

33 Paul Solis: That foundation, do you know if he's paid by the foundation?

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1 Former Deputy COS: I do not know.

2 Jeff Brown: Does the company Chartwell Associates, or Chartwell LLC, does that mean  
3 anything to you?

4 Former Deputy COS: He has a company named Chartwell, I think at one point in time, he may  
5 have formed it when he did – when he branded David’s Super PAC, that may  
6 have been the name he called it. He had it, but I’m unaware of anything  
7 business-related that Chartwell ever did, other than ... In the back of my  
8 mind, it sticks that it may have been the name of the company that he did the  
9 Super PAC against Ben Quayle.

10 Jeff Brown: Are you aware of any of the political consulting work that Oliver does for  
11 Representative Schweikert?

12 Former Deputy COS: No. I had very little to do with the campaign side.

13 Jeff Brown: What do you know about the campaign work that Oliver does?

14 Former Deputy COS: I would have never even considered Oliver to be a political consultant for  
15 David based on my knowledge. Chris Baker, I always thought was David's  
16 political consultant.

17 Jeff Brown: Why do you say that?

18 Former Deputy COS: Cause David has referred to Chris Baker as his political consultant, Oliver's  
19 referred to David as his political consultant.

20 Jeff Brown: Why would you say that Oliver is not somebody that does political  
21 consulting work for Representative Schweikert?

22 Former Deputy COS: The relationship that he had with David as far as campaign, seemed to have  
23 been as similar as the other office that I worked for, so it just didn't seem  
24 like political consultant was what I would call him.

25 Jeff Brown: Are you aware of whether or not Miss Schwab received any sort of monies  
26 from the campaign committee or the PAC?

27 Former Deputy COS: I am not.

28 Paul Solis: I had asked you this question earlier, whether or not Mr. Schwab did work  
29 for Representative Schweikert's campaign committee, and you did confirm  
30 that you knew that he did do work for the campaign committee. You just  
31 didn't know whether or not he was compensated for that work. Is that right?

32 Former Deputy COS: I wouldn't have called him a political consultant, is what it comes down to. I  
33 know he did campaign work, I wouldn't have called him a political  
34 consultant. I am unaware of any third party relationship that he has  
35 business-wise.

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1 Paul Solis: I just want to confirm with the work, and that word can be sort of broad, but  
2 you do have knowledge that he provided services, or did do work, for  
3 Representative Schweikert's campaign committee. Whether it's on a political  
4 consultancy basis, that's a different question.

5 Former Deputy COS: He raised money for David.

6 Paul Solis: Right. Okay.

7 Jeff Brown: Do you know if Oliver Schwaab has any real estate or rental property  
8 investments of any kind?

9 Former Deputy COS: I believe he has some sort of family compound thing in Michigan, and I  
10 believe he owns a house in, or he did at one point in time, own a house in  
11 Arlington or Alexandria or the one right across the way. At one time I know  
12 he was exploring rental properties but, I'm not aware of anything beyond  
13 those two properties.

14 Jeff Brown: Have you ever heard of a company called Pinkham Management?

15 Former Deputy COS: No.

16 Jeff Brown: How about Allerton Property Management?

17 Former Deputy COS: No.

18 Jeff Brown: Health and Wellness Partners?

19 Former Deputy COS: Nope.

20 Jeff Brown: Marcos Lopez, ever heard of Marcos Lopez?

21 Former Deputy COS: No.

22 Jeff Brown: Jim Hamilton?

23 Former Deputy COS: I have heard of Jim Hamilton.

24 Jeff Brown: Who's Jim Hamilton?

25 Former Deputy COS: I thought he did work for Uber, maybe. It may have been Uber, or Phoenix  
26 Raceway.

27 Jeff Brown: Do you know if Oliver Schwab has any sort of income related to any of these  
28 rental properties or real estate investments?

29 Former Deputy COS: No.

30 Jeff Brown: How about the company, Bristol Consulting? Does that mean anything to  
31 you?

32 Former Deputy COS: No.

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1 Jeff Brown: Are you aware of whether Oliver Schwab's wife has a consulting company of  
2 any kind?

3 Former Deputy COS: No.

4 Jeff Brown: What can you tell me about Oliver Schwab's wife being hired as a temporary  
5 employee in Representative Schweikert's office?

6 Former Deputy COS: I don't ... I can't remember if they were married yet or just engaged. It was to  
7 do payroll processing. I was not necessarily comfortable with that  
8 arrangement, and told Oliver, counseled Oliver to get approval from Ethics ...  
9 He claimed that Ethics said it was fine.

10 Jeff Brown: What made you uncomfortable?

11 Former Deputy COS: I mean, it's a relationship that processes money, and I was ... After he got  
12 approval and confirmed that I would be signing any reimbursement  
13 approvals, I said okay.

14 Paul Solis: Did you see a letter from the Ethics Committee, or any emails or any  
15 documentation?

16 Former Deputy COS: I did not.

17 Paul Solis: It's just his statement to you, it was approved?

18 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

19 Jeff Brown: Were there ever any other instances that you're aware of that Oliver would  
20 seek approval for any activities from the Committee on Ethics?

21 Former Deputy COS: He did, I mean, anything specific no, he did fairly regularly say that if there's  
22 any question that you have on something you're doing, call Ethics first.

23 Jeff Brown: Do you know if he sought Ethics Committee advice on anything related to  
24 the Super Bowl trip?

25 Former Deputy COS: I do not.

26 Paul Solis: I just want to very briefly return to the question of Mr. Schwab's work for  
27 Representative Schweikert's campaign committee. In the last series of  
28 questions you said that he raised money for Representative Schweikert in a  
29 sort of fund raising capacity? Aside from the fund raising capacity, are you  
30 aware of any other work that he performed for Representative Schweikert's  
31 campaign committee?

32 Former Deputy COS: No, I do not.

33 Paul Solis: Okay.

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- 1 Former Deputy COS: That is the reason why I would qualify him, I would not have qualified him as  
2 a political consultant.
- 3 Jeff Brown: Is there anything that we haven't talked about or haven't asked you about  
4 that you think is relevant, in light of the things we've discussed today?
- 5 Former Deputy COS: I have always thought that Oliver is pretty good with ethics with a capital E. I  
6 had no reason to distrust him during my time with David up until the very  
7 end, when he completely went off the rails. I would say that Oliver was a  
8 close friend for the entire time that I worked with David. He seemed to never  
9 want to actually step over the line. He seemed to be very ... He had no desire  
10 to step over the line, and I had no reason to believe that ... He never gave me  
11 any indication that he would try to step over the line. In hindsight, I would  
12 have done things differently, and if I ever go back to the Hill in a capacity as a  
13 chief or a budget director for an office, I will do things differently, but it's  
14 hindsight. At the time I had no reason not to trust David.
- 15 Jeff Brown: Specifically, what would you have done differently in Representative  
16 Schweikert's office?
- 17 Former Deputy COS: I would have required more documentation for reimbursements, who were  
18 you having dinner with things like that. If for no other reason than, it  
19 protects you as the employee.
- 20 Jeff Brown: Would it have been common practice for mixed purpose-related trips to  
21 have consulted guidance from the ethics committee?
- 22 Former Deputy COS: I never had a mixed purpose trip. That's not true, I had one that was an after-  
23 hours fund raiser with Lamar Smith. I was not required to attend, I chose to  
24 attend and that was not the reason I went out, it just happened to be at the  
25 same time. And so no, I didn't consult with them because the reason I went  
26 out there was to staff a field hearing for the house science space and  
27 technology committee on waters of the US.
- 28 Jeff Brown: Is there anyone else who you think it behoove the OCE to talk to about  
29 things we discussed today?
- 30 Former Deputy COS: If you haven't talked to Kevin, then you should talk to Kevin. Mary O'Connor,  
31 if you haven't talked to Mary O'Connor. April, and I don't remember her last  
32 name.
- 33 Jeff Brown: Who is April?
- 34 Former Deputy COS: She was before Mary she was our finance reimbursements person. She was  
35 hired by Matt, not by Oliver, stayed after Matt left, and then fired us after  
36 Oliver said he was leaving. The first time, when he actually had paperwork, I  
37 just don't want to train anyone new because she was maxed out on offices. I  
38 mean other than that, I don't think so.

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- 1 Paul Solis: Just going back to the article in the Examiner, it discusses several aspects of  
2 Oliver Schwab's time in the office and then his potential work with the  
3 various political committees and campaign committee, the office supply  
4 reimbursements and educational reimbursements. So although we've talked  
5 a bit about this stuff and your knowledge of it, I mean when you read this  
6 article, how much of it did you feel was accurate and how much did you just  
7 have no awareness of, and what was your response to it?
- 8 Former Deputy COS: The supplies, there were times I thought he was buying too many supplies.  
9 Again Mary O'Connor to caution was doing the same thing, slow down on the  
10 supplies, quit burning stuff.
- 11 Paul Solis: The article mentions \$20,000 does that seem like a-
- 12 Former Deputy COS: Over the course of the entire ... Over the course of six years, that seems like it  
13 could be possible.
- 14 Paul Solis: Okay. The \$5,000 for the Super Bowl trip weekend, does that seem?
- 15 Former Deputy COS: Yeah, no I mean, I saw the reimbursement but I had no reason to think that  
16 he misrepresented what he was doing out there to me.
- 17 Paul Solis: So that figure seems right?
- 18 Former Deputy COS: Mm-hmm (affirmative). Yeah.
- 19 Paul Solis: And you mentioned the hotel was expensive during that weekend. All hotels  
20 in the area were expensive during that weekend. So \$4,000 total you recall a  
21 number like that?
- 22 Former Deputy COS: Yeah, that seems about right.
- 23 Paul Solis: Okay. The article also talks about the potential mixed purpose nature of the  
24 trip and that Mr. Schwab had given a statement to the Examiner about  
25 tickets being paid for by the McCarthy Victory committee to the golf  
26 tournament potentially others, you know, you said that you were aware of  
27 him being in the office and he was doing official work during that time. Did  
28 the mixed purpose nature, that mixed purpose discussion in the article make  
29 you think any way about the trip in hindsight?
- 30 Former Deputy COS: No. I mean, it looks bad. And in hindsight, maybe he shoulda gotten the  
31 campaign to pay for it but again, when you're on your own time you're on  
32 your own time. I felt like Oliver probably spent the proper number of work  
33 hours actually doing official business while he was down there.
- 34 Paul Solis: Okay. And that's as-
- 35 Former Deputy COS: As I remember it.

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1 Paul Solis: You're someone that reviewed the reimbursement requests after the fact.  
2 And we've asked you about his potential work with the campaign  
3 committee, or the Friends of Schweikert Pact and payments to Chartwell or  
4 directly to Mr. Schwab himself. You know the figures in the article are  
5 \$164,000 from the various campaign committees of Representative  
6 Schweikert.

7 Does that number say anything to you? Do you recall any discussions you  
8 had with him?

9 Former Deputy COS: When I read the article, the supplies, the Super Bowl trip, my thoughts were  
10 those look bad, but I think they're fine. Just as my relationship with him, I  
11 didn't think anything of those based on the amount of work that I knew that  
12 he was doing and there were times he was not studious with supplies, it  
13 seemed like he made basically writing with a pen one time and then lose it  
14 and go have to buy new pens. I mean, that's kind of how he's a very flighty  
15 guy when it comes to that type of stuff. I was shocked by the campaign stuff.  
16 I was unaware completely and I told that to Kate, Kate is my wife by the way,  
17 I told my wife I was very surprised by that.

18 Paul Solis: And then \$7,000 or approximately \$7,000 for these courses, Harvard,  
19 Stanford-

20 Former Deputy COS: I don't remember any of those.

21 Paul Solis: Okay. And is the person who was handling the budget at the time should  
22 have educational reimbursement be requested in the office, I would have  
23 come to you?

24 Former Deputy COS: It should have. I don't remember anyone requesting an educational  
25 reimbursement beyond the student loan repayment within the office.

26 Paul Solis: Has anyone from Representative Schweikert's office talked to you since this  
27 article's come out? About our review, about the OCEs review?

28 Former Deputy COS: Only that Kevin and I, we talk regularly, he said that the office is in  
29 investigating being investigated by the OCE, if they call, cooperate.

30 Jeff Brown: When was that conversation?

31 Former Deputy COS: Before Christmas, I think.

32 Paul Solis: That was a telephone conversation?

33 Former Deputy COS: Yep.

34 Paul Solis: Anybody else? You ever hear from Representative Schweikert or any of his  
35 lawyers about-

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1 Former Deputy COS: I have not talked to anyone. I have not talked physically over the phone or  
2 face to face, or with any sort of email with David since the Friday before  
3 Thanksgiving of 2016. And Kevin is the only person who is currently  
4 employed in the office that I still maintain contact with.

5 Paul Solis: Is Mr. Schwab still employed with the office?

6 Former Deputy COS: As far as I know.

7 Jeff Brown: Do you know Tommy Leander?

8 Former Deputy COS: I do.

9 Jeff Brown: What was Tommy's role in the office?

10 Former Deputy COS: Tommy was one of my L.A.s. He did standard L.A. work mostly new  
11 economy.

12 Paul Solis: When's the last time you spoke with him?

13 Former Deputy COS: The Friday before Thanksgiving.

14 Paul Solis: 2016?

15 Former Deputy COS: 2016.

16 Jeff Brown: How about Ryan White?

17 Former Deputy COS: I talk to Ryan very regularly. I talked to Ryan White today, not about this. I  
18 had not told ... I'm also in contact with Kelly Roberson, in case you asked  
19 that, neither of them know that I was coming in and doing this. Both of them  
20 contacted me when the article ran and Ryan was the one who tipped me off  
21 that there was an article.

22 Jeff Brown: What sort of knowledge might Ryan or Kelly have about things that are  
23 discussed in this article?

24 Former Deputy COS: Ryan, Ryan would probably have a knowledge of the ins and outs of  
25 reimbursement. Also Kelly, would have the knowledge of the ins and outs of  
26 reimbursement, but-

27 Jeff Brown: Why would they have knowledge?

28 Former Deputy COS: Standard operating procedure for reimbursements.

29 Jeff Brown: Were they ever signing anything?

30 Former Deputy COS: I am certain that at some point in time I asked Ryan to review one of my  
31 reimbursements and probably Kelly too, because I would never sign my  
32 own. And there may be times that they signed with my supervision and  
33 Mary O'Connor's supervision.

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1 Jeff Brown I just want to make sure, you didn't have ... When you read the article you  
2 said you were surprised by the amounts of money Oliver Schwab was  
3 making from the campaign and the political action committees. Did you have  
4 any insight into that at any point in time while you were working for the  
5 Congressman?

6 Former Deputy COS: No. That was the main reason why I was so taken aback when we had our  
7 meeting and he said you're going to be judged on campaign donations  
8 because I had done basically zero campaigning for David.

9 Jeff Brown: Did you see Oliver Schwab working on campaign related issues?

10 Former Deputy COS: In the office, he may have stamped envelopes but I don't think he made any  
11 fund raising phone calls within the office.

12 Jeff Brown: Do you have anything else?

13 Paul Solis: Think that's it. Obviously, we'd like you to keep this questions and our time  
14 here confidential. That does not inhibit your rights to speak with counsel or  
15 any other rights you may have so, we just always like to remind people of  
16 that.

17 Former Deputy COS: I really want this just to be ... I want to be done with them and the office. We  
18 did not end on good terms. We ended on very bad terms. I want to make that  
19 aware, make you all aware that, that we ended on very bad terms, but as far  
20 as ... I am very aware of the reimbursements and how the system worked.  
21 He never gave me any indication that he was doing anything that was not  
22 kosher at the time, and I have no recollection of any of the campaign related  
23 activities beyond it being a fundraiser.

24 Jeff Brown: One more person I'd like to ask you about. Kyle Souza. Who's Kyle Souza?

25 Former Deputy COS: Kyle Souza was David's or he was our scheduler for a while. He now works  
26 for Audible.

27 Jeff Brown: Did he play any role with either the campaign committee or PAC?

28 Former Deputy COS: I don't know. Other than as a scheduler, he probably put fundraising stuff on  
29 David's schedule, but as far as any campaign role, I don't know. I do know  
30 that Kyles' dad was a donor to David, but that's it.

31 Jeff Brown: Do you know if Kyle was in Phoenix for Super Bowl weekend 2015?

32 Former Deputy COS: I don't remember.

33 Jeff Brown: Would it have been likely or unlikely that he would have been?

34 Former Deputy COS: It's possible. I cannot remember when he became scheduler, and his, to be  
35 honest his parents live out there, so it's possible that he was working out of

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1                                   the district at one point in time and then moved up here to work out of the  
2                                   DC office. I don't remember what that time frame is.

3   Jeff Brown:                 How much information would Kyle have about any of the stuff that we  
4                                   discussed today or anything that was in the article?

5   Former Deputy COS:       I don't think much? I don't think so.

6   Jeff Brown:                 Well thank you very much for your time. We appreciate you coming in. So  
7                                   with that, we will end the recording.

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# **EXHIBIT 2**

**Transcript of Interview of  
Former Financial Administrator  
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1 Jeff Brown: Good morning, this is Jeff Brown with the Office of Congressional Ethics.  
2 With me is Paul Solis. Before us is Former Financial Administrator ("Former  
3 Fin. Admin."). Today is January the 23rd. It's a little after 8:30 a.m. We are in  
4 the Cannon House Office building. Former Financial Administrator's been  
5 given the copy of the False Statements Act. With that, we'll get started.

6 You were previously employed with Representative Schweikert. In what role  
7 were you employed with him?

8 Former Fin. Admin.: I was the financial administrator.

9 Jeff Brown: Okay. What years were you the financial administrator?

10 Former Fin. Admin.: From mid-2014 through the end of January 2017.

11 Jeff Brown: You work for others on the Hill?

12 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes.

13 Jeff Brown: Who else do you currently work for?

14 Former Fin. Admin.: Currently, I work for Congresswoman Ann Wagner, Congressman Gus  
15 Bilirakis, Congressman Evan Jenkins, Congressman Lloyd Smucker,  
16 Congressman Clay Higgins, Congressman Mo Brooks, Congresswoman  
17 Claudia Tenney and Congressman Ryan Costello.

18 Jeff Brown: And your role and your title with those individuals is what?

19 Former Fin. Admin.: Financial administrator, financial director for all of them except  
20 Congressman Costello. For Congressman Costello I handle his academy  
21 liaisons. And I also do that for Congressman Smucker along with the  
22 financial side.

23 Jeff Brown: What's an academy liaison?

24 Former Fin. Admin.: Basically I handle all the service academy nominations for two congressional  
25 districts.

26 Jeff Brown: Okay. Are there other individuals that you used to work for that you no  
27 longer work for?

28 Former Fin. Admin.: Congressman Pitts, who retired. Congressman Schweikert. Congresswoman  
29 Cathy McMorris Rodgers.

30 Jeff Brown: Okay. You said it was approximately January 2017 that you stopped working  
31 for Representative Schweikert?

32 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes.

33 Jeff Brown: Okay. What were the circumstances under which you left that office?

34 Former Fin. Admin.: I had a conversation on the 30th of December of 2016 over the phone. When  
35 Oliver Schwab said that I had scanned things incorrectly and behaved

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1 unprofessionally for 24 hours. So my time in the office would be ending  
2 January 31st, February 1st.

3 Jeff Brown: Okay. Do you know what he was referring to when he talked about an  
4 unprofessional 24 hours?

5 Former Fin. Admin.: I was a little blindsided. The scanner that I normally use was not working for  
6 about a week. So I took photos and sent the photos as scans. I'm not exactly  
7 sure. He was in meetings off the Hill and out of D.C. at the time. And said that  
8 because he received these texts, it interrupted him and was unprofessional.

9 Jeff Brown: What were the documents that you were texting?

10 Former Fin. Admin.: The documents, I don't think there were any vouchers. There were some  
11 paid interns that wanted to be on January 2nd. I had made the mistake, I  
12 thought that we could turn things in that Friday the 30th and still do the two  
13 day E-Verify onboarding. But, because of the holiday they wouldn't be able  
14 to get on until the 3rd. So, I had found this out a couple days prior and I tried  
15 to scan things with correct dates.

16 Jeff Brown: And you said that you and Mr. Schwab had a conversation which he  
17 expressed displeasure. Do you remember anything else about exactly what  
18 was discussed in that conversation?

19 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes, I do.

20 Jeff Brown: Can you elaborate?

21 Former Fin. Admin.: He mentioned that there were ... I actually wrote a replying memo to him. I  
22 don't know if you have that information?

23 Jeff Brown: We'd certainly take it, if you have a copy.

24 Paul Solis: Yeah, if you have a document.

25 Former Fin. Admin.: So we discussed the payroll authorization forms. I said I took responsibility  
26 for not submitting the payroll authorization forms to those interns last  
27 week. And explained the situation, but said I take responsibility. He brought  
28 up amounts of water, modular furniture and technology that the office had  
29 purchased. And said that there was \$40,000 combined in these items in the  
30 cage. To my knowledge, I've only been in the cage maybe once.

31 Paul Solis: What's the cage?

32 Former Fin. Admin.: The cage is essentially a storage unit. Sort of like, across from here there's  
33 storage units. And I pulled up my files. Water, that's spent approximately  
34 \$1200 to \$1450 a year. The modular furniture, here about \$7,000 and I did  
35 not know that any of that was in the cage. Part of my job, I don't have an  
36 office per se. I do hang out in one office where I do most of the hard copy  
37 work. But then I visit each office. Then I, with the technology ... I said to you  
38 before I came, there was about \$13,000. About \$10,000 in 2015. But that

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1 actually wasn't spent 'til 2016. So, I don't have any of this technology. And  
2 that's technology that has to be signed off by the member or representative.

3 Jeff Brown: What conversation prompted you to respond about water, modular  
4 furniture and technology?

5 Former Fin. Admin.: Because he brought it up and said we had this waste. I went to the cage and  
6 there's \$40,000 worth of items in there.

7 Paul Solis: Is this all in the same telephone conversation?

8 Former Fin. Admin.: This is all in the same telephone conversation. That's 7:26 p.m.

9 Paul Solis: On December 30th.

10 Former Fin. Admin.: He also said that Representative Schweikert did have some budget concerns.  
11 And that Representative Schweikert, it's a house budget. I would say it was  
12 okay, here's some information. And he being Oliver, expressed to me that  
13 every time I left the office he would have to have an hour or two  
14 conversation with the Congressman to calm him down. Which I was not  
15 privy to prior to this conversation.

16 Paul Solis: You had budget responsibilities in the office then? Can you describe them?

17 Former Fin. Admin.: I had budgeting responsibilities to advise the member / Chief of Staff to say,  
18 here's what's happening with your budget, here's where you're headed to go  
19 over, here's where you want to ... Here's what it is month to month.  
20 Obviously, that budget would change throughout the year. Predicated on the  
21 needs of the office and how the office use things. My job was to make sure  
22 that they didn't go over budget. So that the Congressman did not have to  
23 write a personal check.

24 Paul Solis: Did you have authority to make purchases or expenditures?

25 Former Fin. Admin.: The only thing would be probably once or twice I did get some office  
26 supplies that I used for my job. Which would be for the office. A lot of shared  
27 staffers for example, my phone is paid for by one office, my laptop is paid for  
28 by another office. So there's the shared cost. During that I think, I'd say  
29 probably no more than 6 vouchers, but I don't even know if they were that  
30 many vouchers that I put office supplies on.

31 Jeff Brown: To your knowledge, was Representative Schweikert aware of – Let me  
32 rephrase that. What was Representative Schweikert's involvement in your  
33 termination?

34 Former Fin. Admin.: I do not know.

35 Jeff Brown: Have you had any conversations with Representative Schweikert since  
36 December 30th, 2016?

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1 Former Fin. Admin.: I've seen him in the hall once or twice and we've exchanged pleasantries, but  
2 no real conversations.

3 Jeff Brown: I want to follow up on something Paul asked just a second ago. You were  
4 explaining some of your budgetary responsibilities, but your role as financial  
5 administrator, can you just walk us through exactly what that meant in  
6 Representative Schweikert's office?

7 Former Fin. Admin.: Sure. So in that office, my job was to do the vouchers, do the payroll  
8 authorization forms and have them signed off by authorized folks. If ... I also  
9 offered the services of helping with parking; would be working with the  
10 parking office, ID services, and different things like that. And I did, if there  
11 were ethics questions, I talked with people in ethics. Here is some  
12 information because there were questions about some whiteboard paint in  
13 the office. I did read an article about a month and a half ago.

14 Jeff Brown: Okay.

15 Former Fin. Admin.: And I knew there were conversations about Arizona travel during the Super  
16 Bowl, and there were some things in the article to which I was not privy that  
17 I was surprised to learn in the article, as well as training.

18 Jeff Brown: Before we get to the article, I would like to ask you just a couple more, sort  
19 of more background questions about the office, and then I would like to add  
20 some more detailed questions about that. How much time did you physically  
21 spend in Representative Schweikert's office?

22 Former Fin. Admin.: My normal schedule is to come in on Tuesdays and Thursdays. When I do my  
23 rounds, I'll go to each office and it could be five minutes, it could be 15 ... I  
24 would say at the outside, 30. If someone's not there to sign, I would come  
25 back. But let's say 30 minutes or so a week.

26 Jeff Brown: And I should have asked this follow-up question earlier, but what sort of ...  
27 Percentage-wise, it sounds like vouchers and budgetary issues were sort of  
28 the primary responsibilities in Representative Schweikert's office.  
29 Percentage-wise, were those the largest issues you worked on?

30 Former Fin. Admin.: Those were the largest issues. Yes.

31 Jeff Brown: And approximately how much time were you spending on those sorts of  
32 issues?

33 Former Fin. Admin.: For that particular office?

34 Jeff Brown: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

35 Former Fin. Admin.: Probably 80, 85 percent.

36 Paul Solis: And just going back to the budget, you had a sort of consulting  
37 responsibility, and so you would apprise Representative Schweikert and Mr.  
38 Schwab about the status of things, right?

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- 1 Former Fin. Admin.: Right. I would say for the Congressman, he would say, "Hey, how are we  
2 doing? Are we spending too much? Is Oliver spending too much on office  
3 supplies?" Or, it would be more conversational than ... I don't know if I ever  
4 really sat down with the Congressman to go over the budget. There was one  
5 time that he asked that I provide a sort of table of how does his office stack  
6 up with my other offices on certain things, which I did, naming the other  
7 offices as A, B, C, D, et cetera, and just sort of saying here's where you are in  
8 reference to personnel, in reference to travel.
- 9 Jeff Brown: When was the conversation, roughly?
- 10 Former Fin. Admin.: I think this has the date on it. Okay, I would say beginning of 2016 because I  
11 have 2015 totals and projected totals for 2016. So January, February 2016; I  
12 can check my work document.
- 13 Jeff Brown: No, that's fine. You've mentioned Representative Schweikert and Mr. Schwab  
14 as individuals that you've interacted with regarding your responsibilities.  
15 Was there anybody else in Representative Schweikert's office that you  
16 worked closely with?
- 17 Former Fin. Admin.: Beau Brunson, who was the Deputy Chief of Staff.
- 18 Jeff Brown: And can you talk a little bit about what Beau's role was, or what sort of  
19 working relationship you had with Beau?
- 20 Former Fin. Admin.: I had a good relationship with him until he was terminated in the fall of  
21 2016, or end of two thousand ... Oliver changed plans on when he would  
22 terminate folks, so I know he had conversations with me about changing  
23 Beau's job description, changing his salary in the fall. And I think one plan  
24 was to have him work through 2017 partially for the office and take the  
25 salary down. And then it was, "No, six months." And then it was ... it changed.
- 26 Jeff Brown: What did you know about Beau's departure from the office or termination  
27 from the office?
- 28 Former Fin. Admin.: I know that Oliver practiced what he wanted to say to Beau on me. He came  
29 into the Pitts' office and said ... We had a conversation in person, in the Pitts'  
30 office and we had a ... I know we had at least one conversation over the  
31 phone because I travel for my other, the academy side of the job, so I know  
32 we had a phone conversation. I remember sitting in a parking lot, listening  
33 to "Here's what I want to say to Beau." Until my termination, I thought I had  
34 a good relationship with the office and all the staff in the office. I don't think  
35 I've answered your question.
- 36 Jeff Brown: That's okay.
- 37 Former Fin. Admin.: Because... Oliver, on several occasions, asked me to fill out termination  
38 paperwork for himself for in a month, or six months, or a year, and then, or ...  
39 "No, do it now," and then, "No, I'm not going to do it." And he did the same

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1 thing with Beau starting that fall. I think it was three different termination  
2 dates that he had me prepare within two or three months. Oliver spoke with  
3 me and sort of went over 'here's what I want to say'. And I know he had one  
4 meeting with Beau, and then I believe a ... I don't know if he had a second  
5 meeting, but then from what I understand, he basically told Beau to not  
6 show up to the office for several weeks.

7 Jeff Brown: Do you know what prompted that?

8 Former Fin. Admin.: I can tell you what Oliver told me, but I'm having concerns because looking  
9 back, he had these conversations with me about Beau and then he used  
10 similar language about my performance. So I don't know if what Oliver said  
11 was correct. Do you understand what I'm saying? Oliver told me that Beau  
12 was unprofessional, that he sat at this desk and didn't do anything and that  
13 after he left, that there was a breath of fresh air in the office and people were  
14 doing much better. Because I was not in the office all day, every day, but only  
15 15 minutes, half an hour, couple times a week, I don't know if that's true, and  
16 I know that during my time in the office there were a couple occasions  
17 where I prepared termination paperwork for several months from the date  
18 that I was asked to prepare it. So, I don't know if this was like the M.O of ...  
19 What Oliver said to me was that for several times before, I guess he had a  
20 falling out with Beau. "Beau or Estina, myself, Oliver, we're the ones that are  
21 going to stay, and who leaves? Beau's like a brother to me." So I was a little  
22 surprised when he then started saying that Beau was unprofessional, and  
23 wasn't doing his job.

24 Jeff Brown: That isn't something you heard before that point in time, the fall of 2016?

25 Former Fin. Admin.: That's correct.

26 Jeff Brown: We've sort of touched on this, but I want to make sure that I get answers to  
27 these questions. In Representative Schweikert's office, did you have  
28 involvement with travel reimbursements?

29 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes, that's vouchers.

30 Jeff Brown: Okay.

31 Former Fin. Admin.: And doing the paperwork, not approving.

32 Jeff Brown: Okay. Were there any office policies and procedures that you were aware of  
33 with respect to travel?

34 Former Fin. Admin.: I'm not sure. Can you expand on that question?

35 Jeff Brown: Sure, were you aware of any either formal or informal guidelines that  
36 staffers needed to abide by when they were planning travel or seeking  
37 reimbursement for travel?

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- 1 Former Fin. Admin.: I know normally they seem to prefer people who use rental cars versus  
2 mileage, there wasn't that much mileage in the office. I don't think there was  
3 anything written, to my knowledge.
- 4 Paul Solis: Limits on spending, per diem rates, anything like that?
- 5 Former Fin. Admin.: What I say to all my offices is each office is its own little fiefdom. You really  
6 should have an employee manual. Not all of the offices have that. From my  
7 understanding, the office did not have an employee manual. I know I had  
8 several conversations to say this would be a good thing to do. I'm trying to  
9 think if during the end, like LAs had to have travel approved by Beau or  
10 Oliver, but that approval was never given to me as part of the packet of  
11 here's the travel reimbursement that we want you to do the voucher for.
- 12 Paul Solis: Do you know if anybody approved of Oliver's travel?
- 13 Former Fin. Admin.: I know we had several conversations of how much travel are you doing so  
14 that I can help budget how much you're going to be spending for planes, do  
15 you know how many times are you going to go out to Arizona? How much  
16 overall do you think you plan to spend on each trip and things like that, but I,  
17 as Chief of Staff, I think either he or David would have final say, but I don't  
18 know if he went to the congressman or not to seek approval.
- 19 Jeff Brown: Did Representative Schweikert have any involvements in travel approvals  
20 generally that you're aware of?
- 21 Former Fin. Admin.: I don't believe so.
- 22 Jeff Brown: And what makes you say that?
- 23 Former Fin. Admin.: He was, as I said, each office is its own little fiefdom. I have some members  
24 where I sit down with them quarterly, personally, and go over the budget  
25 with them and their Chief of Staff, and here's where you're spending. I never  
26 had any of those conversations really one-on-one, let me sit down and talk  
27 with you. It was all just sort of how are we doing and there would be other  
28 staffers in the office as well. So there really wasn't private one-on-one  
29 conversations. I honestly don't know.
- 30 Jeff Brown: In Representative Schweikert's office, did you ever deal with mixed purpose  
31 trips?
- 32 Former Fin. Admin.: A couple times with the travel card. Oliver said hey, I accidentally put this on  
33 the travel card, I should have put it on personal. I need to write a check to  
34 Citi Bank. That happened on a couple of different occasions.
- 35 Paul Solis: So although that could also potentially ... by mixed purpose what we...
- 36 Former Fin. Admin.: Right, you mean political versus.
- 37 Paul Solis: Right, right.

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- 1 Former Fin. Admin.: I did not know, until I read that article, that Oliver had his own consulting  
2 shop. That was news to me when I read the article. I knew, like many Chiefs  
3 of Staff, he did both official and political things for the member, as many do,  
4 but I was, when I read that in the article, I did not know about that. So, things  
5 were shown to, things were presented to me as I'm going out for official  
6 business for the congressman, for the office.
- 7 Jeff Brown: Did you ever discuss, relative to Mr. Schwab's travel, that he may be doing  
8 campaign work out in the district as well?
- 9 Former Fin. Admin.: I don't think so, but if I did, I probably said, as I say to my other Chiefs, if you  
10 aren't sure if it's political or official, charge it to the campaign.
- 11 Jeff Brown: Did staffers in Representative Schweikert's office, ordinarily rent cars when  
12 they went out to the district?
- 13 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes, yeah.
- 14 Jeff Brown: Did you have involvement in Representative Schweikert's office with office  
15 supply reimbursements?
- 16 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes.
- 17 Jeff Brown: Okay, and just generally, what was your role?
- 18 Former Fin. Admin.: Generally, I would get the information from the staffer, I would check to  
19 make sure that it was office supplies versus food and beverage or something  
20 personal, and there were a couple times when I was like, okay, this is  
21 something you can get from downstairs or this is something you can get  
22 from like a shelf or cabinets or whatever you get from office furnishings. I  
23 would suggest getting it there cause you can get things for free.
- 24 Jeff Brown: Do you know if Representative Schweikert's office had any policies and  
25 procedures regarding the purchase of office supplies? Either formal or  
26 informal.
- 27 Former Fin. Admin.: I mean I know when I was asked, I would say, if it's under \$500 you don't  
28 have to get the TSR approval on things, but it was more here's what's been  
29 bought. Have it be reimbursed.
- 30 Paul Solis: What was TSR?
- 31 Former Fin. Admin.: TSR. Technology Services Representative. If you buy a TV, a 60-inch TV 4G  
32 that's \$1,000 or you're getting laptop computers or things like that. They  
33 have to sign off on certain items before they can be purchased. A lot of times  
34 you can do a purchase order through CDWG or something like that versus  
35 going out to Best Buy.
- 36 Jeff Brown: Was there an individual in Representative Schweikert's office that would  
37 have been primarily responsible for purchasing office supplies for the office?

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1 Former Fin. Admin.: I would say that Oliver took it upon himself to make a lot of non-office  
2 supply store purchases.

3 Jeff Brown: Did Representative Schweikert have any involvement in office supply  
4 purchases?

5 Former Fin. Admin.: I don't think so.

6 Paul Solis: When you say non-office supply purchases, are you referring to the House  
7 office supply store?

8 Former Fin. Admin.: The office supply store downstairs. Yes. In Longworth.

9 Jeff Brown: Did Representative Schweikert have any involvement in office supply  
10 spending?

11 Former Fin. Admin.: He would joke that Oliver was spending a lot, but I don't think he ever  
12 said . . . The only thing, maybe the whiteboard paint. I don't know whose  
13 idea that was to have the whiteboard paint. That I'm not sure of.

14 Jeff Brown: You just mentioned that Representative Schweikert would joke about the  
15 amount of money that Oliver was spending on office supplies. Can you  
16 elaborate on that?

17 Former Fin. Admin.: He would basically say, "Hey, is Oliver spending a lot?" Joking around, but he  
18 did not ask specifics.

19 Jeff Brown: Would these conversations happen with any degree of frequency?

20 Former Fin. Admin.: I didn't see the Congressman that much. I'm trying to think. I probably saw  
21 him once or twice a month, so probably had six or seven interactions over  
22 the time that I was there but nothing ...

23 Jeff Brown: Regarding office supplies, six or seven interactions? I'm trying to figure out  
24 how this became a joke.

25 Former Fin. Admin.: I think it was a joke before I got there. I know I said, "Hey, do you have  
26 Amazon on speed dial?" Pens, buy them in the office supply store. These  
27 pens are so much nicer, and they're cheaper. These are the ones that the  
28 office really likes. These are conversations that I would more have with  
29 Oliver. I would be like, "Oliver, come on, you can get pens down at the office  
30 supply store. Why are you getting them from Amazon, or different lamps, or  
31 what not?" These ones are nicer, and these ones make it look ... I did on  
32 several occasions have email conversations with all my chiefs after the  
33 whole Aaron Schock Downton Abbey look. If you can buy a fishbowl and  
34 have Goldie that's going to live a week, that's office furnishings but don't go  
35 and buy a tank that's a \$1,000. My advice was always if this is on the  
36 statement of disbursements and a reporter looks at it, what is it going to  
37 look like in the paper and how is it going to reflect on a member? I had a  
38 number of email conversations with all my chiefs. Hey, this is okay. That's

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1 not okay. If you have questions, let me know because I can check with  
2 finance, or I can check with ethics.

3 Jeff Brown: Did you have a role in Representative Schweikert's office in education  
4 reimbursements?

5 Former Fin. Admin.: After the fact.

6 Jeff Brown: What do you mean by that?

7 Former Fin. Admin.: I wouldn't say education. I would say training because I would talk about  
8 ethics training and starting in November saying, "Look, everyone has to do  
9 their ethics training before the end of December. Here's where to go. You can  
10 do it in person if you haven't done that." If you were a new hire you have to  
11 do it once a year, once a second hour for senior staff. I received an email in  
12 late October of 2016 from Oliver saying he wanted to double check. In 2015 I  
13 had another office that had done training that was a quarter of the cost.  
14 Normally, training for the office would be ... On a staff retreat they would  
15 have someone come in, and that would be the training expense. It would be  
16 one expense a year, or it would be \$50 to have a course at the Library of  
17 Congress. When I received that email it said it may be allowed in the future if  
18 it primarily benefits the office rather than the individual. I told him that  
19 because I had another office the year prior want to do a training for a staffer  
20 that was a couple thousand dollars. I had checked with finance, and they  
21 said, "It can't be training that benefits the staffer. It has to benefit the office."

22 Jeff Brown: How much did this one cost, if you could estimate based on your ...?

23 Former Fin. Admin.: I know here it was a lot. After we had this email conversation we had a  
24 conversation in person. He said, she said. He says that we discussed this in  
25 the summer. I do not recall that conversation because I think it was \$7,000  
26 or \$8,000. That big of a number I would have said let's make sure. Let's get  
27 the sign off from finance or CHA or ethics first.

28 Jeff Brown: Do you handle training? Are you involved in training reimbursement for  
29 other offices?

30 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes, but I will say I've had the one in another office that was a couple  
31 thousand dollars that we had all the paperwork back up before. The money  
32 was reimbursed to the program, not to the staffer. The program was paid.  
33 The staffer was not paid except for reimbursements for the hotel then. Other  
34 than that I've had a couple that, like I said, were Library Congress training.  
35 Leadership Institute would come in or Mark Strand and there's another.  
36 I'm trying to think of the other guy that would come in to train the whole  
37 office on staff retreats.

38 Paul Solis: What about universities? Harvard University? Other universities? In your  
39 experience, any reimbursement to staffers for trainings at universities? Is  
40 this the only one?

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1 Former Fin. Admin.: This-

2 Paul Solis: Is this the only one, in your experience?

3 Former Fin. Admin.: In my experience, yes.

4 Paul Solis: Okay.

5 Jeff Brown: You mentioned something either about traveler accommodation ... Did the  
6 reimbursements related to this course at Harvard include travel, food,  
7 accommodation, anything like that?

8 Former Fin. Admin.: I know I tried to get ... From the end of October till end of December, I think,  
9 when it ... December or January of 2017 when it was finally submitted, I tried  
10 to get information and had him fill out the information for it. I don't know off  
11 the top of my head what all ...

12 Jeff Brown: What was your-

13 Former Fin. Admin.: Because the other training was, this is the cost of the course and that was  
14 paid to the folks that ran the course. And then the way that course was run,  
15 it was run over a year. I think it was like seven or eight different times  
16 during the year that folks from that state would go and they would stay  
17 overnight, and so it would be a reimbursement for the night for that  
18 particular staffer and the mileage for that particular staffer. But the course  
19 itself-

20 Jeff Brown: Were you involved in the ultimate processing of this Harvard Kennedy  
21 School reimbursement?

22 Former Fin. Admin.: I know I turned information in. I think there were questions by Finance, so I  
23 don't know if the ultimate one was when I was there or after I left. I-

24 Paul Solis: You don't know ... Did Oliver Schwab receive money from the House of  
25 Representatives reimbursed for that expense?

26 Former Fin. Admin.: I don't know because by the time I was able to get the information from him  
27 it was end of December. Whether or not he actually got reimbursed, I don't  
28 know because in the beginning of ... end of December, beginning of January, I  
29 was no longer point of contact for the office with Finance so I don't know.

30 Paul Solis: Okay. This is October 29th, 2016, 5:10 PM. He's explaining to you how this  
31 was based on benefiting the office as opposed to the individual. A minute  
32 later at 5:11 PM on the 29th of October 2016, you responded "Yes on all  
33 counts." Are you approving the reimbursement there?

34 Former Fin. Admin.: I was saying, from what he told me, it looked like it fit, that this would-

35 Paul Solis: Then what happened next? Did you turn in paperwork to the Office of  
36 Finance?

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1 Former Fin. Admin.: I turned in paperwork to the Office of Finance but I don't think it was  
2 immediately after that because it took some time for him to-

3 Paul Solis: Did the Finance Office ask you any questions about the reimbursement  
4 request?

5 Former Fin. Admin.: I think they did. I think I probably put this with the-

6 Paul Solis: You might have those emails?

7 Former Fin. Admin.: I might. I will say I don't know if they were emails or if they were phone  
8 conversations. I worked for one office for 20 years and was told that I didn't  
9 have to backup the files for several weeks. After he left, because I was a  
10 shared staffer, January 3rd about noon, 2017, 20 years of files disappeared.  
11 It took about three weeks for them to get everything back. I know, because  
12 of the storage limit on my computer, I delete a lot of stuff. However, I'm sure  
13 it's somewhere in the Cloud. IT people can get it. I can check and see-

14 Paul Solis: Okay. Well, maybe we'll talk about that at the end. When you responded to  
15 him, "Yes on all counts," did you talk to Representative Schweikert about  
16 this reimbursement request by Oliver?

17 Former Fin. Admin.: No, because I looked at what he wrote. That, to me ... I said "It has to benefit  
18 the office." He says "Yes, it benefits the office. Here's how," okay. So I don't  
19 think I talked with Representative Schweikert about this-

20 Paul Solis: Any other-

21 Former Fin. Admin.: ... at all.

22 Paul Solis: Any other educational or training reimbursement requests by Mr. Schwab  
23 during your time in the office?

24 Former Fin. Admin.: I don't think so.

25 Jeff Brown: How about by other staffers?

26 Former Fin. Admin.: I know that there was like a conference up in New York for ... I'm trying to  
27 think who it was for. I mean, there were a couple small conferences but-

28 Jeff Brown: Did you ever-

29 Former Fin. Admin.: ... nothing-

30 Jeff Brown: Did you ever remember any reimbursement requests for a Stanford-related  
31 educational course?

32 Former Fin. Admin.: I do not.

33 Jeff Brown: Okay. How about Johns Hopkins?

34 Former Fin. Admin.: Maybe. I don't think it was ... If it was, it wasn't brought to me as a training  
35 course, it was brought to me as "I attended a conference," so not ... This isn't

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1 educational, this is a training course but this is a STAFFDEL. But part of my  
2 job, I will visit the service academies. There are other Congressional staffers  
3 there but not-

4 Jeff Brown: Why does Johns Hopkins ring a bell?

5 Former Fin. Admin.: Well, Johns Hopkins rings a bell because I live in Baltimore, because there's a  
6 service academy student who is not nominated who there's a tie-in with the  
7 Hopkins-

8 Jeff Brown: But you don't remember Johns Hopkins relative to any staffers in  
9 Representative Schweikert's office?

10 Former Fin. Admin.: Off the top of my head, no. There could have been but-

11 Jeff Brown: How about the Naval War College, do you remember anybody seeking any  
12 reimbursements for Naval War College courses?

13 Former Fin. Admin.: I know that Oliver ... I think he was part of the Merchant Marine, so he  
14 mentioned taking courses there but I don't think he asked for  
15 reimbursements for those courses. If he did, it wasn't presented that way to  
16 me.

17 Jeff Brown: Okay. Do you recall if there was any sort of office policy and procedure  
18 regarding education or conference reimbursements in Representative  
19 Schweikert's office?

20 Former Fin. Admin.: I think as long as it was approved by Deputy Chief, Chief of Staff, it was okay.

21 Jeff Brown: I'd like to show you a couple documents, and then I'm going to ask you just a  
22 few questions about that. And I should say you may or may not have been  
23 involved in the processing of some of these documents, but I'm going to ask  
24 some more general questions about it. So take your time if you want to look  
25 at it, but I just have a couple very specific questions. First document I'm  
26 handing you is CAO\_0005 through 10. Can you just generally tell me what  
27 this document is?

28 Former Fin. Admin.: It's a travel card Citibank statement for the month of January 2015, mostly  
29 plane flights.

30 Jeff Brown: Okay, and the front page?

31 Former Fin. Admin.: The front page is the voucher cover sheet.

32 Jeff Brown: Okay. Do you recognize that signature?

33 Former Fin. Admin.: It's an authorized signature.

34 Jeff Brown: Do you know whose signature that is?

35 Former Fin. Admin.: I know it's David Schweikert's signature. I can tell you David Schweikert ... I  
36 don't think he actually signed any voucher forms while I was in the office.

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1 Jeff Brown: Okay. Tell me more about that. Why do you think that he didn't sign any  
2 voucher forms?

3 Former Fin. Admin.: Because, most members don't. It's an authorized signature. So normally it's  
4 someone who's authorized ... chief of staff, deputy chief of staff, some offices  
5 have a stamp.

6 Paul Solis: Mm-hmm (affirmative)- Do you know if that's a stamp?

7 Former Fin. Admin.: I don't believe that's a stamp.

8 Paul Solis: That's somebody signing his name?

9 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes.

10 Paul Solis: In your experience, who signed Representative Schweikert's name?

11 Former Fin. Admin.: Normally either Oliver or Beau.

12 Paul Solis: Any occasion where there would be somebody besides those two signing his  
13 name?

14 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes. If they weren't accessible, I would ask if somebody else could sign and  
15 say, "You know, here's what it is."

16 Paul Solis: So Beau and Oliver had authorization from Representative Schweikert?

17 Former Fin. Admin.: As far as I know, yes.

18 Jeff Brown: Do you know what the process was by which they received that  
19 authorization?

20 Former Fin. Admin.: No.

21 Jeff Brown: How does that work in other members' offices? Is it similar? Is it different?

22 Former Fin. Admin.: Pretty similar. I mean, you know.

23 Jeff Brown: I'm going to hand you one of the documents. CAO\_0011 through 26. Again  
24 just generally, what is this document?

25 Former Fin. Admin.: This is a reimbursement for Oliver Schwab for travel January 2015 to, I  
26 think, end of February. As well as the ... yeah. January, February.

27 Paul Solis: Just generally, what role would you have in creating this voucher cover  
28 sheet? If any?

29 Former Fin. Admin.: I would normally do the voucher cover sheet. For example, here he had put  
30 meals when it wasn't meals, it was meeting with constituents. So I crossed  
31 that off and made the change.

32 Paul Solis: But the approval for these expenditures, would that have occurred prior to  
33 you creating that cover sheet? Would Beau or Oliver approve the expenses

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1 or the reimbursement requests and then give the paperwork to you to  
2 process? Is that how it would work?

3 Former Fin. Admin.: I would create the cover sheets. And then they would be signed. But I believe  
4 that the items to which I would make the cover sheet were approved.

5 Jeff Brown: You would prepare the forms as it goes to the staffer who is seeking  
6 reimbursement?

7 Former Fin. Admin.: I would prepare the top forms.

8 Jeff Brown: Okay.

9 Former Fin. Admin.: Yeah, most finance folks do this. They would prepare the travel  
10 reimbursement form.

11 Paul Solis: With the accompanying receipts and documents?

12 Former Fin. Admin.: With the accompanying receipts. There were some times ... like this one, I  
13 can tell you, Oliver would prepare because sometimes I would prepare for  
14 folks if they weren't sure exactly how to do it. They would give me the  
15 receipts, I would fill this out, they would sign it. But I can tell you because  
16 this doesn't have the code for the office, I did not prepare this.

17 Paul Solis: That is CAO\_0016?

18 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes. Because of the office code, I would have put that on. A lot of the folks  
19 wouldn't know what the office code is, so. Or they may not know their staff  
20 employee number.

21 Jeff Brown: So let me hand you one more document. This begins CAO\_0062 through 76.  
22 And I just want to draw your attention to the fact that the signature line at  
23 the bottom says, "Member, chairman, officer, other approver signature."  
24 Which is different than "Authorized signature."

25 Former Fin. Admin.: That's because in October 1, 2016, the voucher cover sheet changed. That  
26 was something that the CAO made the change for that. And they also  
27 changed the expense reimbursement form. If you look at this expense  
28 reimbursement form, and that one, they're different. Because that started  
29 October 1, 2016.

30 Jeff Brown: Did that change in form come with any change in guidance about who  
31 needed to sign these documents?

32 Former Fin. Admin.: The voucher preparer needed to sign, and then still the member chairman  
33 authorized signature. But the voucher preparer, we were certify six that the  
34 voucher was prepared. You can see the difference in certifications. This  
35 signature certifies six.

36 Paul Solis: What is six?

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- 1 Former Fin. Admin.: Six is, this voucher was prepared according to the voucher documentation.  
2 And that change happened October 1. There were a number of changes to ...  
3 it used to be that if you bought something online, you had to have someone  
4 else sign to say, "Yes, that is in the office, you didn't buy it for personal use."  
5 That was anything that was purchased online had to be signed by a third  
6 party.
- 7 Jeff Brown: What sort of procedures were in place in Representative Schweikert's office  
8 to ensure that staffers were only reimbursed for legitimate expenses?
- 9 Former Fin. Admin.: I think believing in integrity of the staffers.
- 10 Jeff Brown: I guess I should ask, then walk me through the process from expense  
11 happens to reimbursement occurs.
- 12 Former Fin. Admin.: Expense happens, staffer submits the expense report to me with appropriate  
13 receipts. If there weren't appropriate receipts they would say, "Here's  
14 what ..." if it wasn't an itemized receipt, "Here's why it wasn't an itemized  
15 receipt." Prior to October 1, the Office of Finance was a lot more lenient.  
16 They now, if you do not have the missing receipt, you have to put in, "Here's  
17 what it was. I bought a ham sandwich, a soda, etc." If I would see alcohol, I  
18 would cross off the alcohol and change the amount that was being  
19 reimbursed. It would go to me. I would do the cover sheet. I would take it for  
20 a signature so that there would be somebody else looking at it and  
21 approving it.
- 22 Jeff Brown: So there would generally be two individuals, aside from the staffer who was  
23 seeking the reimbursement, that would review any reimbursement request?
- 24 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes. Although sometimes Oliver signed for himself so in that case ...
- 25 Jeff Brown: In that case, it would be Oliver and yourself?
- 26 Former Fin. Admin.: I would look at it and say, "Hey ..." if there was something, I would say,  
27 "Okay, show me the pencils." Or "Show me the lamp." Or show me whatever  
28 it is, so that I knew that it was in the office.
- 29 Jeff Brown: In your opinion, was there appropriate oversight on the spending practices  
30 in Representative Schweikert's office?
- 31 Former Fin. Admin.: Each office is its own fiefdom. How they want to run their office is up to  
32 them. I can advise, I can say, "If this shows up, how would the newspaper  
33 handle it?" If your office, if the member is okay with that ... But I can't force  
34 them to not seek reimbursement for something unless it's something like  
35 alcohol or ...
- 36 Jeff Brown: Recognizing all that, did you feel like they had the appropriate controls in  
37 place?
- 38 Former Fin. Admin.: I don't know. Each office is different.

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1 Paul Solis: How was this office different in regards to spending habits than other offices  
2 you worked in?

3 Former Fin. Admin.: I have some offices that they use their personal cars. They have maybe one  
4 or two rental cars a year. This office, there were a lot more rental cars. I have  
5 some chiefs of staff that don't travel to the district that much, so there's very  
6 little travel or flights apart from the member.

7 Paul Solis: Mr. Schwab traveled more to the district than other chiefs you worked with,  
8 or less, or the same?

9 Former Fin. Admin.: I would say more for someone who is based here in D.C. I had one chief that  
10 was based in the district that came here every week that they were in  
11 session. It wasn't more than that.

12 Paul Solis: What about purchases for office supplies, Mr. Schwab's habits of  
13 expenditure, more, less, the same as other chiefs?

14 Former Fin. Admin.: I would say more.

15 Jeff Brown: Did you ever raise any concerns with respect to the way MRA disbursements  
16 were being doled out in Representative Schwab's office?

17 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes.

18 Jeff Brown: What were those concerns?

19 Former Fin. Admin.: That things that were being purchased on Amazon could be purchased  
20 downstairs or could be gotten from office furnishings.

21 Jeff Brown: Did you raise those concerns with anyone?

22 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes.

23 Jeff Brown: Who?

24 Former Fin. Admin.: I raised them with Oliver, with Beau as hey, if somebody looks at this, it  
25 could be questioned.

26 Paul Solis: The concerns revolved around what staffers, the purchases of what staffers?

27 Former Fin. Admin.: For the most part, Oliver. I say for the most part. Basically, Oliver.

28 Paul Solis: Did you ever talk to Representative Schweikert or raise these concerns with  
29 Representative Schweikert?

30 Former Fin. Admin.: He asked for that one table, which I did prepare, which does show that the  
31 office spent significantly more than other offices on supplies and materials. I  
32 gave him the information. We didn't really have a follow up conversation  
33 because I also wanted to keep the other office's information private.

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1 Jeff Brown: We talked about this, but I want to confirm. You were involved in  
2 reimbursements for Oliver Schwab with respect to travel, office supplies and  
3 education. Correct?

4 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes.

5 Jeff Brown: That would have been from when to when? Your whole time working in  
6 Representative Schweikert's office?

7 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes.

8 Jeff Brown: Was there any request that Oliver had made that you would not have been  
9 involved in? I should say any disbursement request that you wouldn't have  
10 reviewed before they went to finance?

11 Former Fin. Admin.: Can you give me an example?

12 Jeff Brown: Sure. I'm wondering if Oliver Schwab is looking to be reimbursed for travel  
13 related expenses or education or office supplies, would those  
14 reimbursement requests always flow through you?

15 Former Fin. Admin.: I believe so.

16 Jeff Brown: You don't have any reason to believe that he was able to get reimbursements  
17 without going through the financial administrator in the office, that being  
18 yourself?

19 Former Fin. Admin.: I don't think so. Is there a specific example?

20 Jeff Brown: You've talked about us raising concerns with Oliver and Beau regarding  
21 Oliver's purchase of office supplies. Did you have any concerns with respect  
22 to Oliver's spending habits on travel?

23 Former Fin. Admin.: I asked him on several occasions how many times are you planning to go out  
24 to Arizona, so we can plan appropriately, for how many days and what  
25 you're doing. My job, while I work for the office, it's outside the office. Each  
26 office's internal workings are those office's.

27 Jeff Brown: Was there anything that ever came across your desk travel-related that  
28 raised red flags?

29 Former Fin. Admin.: Are you asking about the Super Bowl?

30 Jeff Brown: We can talk about the Super Bowl?

31 Paul Solis: How about apart from the Super Bowl? Any other trips?

32 Former Fin. Admin.: He took a number of overseas trips, but I think that they were personal.  
33 They were conferences, but he also said that they were official  
34 representational duties.

35 Paul Solis: Conferences overseas?

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- 1 Former Fin. Admin.: I don't know because he wouldn't say.
- 2 Paul Solis: Did you ever receive review paperwork related to travel overseas where he  
3 was seeking a reimbursement or used the official travel card?
- 4 Former Fin. Admin.: I don't think so. There may have been a case, but I probably would have  
5 asked, what StaffDel - Was it a flight to the airport? Was it taxi to the airport?  
6 Something like that. Normally, basically, that's covered by the trip. Then it's  
7 only taxis or a meal at the airport that you would get reimbursed for because  
8 you would have to have the paperwork for the staff trip. It would be  
9 privately funded travel, which means it would have to go through ethics first  
10 to get that approved. Anything that was approved should have the  
11 paperwork for that.
- 12 Jeff Brown: Aside from these overseas conferences that you just mentioned, was there ...
- 13 Former Fin. Admin.: Is there a specific ...
- 14 Paul Solis: No. I just want to be clear. Forget the whole – She mentioned you took  
15 overseas trips. She also mentioned conferences. I asked if there were  
16 conferences overseas. She responded, "No."
- 17 Former Fin. Admin.: I don't know. I know he got married during that time.
- 18 Paul Solis: Can I just ...
- 19 Former Fin. Admin.: Sorry.
- 20 Paul Solis: ... recap. The difference is I was asking about trips overseas. She mentioned  
21 she thought they were personal. Conferences were domestic to your  
22 knowledge.
- 23 Former Fin. Admin.: He didn't share much with me, so I don't know.
- 24 Paul Solis: That's fine. There was a distinction between the two, that's all.
- 25 Jeff Brown: Aside from everything we just discussed and aside from the Super Bowl trip,  
26 which we can get to in a second, were there any other domestic trips that  
27 Oliver Schwab took that raised any red flags for you?
- 28 Former Fin. Admin.: I don't know. I probably asked him about different trips. I know he said he  
29 went to this conference, I want to say, in Chicago where he then went to the  
30 National Archives. He showed me I gave the archivist my father's name or  
31 my grandfather's name, and they pulled all of the service records. You  
32 should do this.
- 33 Jeff Brown: You mentioned earlier that you read an article about Oliver Schwab. What  
34 article are you referring to?
- 35 Former Fin. Admin.: The one from the Washington Examiner that you have in your hand.

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1 Jeff Brown: This is a Washington Examiner article from November 2, 2017 at 6:01 pm.  
2 What was your reaction to this article?

3 Former Fin. Admin.: That there were things that I did not know.

4 Jeff Brown: What were the things that you did not know?

5 Former Fin. Admin.: Number one, that he had this consulting firm. He expressed on several  
6 occasions that he did things for the campaign and that David owed him  
7 thousands of dollars that he had personally put out for different things and  
8 that David owed him a lot of money, which was one of the reasons that he  
9 was going to be quitting on such and such a day and then that termination  
10 paperwork would be ripped up. He wasn't going to quit on that day. It was  
11 Oliver is having a hissy fit. He needs to have David tell him how great he is.  
12 Then he'll calm down. From what Oliver expressed to me this was personal  
13 reimbursement to him, that he did not say that he had this whatever the  
14 consulting firm, whatever the shop name was.

15 Paul Solis: Chartwell.

16 Former Fin. Admin.: Chartwell. I had not heard that.

17 Jeff Brown: Just so I can clarify, Oliver was indicating to you that he was making  
18 personal outlays on behalf of Representative Schweikert's campaign, that he  
19 was hoping to have reimbursed?

20 Former Fin. Admin.: No, that it was for Representative Schweikert personally, like he had all of  
21 these mileage points, so when the Congressman and his wife wanted to go  
22 overseas, Oliver used his points so that the Congressman didn't have to pay.  
23 I stay out of the political side. I worked on Joe Pitts' campaign before he  
24 came into office. I basically stayed out of the political side since.

25 Jeff Brown: Were you saying that Representative Schweikert was using Oliver Schwab's  
26 travel points?

27 Former Fin. Admin.: That's what was indicated to me by Oliver. I don't know if that's true or not.  
28 He said, "He owes me so much. He owes me thousands of dollars that I have  
29 personally put out." He did not say that he had put out as a consultant.

30 Jeff Brown: Have you ever spoken to anyone at the Washington Examiner?

31 Former Fin. Admin.: I have not.

32 Jeff Brown: Have you ever spoken to Philip Wagner?

33 Former Fin. Admin.: I have not.

34 Jeff Brown: Did you and Oliver ever discuss, regarding what I think we can refer to as  
35 this trip to Arizona during Super Bowl weekend 2015, did you ever discuss  
36 whether he would be handling any campaign related activity while he was  
37 out in the district?

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1 Former Fin. Admin.: Let me pull up. He sent an email to Beau and to me saying, "Just so you guys  
2 don't have a heart attack I wanted to give you a heads up about my trip next  
3 week. It will end up being about \$4,000 for the hotel and about \$1,000 for  
4 rental car being Phoenix Open and Super Bowl weekend. I apologize for this.  
5 It's priority for David that I'm on the ground to help as host events with the  
6 House majority leader, other visiting members. I got ..." Now it says, "two  
7 personel," but if you look at it I think he meant to say personnel issues. "We  
8 need to get out of the way." I took that as official.

9 Paul Solis: This is an email of January 24, 2015 at 5:40 from Oliver to you and Beau?  
10 Subject line: travel budget for the balance of the month?

11 Former Fin. Admin.: Right.

12 Paul Solis: Personel is spelled P-E-R-S-O-N-E-L, and you believe that's personnel?

13 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes, because we need to get out of the way. I would take that we as the office  
14 versus ...

15 Paul Solis: What is he referring to there?

16 Former Fin. Admin.: I would say staff issues in Arizona. That's how I took it.

17 Paul Solis: Do you have knowledge that there were personnel issues in Arizona that he  
18 had to deal with?

19 Former Fin. Admin.: I know there were as to the exact dates because there were a number of  
20 different times when he talked about letting people go or bringing people on.

21 Paul Solis: He says, "I'm on the ground to help as we host events with the House  
22 Majority Leader. When he says, "events," what does that mean?

23 Former Fin. Admin.: I thought that they were for the office, that they were official events.

24 Paul Solis: Why do you think that?

25 Former Fin. Admin.: I've had other offices that they have events with other members for official ...

26 Paul Solis: After the fact, did a campaign event take place with the House Majority  
27 Leader?

28 Former Fin. Admin.: I did not know that until reading this article. I did not know that his wife, or  
29 brother, or brother-in-law was out there as well. It was presented to me as  
30 I'm going out for official business for the office.

31 Jeff Brown: Did you ever learn, outside of the article, that he attended - Oliver and/or  
32 Representative Schweikert attended - the Super Bowl?

33 Former Fin. Admin.: I did not know that he had attended the Super Bowl. No, I did not know he  
34 attended the Super Bowl.

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1 Jeff Brown: Did you gain any knowledge, outside of this article, about whether or not  
2 Representative Schweikert or Oliver Schwab attended the Phoenix Open?

3 Former Fin. Admin.: I don't believe so, apart from this article.

4 Jeff Brown: Let me walk you through one of these expense reports, which you should  
5 have in front of you. If you can grab the document that starts with CAO\_0011  
6 and if you can flip to page 0023. For the record, this looks like it's a receipt of  
7 some kind from the Hilton Garden Inn in Scottsdale North/Perimeter Center.  
8 Do you know if this is the hotel that Oliver Schwab stayed in while out in  
9 Arizona during Super Bowl weekend 2015?

10 Former Fin. Admin.: It was presented to me that he was staying in this hotel during these dates.

11 Jeff Brown: Do you know if that is the hotel that he ordinarily stays in when he goes out  
12 to the district?

13 Former Fin. Admin.: I know there's a couple different hotels. I think it's one of them. I can't be  
14 100% sure because I haven't looked at these for a year plus.

15 Jeff Brown: If you can flip to page 0022. This appears to be a receipt for Richard Oliver  
16 Schwab at the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort & Spa at Gainey Ranch. It  
17 appears to be a \$185 receipt. You mentioned earlier on page ...

18 Former Fin. Admin.: Meeting with constituents for food and beverage versus meals.

19 Jeff Brown: Correct, on page 16 that you had to change that. Do you recall a conversation  
20 about that receipt or this line item on page 0016?

21 Former Fin. Admin.: No. I probably would have looked at it and said I'm guessing that this  
22 because it's four as opposed to one and because of the amount that it would  
23 be for probably Richard, the member, and staff members who were there,  
24 staff members.

25 Jeff Brown: Did you have a conversation about who attended that lunch?

26 Former Fin. Admin.: I do not believe so. I take it was not.

27 Jeff Brown: That's my question to you.

28 Former Fin. Admin.: I did not.

29 Jeff Brown: I'm going to hand you one other document that begins 0027 and ends  
30 CAO\_0027 and ends as 0061. If you can just flip to page 58. For the record I'll  
31 note, this is an e-mail that begins, it's from Oliver Schwab to you dated  
32 February 5, 2015 3:58 p.m. Mr. Schwab talks about attaching an itemized  
33 receipt for the Hilton bill. I would like to draw your attention to sort of the  
34 third paragraph down. He says, "I'm pre-booking the same hotel for the  
35 Phoenix open week next year so that we get a normal rate and not the rate  
36 once they're in room block central." Reading that, does that jog your

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1 memory about whether or not this was the hotel that Mr. Schwab would  
2 ordinarily stay in when he went out to the district?

3 Former Fin. Admin.: The Hilton Garden Inn or?

4 Jeff Brown: The Hilton that he's referring to in this e-mail.

5 Former Fin. Admin.: Looking at this?

6 Jeff Brown: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

7 Former Fin. Admin.: I presume it was The Hilton Garden Inn.

8 Jeff Brown: I'll direct your attention to a couple of pages preceding this, 0053-56, which  
9 appear to be the receipt that he's referencing.

10 Former Fin. Admin.: I mean, it looks like it's the same hotel.

11 Jeff Brown: My question is, do you know if that's the hotel that he would ordinarily stay  
12 in when he went out to the district office?

13 Former Fin. Admin.: There was that. I want to say there's a Ritz Carlton out there, but the Ritz  
14 Carlton wasn't that expensive. I mean, ordinarily the cost was like \$100-  
15 \$150.

16 Jeff Brown: I just want to ask about the location. Did he ordinarily stay in one hotel when  
17 he was out in the district or did he tend to stay in a variety of different  
18 hotels?

19 Former Fin. Admin.: I would say one or two.

20 Jeff Brown: You don't know if this is one of them that he ordinarily stayed in.

21 Former Fin. Admin.: I think it was, to be perfectly honest. I would look at Hilton. I wouldn't look  
22 at the street address. What I would be looking for would be, for example,  
23 valet laundry and making sure that came off or if there was movie rental or  
24 something like that that would not necessarily be reimbursable.

25 Jeff Brown: I should back up here and just verify for the record. You were involved in  
26 reviewing Mr. Schwab's receipts and reimbursements for this trip out to  
27 Arizona during Super Bowl weekend 2015, right?

28 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes.

29 Jeff Brown: Okay. Are you aware of whether or not, do you have any reason to believe  
30 that he tried to expense anything related to his wife's travel to the district?

31 Former Fin. Admin.: I did not know his wife had gone to the district until I read this article.

32 Jeff Brown: Okay. Did you have any reason to believe that Mr. Schwab was trying to  
33 expense anything related to his mother and brother being out in the district?

34 Former Fin. Admin.: No I did not.

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1 Jeff Brown: Okay.

2 Former Fin. Admin.: From what I understood, this was an official trip that happened to be taking  
3 place, that he had to go out there for office personnel issues, for office  
4 business. It happened to be during the Superbowl. The Superbowl was being  
5 held in Arizona. That he was going out there for official business. That's what  
6 was presented to me.

7 Paul Solis: What are you basing that understanding off of? Just the e-mail you just  
8 showed us?

9 Former Fin. Admin.: The e-mail and him talking and saying, "I'm going to be going out there. I  
10 know it's more expensive than usual." But he did not say to me other people  
11 were going out to this. There was no mention to me that other folks.

12 Paul Solis: Did he mention that any campaign events would be happening out there?

13 Former Fin. Admin.: No.

14 Jeff Brown: Having read the article and having reviewed his reimbursement requests, is  
15 there anything in hindsight that was a concern for you?

16 Former Fin. Admin.: As I said, I did not know that he had this Chartwell. I do know that when I  
17 sent the reminder in November 2015, "Hey everyone, you need to take your  
18 ethics training" that his e-mail reply was "I've never taking ethics training." I  
19 was like, "What do you mean? How long have you?" This is my little  
20 reminder to everyone that says, "Happy Thanksgiving." Take your annual  
21 ethics. I may have actually done that. I said, "Are you talking about your first-  
22 time training ever or just not last year?"

23 Jeff Brown: Okay.

24 Former Fin. Admin.: I then said, "How long have you been with the House?"

25 Paul Solis: Okay.

26 Former Fin. Admin.: "You may have to do remedial training. Talk with ethics."

27 Paul Solis: Okay, so, we've got the article discusses sort of four categories of things.  
28 We've got office supplies, educational expenses, the Super Bowl weekend we  
29 talked about, and campaigning coming from representative Schweikert's  
30 campaign committee and his PAC, his leadership PAC. You said to us you  
31 don't know anything about Chartwell or income he received, Oliver received,  
32 from the campaign committees, correct?

33 Former Fin. Admin.: That is correct.

34 Paul Solis: So the information in the article is news to you?

35 Former Fin. Admin.: That is news to me.

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1 Paul Solis: Super Bowl weekend, Jeff kind of ran through that weekend with you. You  
2 did know a little bit about that? About the messaging Oliver had provided to  
3 you about the reasons for going out there, right? The educational expenses,  
4 we talked about. You provided an e-mail concerning one of those requests  
5 for reimbursement which is the Harvard Kennedy School reimbursement,  
6 right?

7 Former Fin. Admin.: Right.

8 Paul Solis: We asked you about anything else, about possibly Johns Hopkins, about  
9 Naval War College, Stanford.

10 Former Fin. Admin.: He may have, whether it was presented to me as educational versus a staff  
11 conference.

12 Paul Solis: Right.

13 Former Fin. Admin.: Because that would be handled differently.

14 Paul Solis: Okay. The last category is office supplies. You do have some experience in  
15 that about reviewing some reimbursement requests for office supplies. You  
16 mentioned you did raise concerns -

17 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes.

18 Paul Solis: With Oliver himself -

19 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes.

20 Paul Solis: About the expenditures.

21 Former Fin. Admin.: I raised them with Oliver and Beau and it was like, "Well, you know, Oliver's  
22 chief of staff." So, what he says.

23 Paul Solis: I just want to get clarification on the concern you raised because in my mind  
24 there's a certain nature of the expenditure. You briefly touched on this. One  
25 is that the expenditures or expenditure could be replaced by, for example,  
26 furniture purchase or another type of supply purchase that the House has to  
27 give to the offices as opposed to even making a purchase. You would raise  
28 that concern, as well?

29 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes, and I did. There was a heater that was. I don't know if it was a couple  
30 hundred dollars or a thousand dollars, and I took it to finance because it was  
31 a heater, apparently an outdoor heater for the district office. I asked about it  
32 with finance. I said, "Is this reimbursable?" They said yes. For the district  
33 office, it is. I can bring things up, I can say you can buy these but ultimately if  
34 the chief of staff determines that it is appropriate I will ...

35 Paul Solis: Okay, so items that the, I mean I asked that question items the house has like  
36 furniture. I don't want to talk about things the house doesn't have because  
37 that's a separate issue. Items the house has like ...

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- 1 Former Fin. Admin.: Pens.
- 2 Paul Solis: Well, I want to ask my question first. Pens are something that you'd  
3 purchase from the house. They're not just items that the house gives you like  
4 for example chairs, like modular furniture. I want to ask about items like  
5 that, furniture items, desks, chairs, the house has those items to give to  
6 offices. Would Mr. Schwab make purchases on those types of items that the  
7 house would have that in your opinion may not need to be purchased?
- 8 Former Fin. Admin.: To the modular furniture, the office does not pay for modular furniture  
9 when it's set up in that office for the particular staffers that are there but  
10 they then would have to pay for modular furniture through the house if they  
11 changed the configuration after. That is what I believe the modular furniture  
12 was for. Things that you would also purchase through the house but you  
13 would, it would go to MRA would be like standing desks, which would sort of  
14 fall under that modular furniture. I have other offices, the ergonomic chairs.
- 15 Paul Solis: I'm just asking ...
- 16 Former Fin. Admin.: I'm sorry.
- 17 Paul Solis: I'm just asking did you ever raise a concern with Oliver? Hey, Oliver the  
18 house has this you don't need to buy it. Did you ever raise that type of  
19 concern?
- 20 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes.
- 21 Paul Solis: Okay, moving on from that what about just the general nature of amount of  
22 expenditures so this looks like an awful, for example, this looks like an awful  
23 lot to spend on pens. This looks like an awful lot to spend on folders or  
24 binders or anything else. Would you raise those types of concerns?
- 25 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes, I did. Yes.
- 26 Paul Solis: Then as you discussed you would also raise the type of concern about  
27 particular items for example a heater, where it was a larger dollar item and  
28 it just sort of triggered to you do we need this. You would also raise those  
29 types of concerns.
- 30 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes.
- 31 Paul Solis: Those three sort of categories of expenditures for office type equipment you  
32 raised concerns in all three of those categories?
- 33 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes, I did.
- 34 Paul Solis: Okay, I realize my question might've been a little confusing. I just wanted to  
35 sort of make sure I understand all those different things.
- 36 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: I have a couple quick questions before we wrap up. What can you tell me  
2 about Oliver Schwab's wife being hired as a temporary employee in  
3 Representative Schweikert's office in 2014?
- 4 Former Fin. Admin.: Not much, I knew her because we were both schedulers for Pennsylvania  
5 delegation. Basically, what I know is when she got engaged to Oliver the  
6 office decided that she should not be the temporary for us in doing the office  
7 finances. She suggested me as someone that she knew as another scheduler  
8 who was a shared staffer. At the time I did scheduling along with financial  
9 administration for one office. I pretty much knew maybe for a couple of days  
10 that she had done it and got her thumb drive of the information.
- 11 Jeff Brown: She did scheduling and finance for Representative Schweikert?
- 12 Former Fin. Admin.: No, she handled scheduling for a Pennsylvania member, which I at the time  
13 handled scheduling for a Pennsylvania member. I had worked with her for  
14 pro life Pennsylvania. There's a lot of folks that come down for pro life so we  
15 do provide refreshments and benefits as a state. That's how I knew her. I  
16 don't think she did the scheduling for Schweikert.
- 17 Jeff Brown: Do you know what she did in Representative Schweikert's office?
- 18 Former Fin. Admin.: As far as I knew, she only handled finances, that's all that I know.
- 19 Jeff Brown: Did you have any concerns about her working in Representative  
20 Schweikert's office?
- 21 Former Fin. Admin.: No, because I believe as soon as they got engaged that's when they hired me  
22 or shortly thereafter. I did not know that she worked for Representative  
23 Schweikert until she sent me an email saying hey, I just got engaged. I've  
24 been working for this office, are you interested. Are you looking for another  
25 office?
- 26 Paul Solis: Was there any overlap between the time you started with Representative  
27 Schweikert's office and her time there? For example, you walk in the office  
28 and she's there.
- 29 Former Fin. Admin.: I don't believe so. If so, maybe a day or so. I think I came in maybe on the  
30 14th or 15th and she probably left that same time. I don't remember if I put  
31 in the appointment and termination paperwork or she put that information  
32 in.
- 33 Jeff Brown: This article references - this article I'm referring to the Philip Wegmann  
34 article in the Examiner- references former staffers. Do you know who the  
35 former staffers are that are referenced in this article?
- 36 Former Fin. Admin.: I do not.
- 37 Jeff Brown: Do you have an educated guess about who they might be?

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1 Former Fin. Admin.: Maybe but I don't know who is still with the office and who's not with the  
2 office at this time.

3 Jeff Brown: Recognizing that you do not know who these sources are, do you have any  
4 thoughts about who may or may not have talked to the Examiner about  
5 these sorts of issues?

6 Former Fin. Admin.: No one has presented themselves to me to say hey, did you know anything  
7 about this. There's no staffer, since I left the only communication I've had is  
8 if there's been a bill that's come in that may have come to me because it's a  
9 newspaper bill that comes in once a month that I've been, sent to the office. I  
10 haven't contacted ...

11 Jeff Brown: Has anybody from Representative Schweikert's office contacted you about  
12 this article?

13 Former Fin. Admin.: No.

14 Jeff Brown: Have you spoken to anybody about the article?

15 Former Fin. Admin.: I've spoken to a couple of my chiefs simply to say hey, this is a former chief.  
16 You might want to use this as guidance ...

17 Jeff Brown: Why did you say former chief?

18 Former Fin. Admin.: He was my former chief. I've talked with some of my current chiefs to say  
19 hey, this information is here. I maybe asked questions about this because I  
20 was here. I read it.

21 Jeff Brown: Have you talked to anybody else about the fact that you're meeting the OCE?

22 Former Fin. Admin.: My husband was in the room when you called.

23 Jeff Brown: You made a statement that you ...

24 Former Fin. Admin.: I did contact a friend of mine who's a lawyer and just said, I didn't say what  
25 it was. I didn't say who I was meeting with but just that I was being called as  
26 a third party witness. Do you have any suggestions cause I've never had to  
27 do this before.

28 Jeff Brown: Understood. I noticed and as we've discussed, you brought a file of a couple  
29 of documents, some of which we discussed here today. Are there any other  
30 issues that you feel like we should discuss in light of what we discussed or  
31 are there any other documents that you wanted to walk through with us?

32 Former Fin. Admin.: You have mentioned that you haven't expressed who is being investigated. I  
33 can make an educated guess. I don't know. I think of good in people. I know  
34 on more than one occasion I said as long as you guys are okay with this  
35 being in the paper cause this could, you know as ultimately it represents the  
36 congressman, which is what I, if you ask my other chiefs if they will and I'll

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1 tell them the same things. If they have questions I'll say talk to ethics. If  
2 there's something that you aren't sure of, if there's a news story on it ...

3 Paul Solis: Did you or Oliver ever reach out to the committee on ethics based on any of  
4 the things we talked about today, any of the expenditures? I should it put it  
5 this way, did you ever reach out to the committee for guidance based on the  
6 expenditures you saw from Mr. Schwab?

7 Former Fin. Admin.: I know I reached out for paint in the office. I know I reached out in reference  
8 to ethics training and financial disclosure and told him to reach out to ethics  
9 about that because ultimately it's on him. I know I reached out either to  
10 finance or to ethics about Harvard and honestly I don't remember if it was to  
11 finance because I had reached out prior on another one or if it was to ethics  
12 that I reached out.

13 Paul Solis: Was this over the phone or over email?

14 Former Fin. Admin.: Could be both. I know I have advised with ethics to make sure you get things  
15 in writing from ethics replies that they reply in writing so that you can ...

16 Paul Solis: You should check your emails to see if regarding the Harvard expenditure  
17 from Mr. Schwab the reimbursement request to see if you emailed the  
18 committee on ethics or they emailed you back with some sort of response.

19 Former Fin. Admin.: Okay.

20 Paul Solis: Jeff will be following up with you on that. Going back to this folder you have  
21 of documents, some of which you shared with us, how did you go about  
22 deciding what would go in that folder?

23 Former Fin. Admin.: I read the article and said, you said that it was about office finances so ...

24 Paul Solis: You went through your ...

25 Former Fin. Admin.: I looked at ...

26 Paul Solis: You went to your official emails and pulled what you thought to be relevant  
27 documents related to your communications with Mr. Schwab or  
28 Representative Schweikert, put in that folder and brought them here today?

29 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes, I did.

30 Paul Solis: You have backed up actual emails in your Outlook of all these emails?

31 Former Fin. Admin.: Like I said ...

32 Paul Solis: How did you get these emails? Did you print them from ...

33 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes, I printed them.

34 Paul Solis: So they exist right now sort of in your archives?

35 Former Fin. Admin.: Yes.

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1 Paul Solis: Okay, I mean ...

2 Former Fin. Admin.: I'm sure you guys can get them. You're a lot more IT savvy than I am.

3 Paul Solis: We just like to request them now. You've got them there. We'd like to  
4 request them now and take that with us if that's all right with you. They'll  
5 remain during the investigation they'll remain confidential. We'll do our best  
6 to go through them, review them.

7 Former Fin. Admin.: Ethics, travel budget, leadership.

8 Paul Solis: I mean have you pulled them and felt that they were relevant to our  
9 questioning, we'd like them all.

10 Former Fin. Admin.: Not all of these are for ...

11 Paul Solis: Are those unrelated to our review today?

12 Former Fin. Admin.: Well that's the article. This is about they requested my records so I gave  
13 them all the records.

14 Paul Solis: You mean when you were terminated?

15 Former Fin. Admin.: Yeah. I don't know if you want those because they picked up the wrong  
16 records originally. This was I stopped by to pick up vouchers.

17 Paul Solis: Yeah, probably nothing related to ...

18 Former Fin. Admin.: This was well, Oliver wanted to do some sort of wall mount system and I  
19 said, well he said do you think, I said I don't believe they offer, they do do  
20 wall mounts.

21 Paul Solis: Related to expenditures.

22 Former Fin. Admin.: This was how I knew to ask if it was personal or going for the office because  
23 this was for a different office, had asked about a registration fee and so I  
24 went to finance and said this would be reimbursable, yes. The person was  
25 out and I said I did do a follow up call, I spoke with Keith. He said it was okay  
26 as long as there's no credit, personal gain for the staffer and we were okay  
27 with it being in the statement of disbursement, correct. That wasn't for this  
28 office.

29 Paul Solis: Okay but it ...

30 Former Fin. Admin.: This was from 2015 and so then when ...

31 Jeff Brown: This, in your decision making process, I think that would be helpful, yeah.

32 Former Fin. Admin.: I don't want to get the other office in ...

33 Jeff Brown: No, I understand.

34 Former Fin. Admin.: That's why when he presented it to me that's why I said okay.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: Okay, got you.
- 2 Former Fin. Admin.: There may be other emails if you guys want to send IT people.
- 3 Paul Solis: Okay, well we appreciate this and I think this and also, you know the  
4 information that you, some of the information you provided us with is based  
5 off you, so it's good to have them to be able to make sure it corroborates the  
6 things you said to us and so we appreciate that. That's definitely helps us  
7 going forward.
- 8 Former Fin. Admin.: That's why, I know he took a lot of trips but from what was presented to me,  
9 it was presented to me as official for the office.
- 10 Jeff Brown: Do you have anything else?
- 11 Paul Solis: I don't have anything else.
- 12 Jeff Brown: Okay, well thank you Former Financial Administrator, with that we'll end the  
13 recording and thank you for your time.
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ERRATA SHEET

Page	Line	Correction	Reason
4	5	'He' went to case	Oliver did, not I
6	2a	Pitts' Pitts'	spelled wrong
	31	"for" my job, not from	grammar spelled wrong
7	20-21	Oliver states, "Beau's like a brother to me. Anyone else can leave, but Beau, Ernestina, you and I, we'll stay." So I was a little	Spelling, grammar, Flow of sentence(s)
8	16	remove "I"	It's not the CoS
10	33	<del>look</del> look, If	grammar
21	23	Pitts'	grammar/spelled wrong
22	6	change 'too' to 'two'	incorrect 'to'
24	21	change 'like' to 'look'	
		<del>change</del> add "around the" grammar	
	22	add comma after 'valet'	
28	13/14	change, for Pro-life PA' to 'on the March for Life constituent act'	clarification
29	9	change 'month' to 'year'	correction (clarification)
	19	chang 'maybe' to 'maybe'	grammar
31	15	'long' should be changed to 'wrong'	— correction (transcript)

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# **EXHIBIT 3**

**Transcript of Interview of  
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- 1 Jeff Brown: All right. I've got the recorder on here. This is Jeff Brown with the Office of  
2 Congressional Ethics. With me is Paul Solis. We are in the Office of Congressional  
3 Ethics Conference room. Before us is Former Legislative Director ("Former LD"). It is  
4 January 31st, 2018. It's about 2:55 P.M. Former Legislative Director has been  
5 provided with a copy of the false statements warning and signed the  
6 acknowledgement form, and with that, we will get started.
- 7 All right, Former Legislative Director, you were previously employed in  
8 Representative Schweikert's office, is that correct?
- 9 Former LD: Yes.
- 10 Jeff Brown: Okay. In what roles were you employed by Representative Schweikert?
- 11 Former LD: I started in 2011 as a legislative assistant, and then over the course of approximately  
12 six years I was with him, I served as a legislative assistant, senior legislative  
13 assistant, and legislative director.
- 14 Jeff Brown: Okay. Can you just walk us through roughly when those promotions occurred?
- 15 Former LD: Let's see. Legislative director position, I took off that role on in, I want to say June  
16 2016. From May, June time frame of 2013 to 2016 I was a senior LA. Then prior to  
17 that, I'm having trouble remembering the time frame, when I went from LC to  
18 legislative assistant, but it was about a three-year span from when I first joined the  
19 office, or I guess two years from when I joined the office and then became senior LA.  
20 Over that two years, I went from LC to LA.
- 21 Jeff Brown: Okay. Do you remember roughly when you joined the office?
- 22 Former LD: When David took office after being elected in November of 2010, I joined his staff  
23 officially in January 2011.
- 24 Jeff Brown: You're no longer with Representative Schweikert's office?
- 25 Former LD: Correct.
- 26 Jeff Brown: Where are you now?
- 27 Former LD: I'm a consultant with IBM on an Air Force contract.
- 28 Jeff Brown: Did you work anywhere in between IBM and Representative Schweikert's office?
- 29 Former LD: I began talks with the Mick Mulvaney office to move over there in the winter of, let's  
30 see, 2016. Prior to him receiving the nomination, and then officially joined the  
31 Mulvaney office for a brief tenure before he resigned to become budget director.  
32 Then I transitioned the office to the new member, and officially left the hill in July of  
33 2017.
- 34 Jeff Brown: When you were in Representative Schweikert's office, did you work with Beau  
35 Brunson?
- 36 Former LD: Yes.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: Okay. Who was Beau Brunson?
- 2 Former LD: At the time when I first joined the office, Beau was a legislative assistant. Then, not  
3 sure what the time frame is, but then he became legislative director and then deputy  
4 chief of staff in the Schweikert office.
- 5 Jeff Brown: I should have asked you this first. Who did you report to while you were in  
6 Representative Schweikert's office?
- 7 Former LD: I don't think there was a true linear reporting path. But, if I was to say my direct  
8 supervisor, the majority of time I was in the office was Beau Brunson.
- 9 Jeff Brown: How about Oliver Schwab, what was his role in the office?
- 10 Former LD: Oliver was the majority of the time, Chief of Staff. He left for a brief period to focus  
11 solely on David's campaign work during the 2012 election cycle, I believe it was,  
12 when he was, had a primary with Ben Quayle who was also a sitting member of  
13 Congress at the time. He came back in, I believe a senior policy advisor role for a  
14 short time, and then regained the Chief of Staff role.
- 15 Jeff Brown: What . . . when you were in Representative Schweikert's office, what was your  
16 involvement with financial matters such as budgeting or MRA disbursement  
17 requests?
- 18 Former LD: Limited at best. Outside of submitting MRA reimbursements requests, Oliver almost  
19 overwhelmingly maintained full control over that process and then, also worked  
20 with Beau for a period of time near the end of the time Beau was in the office, when  
21 Beau was kind of the one overseeing that process.
- 22 Jeff Brown: When you say that process, what are you referring to?
- 23 Former LD: The reimbursement process.
- 24 Jeff Brown: Okay. How about budgeting?
- 25 Former LD: Again, that was overwhelmingly Oliver and then Beau maintained a portion of it for  
26 a short time near his tenure in the office.
- 27 Jeff Brown: Aside from Beau and Oliver, was there anybody else who handled financial matters  
28 in the office?
- 29 Former LD: Over the six years I was there, I believe we've had a couple of different folks who  
30 were the financial administrators. I believe, let's see, Mary O'Connor was there for a  
31 time. I'm not sure what time frame or when she was there. There was April  
32 Blankenship, I believe her name was, she was also one of the financial  
33 administrators. Then I also believe Kelly Roberson had some, at least fidelity on the  
34 issues, if not, when she was kind of in the administrative position, doing David's  
35 scheduling before taking over policy. I think she worked closely with Oliver in some  
36 of the budgetary matters.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: What I'd like to do now, I just want to show you, just a couple documents. So you're  
2 aware, you may or may not have had anything to do with these documents, but I'm  
3 going to ask you some just very specific questions about them. First one I'm going to  
4 hand you is, just for the record, it's labeled CAO\_0005 and that runs through 0010.  
5 Just generally, what is this document?
- 6 Former LD: This looks like it is a reimbursement form for the travel credit card, for, trying to  
7 see ... was it plane tickets, reimbursements?
- 8 Jeff Brown: Yeah. I want to just draw your attention to the front page real quick.
- 9 Paul Solis: Just real quick, is this something you would see in your role, throughout your time,  
10 in your various roles, sorry, at Representative Schweikert's office, would you ever  
11 see these forms?
- 12 Former LD: Yes, but again, I didn't have any involvement as far as signing off or managing  
13 reimbursements outside of my own reimbursements which, when I would do  
14 reimbursements, is always for my own card, and then be reimbursed from that. I  
15 never used the government card for any of my travel or any of the, you know, events  
16 that we organized.
- 17 Paul Solis: When you would submit the reimbursement documents, would you submit that to  
18 someone else in the office or directly to payroll and finance?
- 19 Former LD: It depends. When we had a financial administrator, either April or Mary, I would fill  
20 out the forms and give the forms to them, or I'd give it to Oliver to manage.
- 21 Jeff Brown: Would there always be ... I should ask you like this. How many individuals would  
22 look at a travel reimbursement form that you submitted before it went over to the  
23 office of finance?
- 24 Former LD: It would depend. If it was solely when Oliver was managing the office finances and  
25 we didn't have a financial administrator, it was usually just Oliver. If when we did  
26 have a financial administrator, it was usually them and with Oliver's  
27 acknowledgement or Oliver signing off on the member's signature on the  
28 reimbursement forms.
- 29 Jeff Brown: You sort of touched on my next question. Who are authorized signers in  
30 Representative Schweikert's office for a disbursement form like this?
- 31 Former LD: Oliver. I believe Beau was, at the end of his term, when he was managing it, and I  
32 believe Kelly was as well. I'm not certain on Kelly, but I believe when she was also in  
33 that administrative role, she had some authority to sign off as well.
- 34 Jeff Brown: Would Representative Schweikert ever have any involvement in MRA disbursement  
35 requests like this one?
- 36 Former LD: Not that I'm aware of. At least none that I've ever personally been involved with. It  
37 was always at the staff levels and never took it to the member directly.
- 38 Jeff Brown: Do you know whose signature that is on page five?

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- 1 Former LD: I couldn't tell you.
- 2 Jeff Brown: Were there any specific policies and procedures in Representative Schweikert's  
3 office regarding MRA disbursements, be they for travel, office supplies, or whatever  
4 it might be?
- 5 Former LD: None formally that I was ever aware of. There were, more often than not, when we  
6 did have official functions or need to use MRA funds, we were told to put it on our  
7 personal card and submit the reimbursement. But outside of that, there was never  
8 any official policy directives that were pushed down from leadership down to staff.
- 9 Jeff Brown: Who in the office would you say would've been the most knowledgeable about the  
10 spending practices of Mr. Schwab?
- 11 Former LD: Outside of our financial administrators, when they were on board, I don't think  
12 there was anyone who ever had true fidelity over his use of the MRA. Perhaps Beau  
13 and Kelly had some insight onto that when they were working those issues, but I  
14 don't think there was anyone who would provide kind of a check and balance.
- 15 Jeff Brown: Okay.
- 16 Paul Solis: Why do you say that?
- 17 Former LD: Well, as chief of staff, one, Oliver maintained pretty close hold over the budgetary  
18 matters. I don't think there was ever anyone who truly had a grasp over how money  
19 was being flowed or either payroll or MRA reimbursements. David certainly gave  
20 Oliver a lot of leeway to run the office as he saw fit. As long as issues weren't arising,  
21 David didn't really bring it up, at least not in my presence. And then other than that,  
22 it was a small portion of when Beau was managing the financials in connection with  
23 Oliver, I don't think, outside of the financial administrators, there was anyone who  
24 really were working with Oliver closely.
- 25 Jeff Brown: You mentioned a couple times that there was either a period or some periods of  
26 time where there was no financial administrator that would have been working with  
27 Oliver on financial reimbursement, MRA disbursement matters. Do you recall  
28 roughly what time periods those were?
- 29 Former LD: No, not off the top of my head.
- 30 Jeff Brown: Was that for the majority of your time in the office or for a more limited time?
- 31 Former LD: I think it was more limited near the latter half of my time in the office. Trying to  
32 think over here. Yeah, I'm having trouble drawing a time frame and I wouldn't want  
33 to speculate, but it was certainly in the second half of my time in the office when  
34 there was more a financial administrator engagement.
- 35 Jeff Brown: At some point, did Mary O'Connor leave Representative Schweikert's office?
- 36 Former LD: I think she left the office similar to when I was leaving the office, if I remember  
37 correctly. It could've been slightly before that, but in that winter of 2016 if I recall  
38 correctly.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: Do you know if anyone replaced Mary and took on the financial administrator role?
- 2 Former LD: Not that I'm aware of.
- 3 Jeff Brown: When you were working with Representative Schweikert's office, how frequently  
4 would you travel?
- 5 Former LD: I traveled a number of times on DOD-organized StaffDels, I would say a handful  
6 throughout the year. And then I believe there was a couple MIKA trips I went on in  
7 the later half of my time in the office and only one trip that was paid for with my  
8 personal card and then reimbursed to the office.
- 9 Jeff Brown: Did you have occasion to travel out to the District?
- 10 Former LD: The few times I did go out in the District, usually the way we set it up is we'd have a  
11 DOD staffdel that went out to various installations and then I would stay in the  
12 District following, follow on. So there was no travel payments or anything of that  
13 nature. I'm also from the District, so I stayed at my home. I think I ... other than some  
14 gas receipts, there was no reimbursements I was submitted. There was no hotel and  
15 no flights.
- 16 Jeff Brown: Aside from yourself, who else would travel back and forth to the District with some  
17 frequency from the D.C. office?
- 18 Former LD: Oliver would go fairly frequently. I would say couple times a month. I believe Kelly  
19 went a number of times. Kat Dimenstein used to go out there when there were ...  
20 What was it? Some task force that they were part of, Valley Fever Task Force, and  
21 then Beau went a number of times. But as far as how often they would go, I couldn't  
22 really quantify that.
- 23 Jeff Brown: Can you generally explain to me the process by which a staffer like yourself or Beau  
24 or Kat would coordinate travel to and from the District?
- 25 Former LD: It was a fairly informal process. Essentially, if there was a need to be on the District  
26 or they had the authority to set up the necessary meetings with industry or with  
27 state global stakeholders, book the hotel, book the flights, rental car if needed.  
28 Again, the guidance we were given was overwhelmingly "Put it on your personal  
29 card and submit reimbursements."
- 30 Jeff Brown: So you're in the District, you're gathering receipts, what happens at that point?
- 31 Former LD: I can't speak for the others. The way I usually worked it, if ... For incidental funds,  
32 more often than not, I just ate that cost if it was \$10, \$5 while getting something to  
33 eat or food at a gas station. But for gas and mileage, any other receipts, hotels, car  
34 rentals, once you had it, essentially fill out the MRA reimbursement forms and  
35 submit it to either Oliver or one of the financial administrators.
- 36 Jeff Brown: Were there any specific policies and procedures in Representative Schweikert's  
37 office regarding travel or reimbursements for travel?
- 38 Former LD: None. Not that I'm aware of, at least.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: Okay. Who's providing approvals for staffers to travel to and from the District?
- 2 Former LD: The majority of the time, it was Oliver. We would let the member know that,  
3 obviously, that the travel's taking place and provide context of why it was taking  
4 place. But ultimately the thumbs-up/thumbs-down, no-go/go, was on Oliver to  
5 make that decision unless David had objections for some other reason, which, at  
6 least when I would travel out there, he never did.
- 7 Jeff Brown: Okay. How involved was Representative Schweikert in the process of approving and  
8 disproving ... I mean, we sort of touched on he may have been aware but can you talk  
9 a little bit more about his involvement in approving or disapproving travel?
- 10 Former LD: Certainly. We would certainly provide context of why we're going, who we're  
11 meeting with. If there were meetings that the member was having, sit in on those if  
12 they were within our purview, or provide at least context of why the meeting were  
13 taking place and why we're going out to District. But he never ... outside of  
14 acknowledging that we were taking the trip, he never objected to it or had concerns  
15 with staff travel.
- 16 Jeff Brown: When staff would go out to the District, would they generally stay in ... Was there a  
17 specific hotel that they would generally stay in that was close to the District office?
- 18 Former LD: Again, I don't know. I've always stayed at my parents' home. I'm not sure what  
19 hotels the other staff used.
- 20 Jeff Brown: Having said that, and I appreciate that, do you know if it was practice for staffers to  
21 rent cars when they went out to the District?
- 22 Former LD: Yes, I believe so.
- 23 Jeff Brown: Were you aware of any staffers ever traveling to the district, or to other  
24 destinations, and being accompanied by their spouse ... And when I ask that question  
25 I don't mean to suggest that official funds were being used for the spouse, but did  
26 anyone ever travel with their significant other?
- 27 Former LD: So, I know Oliver's wife, Ana, traveled with him pretty frequently. Outside of Oliver, I  
28 don't believe Beau's wife ever traveled with him when he went to the district, and I,  
29 as far as I am aware, no other staff took any partners with them on their travels.
- 30 Jeff Brown: You said that you were aware that Oliver's significant other traveled with him  
31 frequently. How were you aware of that?
- 32 Former LD: I mean, outside of just, kind of, office conversations taking place, Ana was, from her  
33 prior work when she was with Congressman Rothfus, and then her continued work  
34 lobbying, there was significant engagements with the office, and, so, she was ...  
35 Essentially she was around quite a bit, so you knew when they were traveling that ...  
36 You know, they were very friendly, would, you know, say, oh, we're going out to  
37 district, or we're going to, you know, somewhere else. But I know they traveled  
38 together very frequently, not just to the district but all over.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: Okay. What's "very frequently" to the district?
- 2 Former LD: Again, I think it's probably relative, but Oliver was going out there, either by himself  
3 or with Ana, at least a couple times a month from what I remember, and, you know,  
4 obviously it ebbed and flowed, but I'd say at least two, three times a month he was  
5 going out to the district. And then, you know, they ... If the House wasn't in session  
6 he wasn't in town, he was traveling somewhere else or back in the district.
- 7 Jeff Brown: Okay. I realize it would be an estimate, but could you give us an estimate for how  
8 frequently Mr. Schwab's partner would travel out to the district with him?
- 9 Former LD: It would be hard to quantify. You know, I would say ...
- 10 Jeff Brown: More than five times a year?
- 11 Former LD: I think that's an accurate statement.
- 12 Jeff Brown: So, you think approximately five times a year is a reasonable estimate?
- 13 Former LD: I think if you were to say five times a year I wouldn't be surprised with that number,  
14 I just ... It doesn't seem high to me, so I ... But, again, I really can't quantify how often  
15 they've traveled.
- 16 Jeff Brown: You said that Oliver's partner was frequent ... I don't want to put words in your  
17 mouth, but you said she was lobbying the office, can you tell me a little bit more  
18 about who she is, what her role-
- 19 Former LD: Right.
- 20 Jeff Brown: ... was?
- 21 Former LD: So, to clarify, she didn't lobby the office in the lobbyist sense. She was a lobbyist.
- 22 Jeff Brown: Okay.
- 23 Former LD: Her ... The Firm she worked with had clients in the district. So, the folks that she  
24 worked with would come and lobby the office. I don't believe Ana ever personally  
25 did, but they were on the Hill often because of their work. So, when they had  
26 downtime they would come into the office, they're ... You know, the same functions,  
27 given the connection to Arizona industry. So, they're ... So, she was around the office  
28 relatively significantly ... Significant amount of time. At least, much more than any  
29 other significant other or partner.
- 30 Jeff Brown: Was there a point in time that Ms. Schwab was working in Representative  
31 Schweikert's office?
- 32 Former LD: So, I don't believe she ever worked in the office. If I remember correctly there was a  
33 point in time where she was receiving campaign funds and doing some campaign  
34 scheduling, but I don't believe there was a time, that I recall, where she was ever a  
35 direct employee of the office, at least, not that I'm aware of.
- 36 Jeff Brown: Okay. Can you tell me more about what you know about her work for the campaign?

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- 1 Former LD: So, very limited, outside of the fact that I was told she was doing campaign  
2 scheduling, I really don't have any other information outside of that. You know, if  
3 she was doing more than that I wasn't aware of it. I had limited involvement in the  
4 campaign.
- 5 Jeff Brown: Do you know if she was being compensated for that, or if that was on a volunteer  
6 basis?
- 7 Former LD: I believe she was being compensated.
- 8 Paul Solis: Okay, and you said you had limited involvement in the campaign?
- 9 Former LD: Yes.
- 10 Paul Solis: What types of things did you do for the campaign?
- 11 Former LD: So, I'd provide policy support for David ahead of meetings, essentially. So, if he was  
12 going into a meeting with Boeing, and prior to that I'd be asked, you know, what's  
13 going on with Boeing's Apache multi-year funding, and just provide some basic  
14 background for the member prior to him going into those meetings.
- 15 Paul Solis: And that's related to the campaign, or his official office?
- 16 Former LD: So, it was asked of me, as an official staffer, knowing that they were to support  
17 campaign events, essentially. So, you know, official ... His official business, or official  
18 work wouldn't have those schedules, but he'd be holding a fundraiser, going to a  
19 tour of the facility on Arizona, Oliver would ask, get David smart on the issue before  
20 he goes out there, and I would provide that policy kind of background.
- 21 Paul Solis: Okay, and would you do that over here in his office, or in the congressional office?
- 22 Former LD: Yes.
- 23 Paul Solis: Or sorry, the district office?
- 24 Former LD: No, the DC office.
- 25 Paul Solis: Okay, and would Oliver say to you that, you know, you're going ... This is in your role  
26 now as a campaign volunteer or some other role with the campaign?
- 27 Former LD: No.
- 28 Paul Solis: No. Did you understand yourself, at that time, when you'd be briefing  
29 Representative Schweikert, that you're briefing him so that he'd be prepared for a  
30 campaign event?
- 31 Former LD: It probably was never explicitly said, but yes, that was understood.
- 32 Paul Solis: Why did you have that understanding?
- 33 Former LD: Well, he wasn't meeting with folks from Boeing in his capacity as a member of  
34 Congress, he was doing that as a ... In his capacity as a candidate for Congress. So  
35 while, you know, it was never laid out, hey, provide this for a campaign event, it was

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1 structured as, you know, David wants to know about issue X. So, the phrasing of the  
2 questions, it was always kind of that wink and nod that it was for the campaign, or  
3 for campaign event, but never explicitly said.

4 Paul Solis: Okay, but you would know that it was ... The event that you were preparing for was  
5 a campaign event.

6 Former LD: Yes.

7 Paul Solis: You, personally, would know that?

8 Former LD: Yes.

9 Paul Solis: Okay, how often would you say that would happen?

10 Former LD: It fluctuated, obviously, depending on the election cycle. You know, it was, I would  
11 say, in an on cycle it was 20% of my time.

12 Paul Solis: 20% of your congressional duties would be preparing Representative Schweikert  
13 for campaign events? Or meetings, campaign-

14 Former LD: Right, so ... It would probably be hard to say 20%, but it's less than 50, more than  
15 10. I mean, it would all depend. There would be weeks where, and I'm sure you  
16 guys know, where there would be a number of things, and during that time there  
17 was a lot of buildup for those events, and then there was times where ... You know,  
18 it's feast or famine, so there would be no engagements that I supported that were  
19 within my portfolio. So, I think it depended upon the time of the year, as well as who  
20 he was meeting with, so it's hard to quantify, but, you know, when there were those  
21 meetings in my portfolio, I would say 20%, more than 10%.

22 Paul Solis: Okay. Would you ever attend any of these events?

23 Former LD: I've attended a number of fundraisers here off campus, none of the events outside in  
24 the district.

25 Paul Solis: And by events here in DC, off campus, you mean events for Representative  
26 Schweikert?

27 Former LD: Yeah, so fundraisers that industry or PACs were doing to support his campaign.

28 Paul Solis: Okay, and when you talked about those times where Mr. Schwab would task you  
29 with prepping Representative Schweikert prior to one of these events, or one of  
30 these meetings, would you then later go to that same event in DC?

31 Former LD: Not all the time. There were certainly times where that took place. I-

32 Paul Solis: What would be your role, then, at the event? Would you have any type of role, what  
33 would you do?

34 Former LD: My role was essentially to network, to provide support to David as he needed it, but  
35 also, one of Oliver's focus was showing a accessibility of staff to industry to local  
36 stakeholders. It was much more just being there, being presented, being, supporting

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1 David and then being able to talk through any issues that were currently going on  
2 within that specific issue.

3 Paul Solis: At those events, did you understand your role to be with the campaign, or as an  
4 official, congressional staffer?

5 Former LD: I think it probably depended on the event. I think there was a number of events that  
6 were probably in a, at least perceived to be more of a gray zone in how David was  
7 going to be represented at that. If it was a true fundraiser or if it was an industry  
8 meeting that he was going with, I think Oliver usually, on the back end, had Oliver  
9 set up an industry meeting with the intention, knowing that there would be a  
10 donation coming from their PAC following the meeting. It'd really depend on how  
11 the meetings or how the engagements were structured as to what my role going into  
12 it was, or how I understood my role.

13 Paul Solis: Okay. Did you ever have a formal role with the campaign committee?

14 Former LD: No.

15 Paul Solis: Were you ever paid for any work you did?

16 Former LD: No.

17 Paul Solis: Did you ever volunteer for the campaign committee?

18 Former LD: No. It was always expected that we would be accessible to support as needed. But  
19 we, for the most part, never had any official engagements or roles with the  
20 campaign.

21 Paul Solis: Okay, and when you say "we," who do you mean?

22 Former LD: The majority of the staff.

23 Paul Solis: The congressional staff?

24 Former LD: The congressional staff, yes.

25 Paul Solis: When you say "expected," that there was an expectation, who was setting that  
26 expectation?

27 Former LD: I'm not sure if it stemmed from David down or Oliver down. If David didn't establish  
28 that expectation, he was certainly aware of it and allowed it to exist.

29 Paul Solis: Why do you say that?

30 Former LD: Because we were clearly providing him support for what he was going into as a  
31 campaign event. I think from my point of view, it would just be naïve to expect that a  
32 member of congress is unaware of where the support their staff is providing them  
33 supports.

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- 1 Paul Solis: Did Oliver or Representative Schweikert ever explicitly say to you or to anybody  
2 else who was a congressional employee, "There is an expectation that you do work  
3 for the campaign in some capacity," or something like that?
- 4 Former LD: I don't believe it was ever explicitly laid out, but the expectation was there.
- 5 Paul Solis: Okay. You mentioned there would be times you meet with an industry group, and  
6 prior to that meeting, it was an expectation you had, or an understanding you had  
7 that it was an official, officially related congressional meeting, based on official  
8 purposes, right?
- 9 Former LD: Yes.
- 10 Paul Solis: Then later on, you mentioned that Oliver, it was your understanding that Oliver  
11 would have some connection to a potential fundraising event tied to the same group  
12 or organization later on.
- 13 Former LD: Yes.
- 14 Paul Solis: Could you give us an example, or does anything come to mind, of that circumstance  
15 in particular happening?
- 16 Former LD: The one example that comes to mind is, some aerospace industry representatives  
17 held a luncheon, with David in an official capacity when he was on the science and  
18 tech committee. Either a day or so after that, Oliver mentioned that the following,  
19 that he received a PAC contribution from the same representatives that we met  
20 with. That's kind of one example that shapes that narrative, where there were a  
21 number of events that were held to support David as an official member of Congress,  
22 in his capacity with the expectation that him attending those events would have a  
23 follow on contribution to the campaign.
- 24 Paul Solis: Did he ever talk to you about statements made by people? Not necessarily these  
25 aerospace people, but others "that give us a meeting, we're going to get a  
26 contribution," type of thing, or any statements that you can recall that would  
27 connect those two ideas?
- 28 Former LD: The one example, I forget the organization, the gentleman was advocating for grant  
29 funding in Africa. I can't remember the organization specifically, but he, the  
30 gentleman and his organization contributed to the campaign and following the  
31 contribution, Oliver asked me to set up a meeting with him to discuss their issues.  
32 Then following that meeting, we subsequently submitted letters in support of their  
33 initiatives.
- 34 Paul Solis: Okay. Did Oliver explain to you why you would submit those letters?
- 35 Former LD: What I was told is, that the gentleman ... donated to the campaign and that we want  
36 to be as friendly as we can and as helpful as we can because of those contributions. I  
37 don't think there was a direct quid pro quo, but Oliver clearly made it certain that  
38 we wanted to be helpful because he was a donor.

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- 1 Paul Solis: Are there other instances besides this grant...organization that was requesting a  
2 grant for interest in Africa? Was there any other organization you can recall that had  
3 the similar circumstance?
- 4 Former LD: We did, or at least I did in my capacity, quite a bit of work for some industry in the  
5 district that essentially is a defense contractor, and they were large donors to  
6 David's campaign. Also tied to that is, they are also a client of the company that Ana  
7 worked for, when she was lobbying. It was clear that given the relationships that  
8 were built, their donations, we wanted to be as forward leaning as possible in  
9 advocating for their products with armed services and appropriations committee.  
10 That, from when I was handling those issues, it was at least a three year span where  
11 I was closely engaged with that. With the firm representing them as well as with the  
12 company to advocate for their issues.
- 13 Paul Solis: You said it was clear. I mean, Oliver's telling you that preference needs to be given to  
14 these people?
- 15 Former LD: Yes.
- 16 Paul Solis: What's the name of the company?
- 17 Former LD: FireTrace.
- 18 Paul Solis: FireTrace, and what's the name of Mr. Schwab's wife's lobbying company?
- 19 Former LD: The client moved a couple of times with them. It was a Teddy Enyon. E-N-Y-O-N, I  
20 believe, Enyon, was their representative, and as he switched firms from I believe,  
21 was it Rothschild or Fox Rothschild, I forget the name of the firm, but they also  
22 moved with them. They're a Scottsdale based company that provides fire  
23 suppressant to DOD and throughout my time in the office, as one example, where  
24 there was a close linkage between our work supporting industry in the district, to  
25 the campaign contributions David was receiving.
- 26 Paul Solis: Okay. What's your understanding of Representative Schweikert's knowledge of, let's  
27 break it into two categories. Preference given to Mrs. Schwab's clients, and also this  
28 preference towards campaign contributors? What's your awareness of his  
29 understanding those two?
- 30 Former LD: At least in my presence, there was never any explicit conversations where David  
31 directed us – staff - to provide preferential treatment to Ana's clients or to campaign  
32 donors. There were some discussions based on donors as far as who was giving  
33 what in the office, but from my experience at least, to me, David never said, "these  
34 folks are giving money. Take care of them." It was usually driven from Oliver.
- 35 Paul Solis: Are other people in the office, Beau and you know, other staffers, is this something  
36 people were talking about?
- 37 Former LD: I mean, everyone was certainly aware of it, and I think it ebbed and flowed based off  
38 of the amount of worked that was being asked to be done driven by the campaign

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1 compared to, you know, the work that was being asked to be done specifically to  
2 support David as a member of Congress.

3 Paul Solis: And when you were tasked with preparing him over in his congressional office on  
4 congressional time for these campaign events, I mean, how did you feel about it? Did  
5 you feel uncomfortable? Did you feel like it was an odd thing to ask you to do?

6 Former LD: So, I wasn't happy with it. I usually grumbled because usually these were issues that  
7 David didn't care about otherwise, but because he was going to a fundraiser, to  
8 some other campaign event, he wanted to pretend or act as, you know, that he was  
9 heavily engaged in these issues. So, it was redirecting my time and efforts to focus  
10 on an issue that Dave ... I knew David didn't care about outside of that meeting that  
11 was going to take place.

12 Paul Solis: And when you said you would grumble about it, is this to yourself, or to other staff,  
13 or to Oliver, or to Beau?

14 Former LD: All of the above.

15 Paul Solis: Would you bring your concerns to Representative Schweikert?

16 Former LD: No.

17 Jeff Brown: Oliver?

18 Former LD: I don't think I've ever explicitly directed concerns that I felt what I was being asked  
19 to do was inappropriate. I think there was an expectation as a member of the staff  
20 you were going to provide that level of support, that it was a 24-hour on call, you  
21 know, supporting the member as needed at the member's will in order to ensure  
22 that he was a successful member of Congress.

23 So, I think, at my time there, I probably felt ... Reflecting on it I probably felt that had  
24 I initiated those concerns directly to Oliver that it would bring my employment into  
25 the office in question.

26 Jeff Brown: What do you mean by "in question"?

27 Former LD: I think if there was a question about either my commitment to support David or my  
28 commitment to support Oliver in these efforts that it would have swayed how I was  
29 viewed in the office, and either my promotion potential, salary increases, or bring  
30 into question my need to continue to be continually employed in the office.

31 Jeff Brown: And when you're talking about these efforts you mean these efforts to support  
32 Representative Schweikert on fundraising related activities?

33 Former LD: Yes.

34 Jeff Brown: Who are these other staffers that you mentioned that would have been working on  
35 the House campus to supply either research or support to Representative  
36 Schweikert for fundraising activities?

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- 1 Former LD: So, I think Kat Dimenstein handling the healthcare portfolio did quite a bit of that  
2 work. Outside of that I think Beau and Kelly, for the majority of the time I was there,  
3 would probably have been the most engaged on those issues. I don't ... For a long  
4 time there was little staff turnover, and then there's somewhat of a core nucleus of  
5 Kelly, Beau, Kat, and myself, for a good number of years.
- 6 Jeff Brown: And like you, Kat, Kelly, Beau would be asked to provide this support, or provide  
7 this research while working in the House office complex?
- 8 Former LD: Yes. Again, I don't think it was ever explicitly asked or made clear that the efforts  
9 were going to support campaign, but, again, it was to support a ... You know, David's  
10 meeting with industry, or David's meetings with constituent groups that were  
11 known contributors to the campaign.
- 12 Paul Solis: Well, I just want to be clear about that, because I think, you know, when you first  
13 mentioned this you said that you would have an awareness that there was an actual  
14 campaign event that you're prepping him for. You know, that's different than, let's  
15 say, a meeting with constituents that, on its face, has an official purpose-
- 16 Former LD: Right.
- 17 Paul Solis: - which might then later be campaign related because those people made  
18 contributions to the campaign. To Jeff's question, then ... Just want to be clear about  
19 other staffers, including yourself, tasked to do research, tasked to prep the member  
20 for campaign events, just want to be clear that that occurred, not where you surmise  
21 that there might be a campaign tie-
- 22 Former LD: Right.
- 23 Paul Solis: - but there were actually events that you're prepping the member for that, that were  
24 for a campaign purpose.
- 25 Former LD: Specific events ... I'm not recalling a specific campaign event where that took place,  
26 but again, a lot of what we were asked to do was where there was going to be a  
27 campaign tie in, even if it wasn't explicit in that it was a campaign event. The one ...  
28 One event, I will mention that has come to mind is prior to the Ben Quayle debate,  
29 or, I guess, quasi-debate that David had, you know, I was asked to prepare  
30 information on the NDAA, because they were opposing votes on that, so that David  
31 was prepared to draw ... To use that as a wedge between the two if needed. Outside  
32 that I'm having trouble drawing specific events.
- 33 Paul Solis: You said NDA?
- 34 Former LD: National Defense Authorization Act.
- 35 Paul Solis: Okay, okay. And, so, you were asked to prepare for ... To prepare research on the act  
36 prior to this debate?
- 37 Former LD: Yes. The only reason I'm recalling that is I received a phone call, and I forget if it's  
38 Oliver or Beau that called me, but it was relatively late, after ten o'clock, the night

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1 before asking specific questions about the NDAA and about the write-up, or one  
2 pager, I provided the day before.

3 Jeff Brown: You mentioned, sometimes when you would be asked to do this support for  
4 fundraising events, or for a debate, that there might be some ... You might grumble  
5 about it a little bit, you might grumble about it to others. Did Kelly, or Beau, or Kat,  
6 or anybody else who was asked to do these same sort of things, did they ever  
7 grumble to you about it?

8 Former LD: I mean, there was a lot of grumbling, and so it's hard to determine, or delineate,  
9 which, you know, especially being a year removed now, what was specific to those  
10 issues and what was, you know, just general office disgruntledness.

11 Jeff Brown: If we're not talking about grumbling, do you remember having conversations with  
12 any of those other employees about these sorts of things, in other words, them being  
13 asked to do the same sorts of things.

14 Former LD: Yes. I'm not recalling a specific conversation, but I do recall that those conversations  
15 took place regarding, you know ... Kelly, if I remember correctly, when she was  
16 doing some of the campaign scheduling as well, used to, you know, used to voice  
17 those concerns to me regarding David's ... You know, the general frustration of  
18 dealing with David and trying to schedule events for him that Oliver is telling her to  
19 schedule that he doesn't want to attend.

20 Jeff Brown: Did you have anything else there? Switching gears a little bit, if you needed office  
21 supplies when you were in Representative Schweikert's office, how do you go about  
22 obtaining those?

23 Former LD: I just use the member supply card and go down to the office supply store and buy  
24 them.

25 Jeff Brown: Okay, so, was there anybody in the office who was specifically tasked with making  
26 sure the office had sufficient office supplies?

27 Former LD: No, not that I recall.

28 Jeff Brown: Okay. Were there any office policies and procedures regarding the purchase of office  
29 supplies?

30 Former LD: No, not that I recall.

31 Jeff Brown: Okay. If you purchased ... If you or someone else on the staff purchased office  
32 supplies from somewhere other than the House office supply store, how do you go  
33 about getting reimbursed for that?

34 Former LD: I don't remember if I ever specifically did that, but the reimbursement process  
35 would essentially be the same, use your personal card for the purchases and then  
36 submit the reimbursement form with the receipts to either Oliver or to one of the  
37 financial administrators.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: Did Representative Schweikert have any involvement in ensuring that the office had  
2 sufficient office supplies?
- 3 Former LD: Not that I am aware of.
- 4 Jeff Brown: How about, did Representative Schweikert have any involvement in signing off on  
5 MRA disbursement requests related to office supplies?
- 6 Former LD: Not that I'm aware of.
- 7 Jeff Brown: Are staffers in Representative Schweikert's office, are they reimbursed for  
8 educational coursework of any kind?
- 9 Former LD: When I was there I don't believe there was any of those, any staff engaged in those  
10 activities. As far as I'm aware, no.
- 11 Jeff Brown: Any policies and procedures that you can recall on taking training courses or  
12 educational courses?
- 13 Former LD: No.
- 14 Jeff Brown: Okay. It looks like several individuals in Representative Schweikert's office may  
15 have taken courses at the Naval War College. Does that ring a bell?
- 16 Former LD: Yeah. So I believe Kat did a full master's program through the Naval War College.  
17 And I remember Oliver expressing interest in it. At one point, I expressed interest  
18 and I ended up doing some of the Air War College programs instead, and then when  
19 I was on the Hill I started a program in the Army War College that I'm continuing  
20 now for my full Master's.
- 21 Jeff Brown: Do you know why these courses are popular with Kat and Oliver and others in the  
22 office?
- 23 Former LD: So, I can't speak for them specifically. The distance education programs that, that at  
24 least I took part of, that were provided to congressional staff by the DoD, as  
25 someone who handled the Defense portfolio now working for/as a defense  
26 contractor, it was an ability to expand my knowledge base on those issues without  
27 actually serving in the military. As far as Kat and Oliver, I can't speak on why they  
28 chose to attend the Naval War College.
- 29 Jeff Brown: Do you know what the tuition was at the Naval War College?
- 30 Former LD: I do not.
- 31 Jeff Brown: Do you know if it was free?
- 32 Former LD: Again, I never did the Naval War College. The Army War College is free to  
33 congressional staffers outside of any travel they do up to Carlisle, but again, from my  
34 point of view, in my experience, that's only once a year, a three hour drive north. But  
35 as far as the Naval War College, I have no idea what the expense is to that. I believe  
36 it's free, but I'm not certain.

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1 Jeff Brown: You mentioned, you're taking courses, I think you said. Air Force Air Command and  
2 Staff College?

3 Former LD: I did do that, yes.

4 Jeff Brown: You did, okay. And the US Army War College?

5 Former LD: Yes

6 Jeff Brown: Were any of those while in Representative Schweikert's office?

7 Former LD: The Air War College.

8 Jeff Brown: Did you seek or receive and kind of reimbursement for that?

9 Former LD: No.

10 Paul Solis: And was there any cost to the coursework?

11 Former LD: No. It was all online, distance education. There was no travel to Maxwell Air Force  
12 Base for it. So there was no cost incurred by me that I would request reimbursement  
13 for.

14 Jeff Brown: Currently -- What is your current relationship with Oliver Schwab?

15 Former LD: I don't really have a relationship with Oliver Schwab. When I see him, it's congenial,  
16 it's friendly, but it's certainly not someone I'm spending time with on the weekends.

17 Jeff Brown: When was the . . . or how frequently do you communicate with him since you left the  
18 office?

19 Former LD: Relatively infrequently. When I see him at receptions, other events around town, a  
20 few times passing him in the hallways when I'm on the Hill, but it's not consistent  
21 and relatively infrequent.

22 Jeff Brown: You've mentioned that he was the Chief of Staff for most of the time that you were in  
23 Representative Schweikert's office.

24 Former LD: Yes.

25 Jeff Brown: Just generally, what were his responsibilities as Chief of Staff in Representative  
26 Schweikert's office?

27 Former LD: So the majority of his time as Chief of Staff, he focused on campaign work and then  
28 also kind of the strategic direction of the office. Building David's relationships with  
29 industry, with members of - other members. I would say that as far as day to day  
30 office role, he was relatively hands off. He'd delegate a lot of authority. As long as  
31 there weren't issues coming up, he wasn't engaged with the office for the most part  
32 on the day to day operations.

33 Jeff Brown: Okay. So you said, when he was in the House office building, he'd be focused on  
34 campaign work.

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- 1 Former LD: Yes.
- 2 Jeff Brown: Okay. How much time did he spend on it?
- 3 Former LD: It's hard to say. Oliver was in and out of the office fairly frequently. I wouldn't want  
4 to quantify it and lead you down the wrong course here. So I really don't have a  
5 number to provide you but, I'm just saying that the majority of his focus was  
6 directed towards David's reelection.
- 7 Jeff Brown: And how have you come to this awareness?
- 8 Former LD: He was relatively open about what he was doing and would come back to the office  
9 and say, "I just got a donation from this person," or was just at the Capitol Hill Club  
10 and met with these folks who committed to donate "x" amount. Then, there was  
11 times where we've been asked to proofread campaign emails that were going to go  
12 out. So, Oliver, in my opinion, didn't try to hide what he was doing. He was pretty  
13 open about his activities.
- 14 Paul Solis: Would he ever make campaign phone calls in the office?
- 15 Former LD: I don't think ever directly in the office. He liked to call from his cell phone and pace  
16 back and forth in the hall. But I don't think he would ever sit in the office and make  
17 calls.
- 18 Paul Solis: The proofreading of campaign emails. Will you talk to us about that?
- 19 Former LD: So Oliver would use a personal laptop. We were essentially, prior to the... and again  
20 it wasn't frequent, at least for me. He would ask, "Hey, come look over my shoulder  
21 and proofread this before it goes out."
- 22 Paul Solis: And he would do that in the congressional office?
- 23 Former LD: Yes.
- 24 Paul Solis: On his personal computer? Would he ever send anything to you to proofread, either  
25 on your personal or house email address?
- 26 Former LD: Not that I'm recalling.
- 27 Paul Solis: It would be more, "Come to my computer and take a look"?
- 28 Former LD: Yes.
- 29 Jeff Brown: What was your reaction, and other staffers', reactions to Oliver's focus on campaign  
30 work in the office, and, I think you said, hands-off nature as a Chief of Staff?
- 31 Former LD: I think it depended. When he would come and try to assert himself in a process that  
32 he hasn't been engaged in, it was certainly frustrating. When he wasn't around and  
33 we needed someone to provide that leadership role to make a decision, and there  
34 was that vacancy, it was certainly frustrating. Outside of that, I think there was  
35 general perception of, you know, "Oliver's Oliver. He's going to do what he does. As  
36 long as David's happy, there's no issues, everything's fine."

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- 1 Jeff Brown: What sort of awareness did Representative Schweikert have regarding Oliver's  
2 focus while in the congressional office?
- 3 Former LD: I think he was aware of Oliver's activities, and so long as there weren't issues, he  
4 was happy with, completely fine and complacent with it. I don't think he had any  
5 serious concerns over what he was doing unless there was an issue that came up.  
6 But as long as there was smooth sailing and course ahead, David never raised any  
7 concerns.
- 8 Jeff Brown: How would you describe Representative Schweikert and Oliver's relationship?
- 9 Former LD: Incredibly close.
- 10 Jeff Brown: Can you elaborate on that?
- 11 Former LD: So, I think their relationship goes beyond a professional relationship, and they are  
12 genuinely friends. Oliver, I think David credits Oliver to him being elected to  
13 Congress and being a member of Congress. I think if there's anyone in that office  
14 that truly has a grasp on what David is looking for and what David wants, it would  
15 have been Oliver. And similarly, I think, David probably had a firm grasp on what  
16 Oliver's activities were doing. They were probably the first call in the morning and  
17 the last call at night. It was that type of relationship.
- 18 Jeff Brown: How frequently would Oliver travel to and from the District?
- 19 Former LD: Fairly frequently.
- 20 Jeff Brown: And was he traveling for official business or campaign business to the District?
- 21 Former LD: Both. I think the blurs ... The lines were probably blurred at times on if ... If he was  
22 going out there for one he might as well do the other, or if there was a clear  
23 breakdown. I think Oliver viewed as, well, I'm out here, I'm going to do both. You  
24 know, if ... But he would go back for both campaign and for official business.
- 25 Jeff Brown: Do you know if ... Well, do you know how Oliver's travel was accounted for? Was it  
26 paid for from official funds, generally, or campaign funds, or a combination of both?
- 27 Former LD: I don't have a firm answer for that. I think there was probably a combination of  
28 both, as well as him using his personal credit card and asking for reimbursements  
29 from the office, but again, if I was to try to break that out I'd purely be speculating.
- 30 Jeff Brown: You said that sometimes you felt like maybe the lines were blurred in terms of the  
31 purpose of the travel, can you elaborate on that statement?
- 32 Former LD: Certainly. So, I think there were times where he, given that he would do both the  
33 campaign and the official business, I think there was times where he would travel  
34 out there with official meetings set up and then extend his time to do campaign  
35 work and come back, and visa versa. I don't think there was a clear delineation of  
36 I'm out here to do official congressional work and my next trip I'll do campaign  
37 work, it was I'm out here, I'm going to do both official and campaign.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: Did you ever raise any concerns, did you ever have or raise any concerns with Mr.  
2 Schwab's travel practices?
- 3 Former LD: No.
- 4 Jeff Brown: Did you not raise, or not have, any concerns because you wouldn't have had sort of  
5 the requisite knowledge of how much time he was spending on official versus  
6 campaign?
- 7 Former LD: So, I think that's part of it. I think there was also just the general feeling that I,  
8 personally, wasn't being impacted by his travel. He's my superior, I don't have the  
9 authority or the ability to interject and question his decision making and these  
10 practices. So, it was one of those things where, you know, as chief of staff I respected  
11 his role in the office, respected his responsibilities, and never really questioned his  
12 role in how he financed his travel and why he was going back. I didn't feel it was my  
13 role as a staffer.
- 14 Jeff Brown: Did ... Were you aware of anybody else raising concerns with his travel practices?
- 15 Former LD: So, I think Beau, throughout the time I was there, would raise some concerns that he  
16 was spending too much time in the district. As far as the financial aspect of that I'm  
17 not aware.
- 18 Jeff Brown: What do you mean by the financial aspect?
- 19 Former LD: On how he was being ... Or, how they ... He was financing the travel of his through  
20 official or campaign funds.
- 21 Jeff Brown: Were there appropriate spending and reimbursement oversights in Representative  
22 Schweikert's office when you were there?
- 23 Former LD: I would say no. Again, I think if ... The only true oversight was Oliver. So, there was  
24 never any serious question. I remember Mary rejecting a couple of my  
25 reimbursements because I didn't fill out the forms properly, but there was never  
26 any question about what I was submitting, or what other staffers were submitting,  
27 and if you presented a reimbursement form to Oliver or one of the other staffers  
28 who had the authority to sign off they signed off without questioning it.
- 29 Jeff Brown: And I think we've covered this, but in case we haven't, Representative Schweikert's  
30 involvement in approving Mr. Schwab's MRA disbursements, what was it?
- 31 Former LD: As far as I'm aware, he had none. It was Oliver had full carte blanche authority to  
32 manage the MRA disbursements and the office finances as he deemed necessary.
- 33 Jeff Brown: Okay. We've talked about travel practices but I'll just ask this question more  
34 generally, did you have any concerns with the way in which Mr. Schwab was  
35 spending MRA funds?
- 36 Former LD: You know, I thought it was excessive at times, but again, I never was sure how funds  
37 were being used, if it was MRA funds or if it was campaign funds, so I would say that

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1 I thought his spending practices were excessive, but how they ... He was financing  
2 them without having fidelity on those issues, you know, I never raised any concerns.

3 Jeff Brown: Okay, but it's your understanding that besides Oliver, once ... I should say, once  
4 reimbursement materials got to Oliver they would go to Mary, and if there wasn't  
5 pushback from Mary they would just proceed?

6 Former LD: Yes.

7 Jeff Brown: Have you spoken to anybody at the Washington Examiner about Mr. Schwab?

8 Former LD: No.

9 Jeff Brown: Okay. How about Philip Wegmann, do you know who Philip Wegmann is?

10 Former LD: Yes. So, I set up a coffee meeting with David and Philip when I was LD, I set up a  
11 number of ... I think about 10 or a dozen meeting ... Coffee meetings, lunch meetings,  
12 with David and reporters in an effort to build David's media profile with  
13 conservative reporters at the time.

14 Jeff Brown: Okay. Have you ever seen or read this article before? And by this article, and for the  
15 record, I'm talking about an article titled, "A Lot of Cash is Flowing to David  
16 Schweikert's Chief of Staff, Oliver Schwab," dated November second, 2017?

17 Former LD: Yes, I have-

18 Jeff Brown: Okay.

19 Former LD: ... seen this.

20 Jeff Brown: When did you first view this article?

21 Former LD: Approximately the time that it came out a friend forwarded me the link to the  
22 article.

23 Jeff Brown: And what was your reaction when you first read the article?

24 Former LD: I wasn't surprised by it. I ... Yeah, I think that was my general reaction is everything  
25 that was in the article made sense to me, and I didn't question the validity of it.

26 Jeff Brown: I'd like to break down a lot of what's discussed in this article, but before I do that I  
27 would like to ask you ... The article references a variety of former staffers as sources,  
28 do you know who Mr. Wegmann is quoting? Who these former staffers are?

29 Former LD: I don't. I could only speculate. Given the information in this at the time I thought it  
30 was either Beau or Kelly who provided this information.

31 Jeff Brown: Who else have you had conversations with this article about?

32 Former LD: So, a number of friends, no one directly employed by or engaged with the  
33 Schweikert office that I'm aware of.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: Well, like I said, I'd like to break down some of what's in this article, so let's first talk  
2 about the ... What I think we could here refer to as the Super Bowl trip, that being  
3 the trip to ... Mr. Schwab and Representative Schweikert's trip to Arizona during  
4 Super Bowl weekend, 2015. What can you tell us about their trip during Super Bowl  
5 weekend, 2015?
- 6 Former LD: So, I was unaware of the trip, and to be honest I don't recall, at the time, any  
7 discussions towards it.
- 8 Jeff Brown: Okay. So then, were you aware ... Or, you were not aware at the time, that Oliver  
9 attended the Super Bowl?
- 10 Former LD: I was not aware he attended it.
- 11 Jeff Brown: You...
- 12 Former LD: I'd be very jealous.
- 13 Jeff Brown: You were not aware that Representative Schweikert attended the Super Bowl?
- 14 Former LD: No.
- 15 Jeff Brown: Okay. Would you have any awareness of any activities that either Representative  
16 Schweikert or Oliver Schwab engaged in that weekend?
- 17 Former LD: No.
- 18 Jeff Brown: Okay. How about from social media postings or anything like that, would you ever  
19 have learned, at any point, that he attended the Super Bowl or partook in any other  
20 activities that weekend?
- 21 Former LD: Again, I'd have to go and look at social media, I ... But I don't remember that  
22 weekend, or if he attended that Super Bowl.
- 23 Jeff Brown: Okay.
- 24 Paul Solis: Was there a campaign event that weekend?
- 25 Former LD: Not that I recall.
- 26 Jeff Brown: Do you recall anything about a Representative McCarthy event?
- 27 Former LD: So, there was a number of Representative McCarthy events out in the district, and I-  
28 Most of those events stemmed around the Valley Fever task force, and there would  
29 be subsequent campaigning activities while Congressman McCarthy was out there,  
30 but from my recollection, the majority of their engagements in the district stemmed  
31 around the Valley Fever task force.
- 32 Jeff Brown: The Valley Fever task force, would that have been official side?
- 33 Former LD: Yes.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: The Phoenix Open, is that an event that representative Schweikert or staffers would  
2 attend in any given year?
- 3 Former LD: I don't recall any staffers specifically attending this. It is a, you know, widely talked  
4 about activity in the district. I'd be, off hand I'd be blurring the lines between, the  
5 general, the conversation regarding the Phoenix Open and any specific activities of  
6 either David or Oliver did out there.
- 7 Jeff Brown: Was it an important weekend for Representative Schweikert generally?
- 8 Former LD: Yeah. It was. Given the influx of people and business into the district, David usually,  
9 and Oliver tried to capitalize on the event to draw publicity and promote what they  
10 were doing, and people who weren't necessarily engaged with the office on a  
11 regular basis.
- 12 Jeff Brown: Would there generally be, both campaign and official events that weekend?
- 13 Former LD: I believe it leaned more towards the campaign side. Again, without sitting down and  
14 really thinking about it, I can't recall off hand on how things were broken up.
- 15 Jeff Brown: Are you aware of Oliver Schwab ever improperly purchasing any office supplies for  
16 his personal benefit?
- 17 Former LD: I think, without having visibility on where the funds were coming from, there were  
18 certain purchases that I thought were excessive, but at the time, unless I knew they  
19 were coming from the MRA, I think it would probably be hard for me to say that, you  
20 know, he shouldn't be spending the money that way. If it's his personal funds, I'm  
21 okay with it.
- 22 Jeff Brown: So you wouldn't know if it was personal funds or MRA funds in the examples that  
23 you're thinking of?
- 24 Former LD: Yes.
- 25 Paul Solis: What's an example of something you thought was excessive?
- 26 Former LD: There was essentially, I guess a reading table that - some fancy reading table - that  
27 was a couple hundred dollars that he wanted over by his desk, I think purely for  
28 aesthetic reasons. I'm not sure how that was paid for. There were a number of those  
29 micro-room heaters, with like, kind of the faux electronic flames, or fireplaces,  
30 number of those were purchased for the offices. I would assume those came out of  
31 MRA, you know, whether or not those were needed, I would argue they weren't, but  
32 the decision was to purchase them. Those are a couple of the examples of kind of  
33 excessive spending that if I was a decision maker, wouldn't have purchased.
- 34 Paul Solis: But again, your awareness of the source of those funds, you didn't know?
- 35 Former LD: No.
- 36 Jeff Brown: Do you know whether Oliver Schwab took a course at Harvard University?

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- 1 Former LD: I remember him posting about that on social media. I think he did one of those,  
2 executive leadership course, week long courses, something to that effect. I'm not  
3 sure on the specifics of the course, but I do believe he did that.
- 4 Jeff Brown: Did you ever have any discussions with him regarding that course?
- 5 Former LD: No.
- 6 Jeff Brown: Okay. Any discussions with him regarding reimbursement for any sort of training?
- 7 Former LD: No.
- 8 Jeff Brown: Okay. So you wouldn't know whether or not the Harvard course included anything  
9 like travel costs or food or accommodations?
- 10 Former LD: No.
- 11 Jeff Brown: Have you ever heard of the Casey Family Foundation?
- 12 Former LD: No.
- 13 Jeff Brown: Are you aware that Oliver Schwab has a family foundation?
- 14 Former LD: Yes. I'm not familiar with it specifically. Just that Oliver does come from significant  
15 wealth and that there was a foundation. Outside of that, I have limited information  
16 on it.
- 17 Jeff Brown: Do you know whether or not he receives any sort of income from that foundation?
- 18 Former LD: I don't know.
- 19 Jeff Brown: Do you know what his role is, at the foundation?
- 20 Former LD: No.
- 21 Paul Solis: Jeff had asked you about a course at Harvard. Did Oliver take a course at Stanford?
- 22 Former LD: I'm not aware of that.
- 23 Paul Solis: What about Johns Hopkins?
- 24 Former LD: Not aware of it.
- 25 Jeff Brown: Aside from the salary that Mr. Schwab would have received from the House of  
26 Representatives, what can you tell me about other income sources that Mr. Schwab  
27 had?
- 28 Former LD: I believe he was compensated from the campaign funds, for his campaign work. I  
29 also remember, if I remember correctly, he provides some level of consulting, I'm  
30 not sure what that included or who he was employed by.
- 31 Jeff Brown: How are you aware of both of those things?
- 32 Former LD: Office discussions.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: Those have been discussions with Mr. Schwab or others?
- 2 Former LD: Both. I don't think there was ever a discussion on how to, there was never a  
3 discussion on what he was doing, as far as trying to hide it. Oliver was always pretty  
4 open about his activities. I was never aware of the fact of how much or what  
5 specifically he was doing, but I was aware of the fact that he was doing those  
6 activities. If I recall correctly, there was a time when he was compensated below the  
7 \$120,000 level while he was trying to figure out personal finances for the financial  
8 disclosure forms because given the, I think the foundation and also his family  
9 wealth, he didn't want to fully disclose everything.
- 10 Jeff Brown: Can you tell us more about that conversation?
- 11 Former LD: When part of the, I guess the process or the conversation that took place when Beau  
12 became the one with signing authority for the financial disclosures and whatnot,  
13 was because Oliver was in the process of trying to essentially work with financial  
14 advisors on how he can move some of his family wealth. That's at least what I was  
15 told. He was receiving below the \$120,000 threshold so he didn't have to do the  
16 mandatory disclosures.
- 17 Jeff Brown: What year was this?
- 18 Former LD: Somewhere, 2015, 2016.
- 19 Jeff Brown: Why did he explain that he didn't want to have to do the mandatory disclosures?
- 20 Former LD: I don't believe, if I remember correctly, Oliver did not tell me directly this. It was  
21 secondhand from Kat and Beau separately on, because there was a discomfort in the  
22 office with the amount of compensation that some of the senior leaders were  
23 receiving compared to more junior staff. It was laid out as, this is why Beau was  
24 making so much, so he was doing the disclosures. Oliver is trying to figure out how  
25 he can, essentially manage his personal finances, not to fully disclose everything.  
26 That's why Beau was, all of a sudden, received a large compensation and that Oliver  
27 was receiving below the 120 threshold.
- 28 Jeff Brown: I guess back to my question, why was Oliver reluctant to do financial disclosures?
- 29 Former LD: The story I'm told is, given his personal wealth, that they didn't want that disclosed.  
30 Given the wealth he inherited with I believe it was his grandfather's passing, they  
31 were working on trying to move those funds so he wasn't, it wasn't being fully  
32 disclosed on how much he personally was worth.
- 33 Jeff Brown: Do you know if he filed financial disclosures for the years that he was chief of staff?
- 34 Former LD: For the majority of them, yes. Again, there's that kind of couple ... That one or two  
35 quarters where he was below the 120 threshold.
- 36 Paul Solis: During that year did he file a financial disclosure form?
- 37 Former LD: I believe earlier in the year he did, and then he took a salary reduction.

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- 1 Paul Solis: Typically the way financial disclosures work is you, you know, they're once a year,  
2 so ... And they're due usually around May or the first part of the year for the  
3 preceding year. So, did he file one during the year that he took a salary decrease-
- 4 Former LD: I'm not-
- 5 Paul Solis: ... below the senior staff level?
- 6 Former LD: I'm not certain on that.
- 7 Jeff Brown: What can you tell us about Chartwell?
- 8 Former LD: Outside the fact that that was his consulting firm, I had no engagement, no activities  
9 with the ... Was unaware of what, specifically, Oliver did with it.
- 10 Jeff Brown: But outside of this article, and again, the Examiner article, for the record, you were  
11 aware, during your time in Representative Schweikert's office that Oliver had a  
12 company called Chartwell?
- 13 Former LD: Yes.
- 14 Jeff Brown: And you were aware that Representative Schweikert's campaign committee, and or  
15 political action committees, were compensating Oliver through Chartwell?
- 16 Former LD: No. So, I wasn't aware that he was being compensated through Chartwell. My  
17 understanding was he was being compensated by the campaign committees as a  
18 campaign employee and not through a consulting firm that he established.
- 19 Jeff Brown: In other words, you thought that he was ... Monies were being paid personally to  
20 Oliver Schwab.
- 21 Former LD: Yes.
- 22 Paul Solis: So, what did you know about Chartwell, ever?
- 23 Former LD: Other than the fact that it existed, nothing.
- 24 Paul Solis: Would he ever say anything about it?
- 25 Former LD: I want to say yes, but there's no specific conversations or instances that are coming  
26 to mind.
- 27 Jeff Brown: Do you know if Oliver Schwab did any sort of political consulting or fundraising for  
28 anyone besides Representative Schweikert?
- 29 Former LD: So, my perception was yes. Who those folks were or what activities they were I'm  
30 unaware of, but my perception was there was more political activities beyond just  
31 Congressman Schweikert's.
- 32 Jeff Brown: Back to the financial disclosures, did you ever have any discussions with Oliver  
33 Schwab about him, you know, not appropriately disclosing his personal finances?
- 34 Former LD: No.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: Okay. Did you ever hear of any discussions like that?
- 2 Former LD: At the staff to staff level, nope, just the fact that those activities were taking place  
3 and there was a frustration given how the overall compensation in the office, at the  
4 time ... But I think those conversations were part of that overall conversation with  
5 the general dis-happiness of the pay discrepancy between senior staff and mid and  
6 junior level staffs, comparatively.
- 7 Paul Solis: You mentioned that ... And this is, again, you mentioned it was through secondhand  
8 reports from Kat and Beau about Oliver's desire to not be subject to the financial  
9 disclosure requirements because of his personal wealth, and disclosing that, right?  
10 That's correct?
- 11 Former LD: That was my understanding, what I received, yes.
- 12 Paul Solis: Do you know if any part of that desire to not be subject to the financial disclosure  
13 requirements had anything to do with income he was receiving from Representative  
14 Schweikert's campaign?
- 15 Former LD: Not that I was aware of. You know, my understanding, it was that he received an  
16 inheritance and he was trying to move the funds before having to disclose them, but  
17 I was never aware of what level of compensation he was receiving from the  
18 campaign.
- 19 Jeff Brown: Again, just ... I'm trying to get a handle on why he was so concerned about disclosing  
20 personal wealth issues.
- 21 Former LD: You know, I don't have a solid answer for you on that outside of just what I was told.  
22 It was never a conversation I had with Oliver specifically.
- 23 Jeff Brown: Is it fair to say that Oliver Schwab was aware that he was subject to outside earned  
24 income limits as a senior staff?
- 25 Former LD: I think that's a fair statement. You know, Oliver generally was very aware of the  
26 reporting requirements that he would have to provide, so I think saying he was  
27 aware of those is accurate.
- 28 Jeff Brown: Okay. Do you ever recall any discussions in the office about Oliver Schwab not taking  
29 required ethics trainings?
- 30 Former LD: Yes, it was near the later portion of my time in the office. It was essentially, you  
31 know, I haven't had to do one yet, why would I start now? They'll know I haven't  
32 done one, and it was kind of a running joke he had.
- 33 Jeff Brown: And this occurred roughly what year?
- 34 Former LD: Late 2105 through 2016, I'd say.
- 35 Jeff Brown: And, so, the implication from Oliver was that he's been on the Hill since roughly  
36 2011 and he hasn't taken an ethics training up through 2015.
- 37 Former LD: Yes.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: Having said that, is it still your belief that Oliver Schwab would have been aware  
2 that he was subject to outside earned income limits?
- 3 Former LD: Yes.
- 4 Jeff Brown: And that would have ... he would have been aware of that from 2011 through today?
- 5 Former LD: Yes.
- 6 Jeff Brown: So, aside from Chartwell and any political consulting or fundraising activities that  
7 Oliver Schwab was engaged in, are you aware of any other businesses that Oliver  
8 Schwab was involved in?
- 9 Former LD: Not that come ... Any that come to mind.
- 10 Jeff Brown: Okay, do you know if he undertook any sort of real estate endeavors?
- 11 Former LD: So, I believe he has a number of rental properties. I remember a relatively significant  
12 discussion he was having with, I think, Kat, at the time, who was refurbishing a  
13 home she bought about properties he was trying to rent in DC, or properties he was  
14 trying to buy in DC to rent.
- 15 Jeff Brown: Okay. Does this have anything to do with the inheritance issues we just discussed?
- 16 Former LD: You know, I wouldn't know. They were in that timeframe, but I never drew a  
17 connection if there is any.
- 18 Jeff Brown: Okay. What do you know about what sort of income Mr. Schwab was receiving from  
19 any of these real estate endeavors or investment properties?
- 20 Former LD: I'm ... No, I don't have a strong understanding or insight on specifics. I know, given  
21 some of the locations that he was looking to buy, they were, you know, not cheap  
22 properties in the District. You know, some are right on Mass Ave, which are  
23 relatively expensive.
- 24 Jeff Brown: Was it your understanding that he would be receiving rental income from these  
25 properties?
- 26 Former LD: Yes.
- 27 Jeff Brown: Okay. And, roughly, do you know how many rental properties he had?
- 28 Former LD: So, there was only one that ... And, again, I'm not even sure if the deal ever closed,  
29 but that there were discussions that either I was involved in or tangentially involved  
30 in on renting a property, I believe, off of Mass Ave, or buying a property to rent off  
31 Mass Ave. Outside of that I'm not familiar with what ... How many properties he  
32 owns or rents.
- 33 Jeff Brown: Do you know if that ... There was ever a closing on that property?
- 34 Former LD: I believe so, but I'm uncertain, and, you know, won't want to say specifically yes or  
35 no, but I believe there was a closure on it.

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1 Jeff Brown: Have you ever heard of a company called Pinkham Management, LLC?  
2 Former LD: No.  
3 Jeff Brown: How about Allerton Property Management?  
4 Former LD: No.  
5 Jeff Brown: Do you know if Oliver Schwab had any sort of role, in DC or elsewhere, managing  
6 properties?  
7 Former LD: So, part of the discussion on that one property that I'm aware of in DC was, you  
8 know, using a management company so that he is not directly managing it, and just  
9 essentially taking his cut of the rent. I'm not sure what role he has now, but I know  
10 that was part of a discussion.  
11 Jeff Brown: So you don't know what the outcome of that discussion was?  
12 Former LD: No.  
13 Jeff Brown: Have you ever heard of a company called Health Wellness Partners?  
14 Former LD: No.  
15 Jeff Brown: How about Bristol Consulting?  
16 Former LD: No.  
17 Jeff Brown: Are you aware of whether Ana Schwab had any ... did any sort of political consulting  
18 or fundraising for anyone on the Hill?  
19 Former LD: I believe she did some level of fundraising, for a number of members. Both David  
20 and Keith Rothfus and I think there was a number of relationships she cultivated  
21 from her brief time at the NRCC that kind of opened up the opportunity. While there  
22 were those discussions that I was aware of, I couldn't tell you what members, or to  
23 what extent.  
24 Jeff Brown: Do you have any idea what sort of work she was doing?  
25 Former LD: General fundraising, organizing events, scheduling, but not specifically on  
26 everything that she was doing.  
27 Jeff Brown: Do you know if she was doing any of this on a volunteer basis, or if she was being  
28 compensated?  
29 Former LD: My understanding is that it was all compensated.  
30 Jeff Brown: Did Oliver Schwab ever discuss using frequent flyer miles to pay for Representative  
31 Schweikert's personal travel?  
32 Former LD: I know there were, he discussed quite frequently, use of frequent flyer miles, and it  
33 would be hard for me to say if it was for personal or official travel, but there were

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1                    those discussions. I'm just not drawing a specific instance to mind that would help  
2                    delineate.

3    Jeff Brown:     Okay. Was there ever a discussion about Representative Schweikert specifically  
4                    using Oliver Schwab's miles?

5    Former LD:     Again, I can't think of a specific instance. Oliver generally tried to use miles as much  
6                    as possible.

7    Jeff Brown:     Are you aware of any gifts or loans that Oliver would have made to Representative  
8                    Schweikert?

9    Former LD:     At one point, I was told that he donated or he loaned the campaign a relatively  
10                    significant amount. I think several thousand, five or ten if I recall correctly. Five or  
11                    ten thousand dollars that were still owed to him. I don't really have a firm grasp on  
12                    when that took place, or the full amount.

13   Jeff Brown:     Do you know what year that loan would have occurred?

14   Former LD:     No. My understanding was just an outstanding loan that Oliver never was paid back  
15                    on.

16   Paul Solis:     This is to Representative Schweikert's campaign committee.

17   Former LD:     Yes.

18   Jeff Brown:     Would that have occurred within the last year?

19   Former LD:     The conversation occurred late 2016. When the contribution or loan was made, I  
20                    don't know.

21   Jeff Brown:     Did he ever discuss making any other sort of personal outlays on, for Representative  
22                    Schweikert or his campaign?

23   Former LD:     Yes. It was generally an erring of grievances about the fact that he hasn't been paid  
24                    back by David for those expenditures. I don't have a dollar figure, when those  
25                    expenditures took place, it was just that he spent, he bought X for David and he was  
26                    never paid back, or he loaned the campaign X amount and was never paid back.

27   Jeff Brown:     Was this a formal loan of some kind or an informal loan?

28   Former LD:     I'm not aware.

29   Jeff Brown:     Do you know any more details about terms of this loan?

30   Former LD:     No.

31   Jeff Brown:     Is there anything that we haven't discussed today that you think would be  
32                    appropriate to talk about in light of our discussions?

33   Former LD:     Nothing that is coming to mind at the moment.

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1 Jeff Brown: Is there anyone else who you think we should speak with in light of the questions  
2 that we've asked you today?

3 Former LD: I think we discussed the folks, at least from my time on the staff who were current  
4 or former employees who had some understanding of what was ongoing with  
5 Oliver. I don't have anyone else outside of the folks that we already mentioned,  
6 Beau, Kelly, Kat, who would provide greater clarity on these issues.

7 Jeff Brown: Okay. I think you said this already, but I just wanted to verify. Has anybody from  
8 Representative Schweikert's office contacted you about an OCE investigation?

9 Former LD: No.

10 Jeff Brown: Have you contacted anybody else about the OCE investigation?

11 Former LD: No. I've heard through grapevines that there may have been an investigation, but I  
12 never heard anything from official ... there was never a discussion on, you know,  
13 coming in, talking with you. I never had a discussion with anyone on them speaking  
14 with you. It's just kind of that there could be an inquiry into David, but that's about  
15 all I had. I never ...

16 Jeff Brown: Who else have you talked to about this article, either in the office or outside of the  
17 office?

18 Former LD: About this article? A number of friends who never worked with David sent this to  
19 me when it came out, and then Kelly Roberson sent it to me. I think that's essentially  
20 it. I'm trying to think who else. When it first came out a number of folks that knew I  
21 worked with David forwarded me the article.

22 Jeff Brown: Okay. Paul, anything else?

23 Paul Solis: Yeah. I don't know if we covered this at the very beginning, but what were the  
24 circumstance of your departure from Representative Schweikert's office?

25 Former LD: I was going to leave David's office for quite some time. Oliver made it clear to me  
26 that there was no growth potential in that role, that I was essentially stuck where I  
27 was. That I wasn't going to receive any salary increases. No promotion potential. So I  
28 was trying to leave, and then started talking with the Mulvaney folks in the latter  
29 part of the 114th congress, his chief was getting ready to leave. Then they were  
30 promoting his LD to chief and I was going to come in as LD. Then everything kind of,  
31 after the election, went on hold, for quite some time.

32 Paul Solis: Okay. You weren't terminated, you resigned?

33 Former LD: I think the feeling was mutual. I was ready to get out of there. I wasn't happy. I was  
34 actively looking. It was essentially, they were giving me somewhat of a grace period  
35 to leave the office. If I didn't leave before a certain amount of time, then it was clear  
36 that I would be terminated, but again, that grace period never extended to that  
37 point. So officially, I wasn't ever terminated or fired, but it was clear that my time at  
38 that office was coming to an end.

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- 1 Paul Solis: Who made that clear to you?
- 2 Former LD: Oliver.
- 3 Paul Solis: When you did leave, was there any problematic occurrences, problematic  
4 interactions between you and Oliver before you left?
- 5 Former LD: The way he made that clear to me was through an email, which I felt, given six years  
6 of service to David and Oliver was inappropriate. I forced him to sit down with me  
7 and walk me through everything. It was a, you know, a professional conversation.  
8 Obviously the topic wasn't ideal, but at the end of it, there was no issues raising  
9 from that, that, and again, to this day if I see him, I say hi. It's still professional. I  
10 wouldn't say that there was any, you know, negative interactions or negative  
11 outbursts or anything that took place.
- 12 Jeff Brown: All right. With that, I think we'll end the recording.

# **EXHIBIT 4**

**Transcript of Interview of  
Former Deputy Chief of Staff  
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1 Jeff Brown: We'll get started. Alright, this is Jeff Brown with the Office of Congressional  
2 Ethics. With me is Paul Solis and Ashley Williams. It is February 8th, 2018. It  
3 is 10:53am. Former Deputy Chief of Staff ("Former Deputy COS") has been  
4 previously provided with a copy of the False Statements Warning and  
5 reminded that it applies here today.

6 Former Deputy Chief of Staff, the first thing that we want to circle up on is  
7 did Oliver Schwab ever loan any monies to Representative Schweikert or his  
8 campaign?

9 Former Deputy COS: That I know of for sure, no. He did occasionally complain that David owed  
10 him money on his credit card. I don't know specific details beyond that.

11 Jeff Brown: Complaints. How frequently were these sorts of complaints?

12 Former Deputy COS: Every so often. Maybe ever couple months, two or three months. Mostly it  
13 was when Oliver was worked up and angry at David he'd let it slip.

14 Jeff Brown: Was there ever any discussion about the amount of money that was owed?

15 Former Deputy COS: Sometimes . . . Rarely did he bring up the money. I do remember a couple of  
16 times where he brought up something in the excess of \$30,000.

17 Jeff Brown: Okay. Can you tell us more about these conversations or these -- what it  
18 sounds like might have been sort of angry discussions about-

19 Former Deputy COS: Really not a lot. I don't have a lot of detail other than he would just go on  
20 rants and occasionally while he was ranting about how much he hated  
21 David, he'd bring up, "David owes me \$30,000 for money that I put on my  
22 credit card." That's basically the extent of what-

23 Jeff Brown: Do you know if it was money for personal expenses, for campaign expenses?

24 Former Deputy COS: I'm unaware.

25 Jeff Brown: Okay. Do you know when these expenditures would have occurred? Would  
26 they have occurred in 2016? 2011? Anywhere in between?

27 Former Deputy COS: I don't think the first time he ever said anything about it was until after he  
28 came back from the Quayle campaign as running the super pac against Ben  
29 Quayle. So, it would have been 2013 at the earliest and definitely through  
30 the last two years that I was there.

31 Jeff Brown: Okay, so that would have been probably end of 2012, early 2013 would have  
32 been the first time that you would have ever heard from Oliver on this  
33 subject?

34 Former Deputy COS: Yeah.

35 Jeff Brown: And those comments or sort of tirades as you described them where he  
36 would talk about this money would continue up through the time you left  
37 the office?

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1 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

2 Jeff Brown: Okay. Did Oliver Schwab ever give Representative Schweikert any frequent  
3 flyer points to travel on?

4 Former Deputy COS: I'm unaware.

5 Jeff Brown: Okay. Did you ever hear of any discussions in the office about Oliver  
6 donating frequent flyer miles to Representative Schweikert or his wife to  
7 travel overseas?

8 Former Deputy COS: There may have been one or two times that Oliver in haste may have  
9 mentioned something about frequent flyer miles and getting Joyce on a trip.  
10 I don't know where they came from or if they were his.

11 Jeff Brown: Okay. And Joyce is Representative Schweikert's wife?

12 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

13 Jeff Brown: Okay. So just sort of to summarize, it sounds like you heard at least some  
14 conversations or ... well, I should ask, were these ... you generally heard these  
15 grumblings from Oliver Schwab about being owed money?

16 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

17 Jeff Brown: Did you ever hear or discuss these issues with anybody else on staff?

18 Former Deputy COS: I don't believe so.

19 Jeff Brown: Okay. So just to summarize, it sounds like you first heard Oliver grumbling  
20 about being owed money sometime in or around early 2013, late 2012, and  
21 those complaints would periodically surface.

22 Former Deputy COS: I don't remember if it was 2013. Definitely 2014, '15, '16.

23 Jeff Brown: Okay. And the dollar figure that you recall is possibly \$30,000?

24 Former Deputy COS: Something in excess of that, yes.

25 Paul Solis: Was Mr. White, was Ryan White at all present during any of those  
26 conversations where Oliver brought up that amount of money?

27 Former Deputy COS: I wouldn't be surprised by it.

28 Paul Solis: I was wondering if you recall maybe a specific instance where you-

29 Former Deputy COS: No. When Oliver went on a rant he'd rant in the whole office. Usually it was  
30 just with me. But there were definitely occasions where he would rant, and  
31 the whole office would hear it.

32 Paul Solis: So other staffers would have had the occasion or would have had the chance  
33 to hear him discuss the situation?

34 Former Deputy COS: Certainly within the realm of possibility.

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1 Paul Solis: Okay.

2 Jeff Brown: Anything else there?

3 Paul Solis: No.

4 Jeff Brown: Okay. When we last spoke you had described Oliver's role as a bit of a dual  
5 hat role- Chief of Staff but also fundraiser for Representative Schweikert. Is  
6 that correct?

7 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

8 Jeff Brown: And I think you indicated that Representative Schweikert was leaning on  
9 Oliver to raise more money - perhaps for a senate campaign. Is that right?

10 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

11 Jeff Brown: I think you suggested that this was weighing on Oliver. It was getting to  
12 Oliver. Is that a fair characterization?

13 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

14 Jeff Brown: Okay. I think the thing we want to focus on here today is, how much time did  
15 Oliver Schwab spend in the congressional office working on either campaign  
16 or fundraising activities?

17 Former Deputy COS: Actually in the office?

18 Jeff Brown: Right.

19 Former Deputy COS: I mean, I think he may have stuffed envelopes occasionally or stamped  
20 envelopes.

21 Paul Solis: I want to be clear that Jeff's question is pertaining to the congressional office.

22 Former Deputy COS: Yeah, yeah, in Cannon.

23 Paul Solis: Right.

24 Former Deputy COS: Beyond that I didn't listen to his phone calls. I would assume that he  
25 occasionally ... well, I'm fairly certain that he definitely stamped envelopes at  
26 least a few times.

27 Paul Solis: Why do you say that?

28 Former Deputy COS: Just 'cause I saw him putting stamps on stuff, stamps that I knew were  
29 campaign related material to send out. But I wouldn't say that was any large  
30 amount of time. It may have just been to use as ... there's a good mail system  
31 on the Hill, so to stamp and then dump it.

32 Jeff Brown: Just to jog your memory here, did you ever see him making any fundraising  
33 calls in the halls outside the office?

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1 Former Deputy COS: I don't know if they were fundraising calls. He didn't have a lot of calls  
2 outside the office, walking the halls.

3 Jeff Brown: Walking the halls of Cannon.

4 Former Deputy COS: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

5 Jeff Brown: Okay.

6 Former Deputy COS: Cannon and Longworth.

7 Jeff Brown: Did you ever see him write or send any campaign or fundraising-related  
8 emails while he was in the house office complex?

9 Former Deputy COS: I do remember a few occasions where he said, "Look at this email that I  
10 wrote", but I don't remember him actually writing it. I remember him being  
11 in the office and me being in the office and seeing a fundraiser type email  
12 and him, you know, bragging about the content. But I don't remember seeing  
13 him write it.

14 Jeff Brown: Was he asking you to review it in any way?

15 Former Deputy COS: No.

16 Jeff Brown: Okay. Would he have asked others to review these sorts of things.

17 Former Deputy COS: Not in ... I don't think of my team. If he did, it may have been the scheduler  
18 who used to sit next to him ... a scheduler, it could have been any of them.  
19 But none of the team that I supervised.

20 Jeff Brown: Okay. Did you ever see him have any sort of campaign or fundraising related  
21 emails in the congressional office?

22 Former Deputy COS: I know he's had his personal email up, which I know he did a lot of campaign  
23 work through that personal email. But I don't know if he was writing them  
24 or sending them.

25 Paul Solis: He had his own laptop? His own personal laptop? Or was it an official piece  
26 of equipment?

27 Former Deputy COS: He had his own laptop at the office. I don't recall him using it that often.

28 Paul Solis: If there was an email that you saw, you mentioned this morning some  
29 emails, were any other potential campaign related issues on his personal  
30 email? Would that have been done on this personal computer? Or would that  
31 have been done on an official computer?

32 Former Deputy COS: It could have been either. I don't remember.

33 Paul Solis: Okay.

34 Jeff Brown: Was Oliver Schwab ever absent from the congressional office in order to  
35 attend campaign or fundraising events off site?

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- 1 Former Deputy COS: Like throughout the day or-
- 2 Jeff Brown: Right. So, during any given day or any work week, would he take off during  
3 the day in order to attend to fundraising or campaign-
- 4 Former Deputy COS: There were lunch events and after hours events but nothing that would fall  
5 outside of the core hours of the office.
- 6 Jeff Brown: Was there a difference in the amount of time that he was spending out of the  
7 office, off cycle versus on cycle, on a campaign cycle versus not on a  
8 campaign cycle?
- 9 Former Deputy COS: No, I wouldn't say there was much in the way of difference. He did keep  
10 fairly loose hours when we were in session versus out of session. But as far  
11 as on cycle/off cycle, no, I don't think it was much in the way of difference.
- 12 Jeff Brown: In advance of a primary election, would Oliver spend more or less time in  
13 D.C., or the District?
- 14 Former Deputy COS: We didn't have a tough primary since Quayle, and he wasn't part of the staff  
15 during the Quayle primary. I'm sure that he was probably out there more. I  
16 wouldn't say substantially more, prior to the primary.
- 17 Jeff Brown: And are you just referring to the ... You're not referring to the Quayle  
18 primary?
- 19 Former Deputy COS: No, I'm referring to the normal every day cycles. Yeah.
- 20 Jeff Brown: Okay. Was he any more or less available, leading up to the primaries or  
21 general elections?
- 22 Former Deputy COS: I never had any problems contacting him if I needed to contact him.
- 23 Jeff Brown: Just generally, what was Oliver's style as Chief of Staff? How hands-on or  
24 hands-off was he?
- 25 Former Deputy COS: Fairly hands-off. I would say that the day to day runnings of the office and  
26 the leg-shop fell to me. He and I talked regularly. We met with David  
27 regularly. But as far as actually running the policy, informing David ... That  
28 was my job.
- 29 Jeff Brown: Okay. In this dual hat role, who was Oliver working with, either in D.C. or in  
30 Arizona on campaign issues?
- 31 Former Deputy COS: We had a primary D.C. fundraiser. The only two that I know were Erica  
32 Crocker and McKenzie Smith was her maiden name. I don't remember what  
33 her ... She recently got married. I can't remember what her new name is, her  
34 new last name.
- 35 Jeff Brown: Those are D.C.-based?

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1 Former Deputy COS: Those are D.C.-based. The only campaign person that I would say that David  
2 worked with at Arizona was Chris Baker, but I would not say that they had  
3 necessarily a good relationship.

4 Jeff Brown: Oliver and Chris Baker?

5 Former Deputy COS: And Chris Baker, yeah.

6 Jeff Brown: Okay. How frequently was Oliver in contact with any of these three  
7 individuals in the House office?

8 Former Deputy COS: In the actual House office?

9 Jeff Brown: Right.

10 Former Deputy COS: I can't ... I think maybe once or twice a year Baker would come up from  
11 Arizona, spend minimal time in the office. I think McKenzie may have come  
12 up once. Erica more often, but Erica had a more friendly relationship with  
13 the office as a whole. Mostly just to come up and chat with the office.

14 Jeff Brown: Oliver got a bonus at the end of 2014. Do you know what that was for?

15 Former Deputy COS: Probably work. You know, merit bonus.

16 Jeff Brown: Do you know it was a merit bonus, or you're just speculating?

17 Former Deputy COS: I ...

18 Jeff Brown: Yeah.

19 Former Deputy COS: ... wouldn't imagine it was anything but a merit bonus.

20 Jeff Brown: Did any official side staffers that you worked with ... Did any of them have  
21 any role on the campaign, aside from Oliver?

22 Former Deputy COS: Officially, I would say no. Unofficially, there was a time that Kelly Roberson  
23 was complaining that she wasn't being fairly compensated by the campaign.  
24 I don't know how much she did with the campaign. I do know there was a  
25 time when she was complaining about that.

26 Jeff Brown: Okay. Can you elaborate? Why did she feel like she wasn't being  
27 appropriately compensated?

28 Former Deputy COS: Just the amount of time that she had to spend off work, doing campaign-  
29 related work.

30 Jeff Brown: Aside from Kelly, was there anybody else who played any role on the  
31 campaign, either paid or unpaid?

32 Former Deputy COS: I don't think so. I don't remember.

33 Jeff Brown: Okay. Did Oliver or Representative Schweikert ever direct any official staff to  
34 perform any sort of campaign work?

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1 Former Deputy COS: There were a handful of occasions where he asked me or some of the other  
2 staff to ... If we knew anyone that might be interested in attending an event  
3 for free, not paid, to just invite them. It was after hours or off time. Other  
4 than that, I'm not aware of anything.

5 Jeff Brown: Okay. And what did you understand your role to be, if you attended an event  
6 like that?

7 Former Deputy COS: If I attended any event like that, I was as a, serve as a policy expert. I think  
8 there may have been one or two times over the six years that I attended an  
9 event, either a breakfast or a dinner, where I came home with a check, and  
10 immediately gave it to Oliver. I did not ask for the money. It was given to me.  
11 A campaign-related check.

12 Jeff Brown: Were you going in a volunteer capacity for the campaign?

13 Former Deputy COS: I would-

14 Jeff Brown: Or you were going in your official capacity?

15 Former Deputy COS: I was not going as a campaign staffer. I volunteered to go, mostly as an  
16 opportunity to serve as a policy staffer, in case any questions policy-wise  
17 came up. I never felt like I was required to attend.

18 Paul Solis: Prior to any of those campaign events, maybe that they happened on the Hill,  
19 and you felt like you would volunteer your time to act as an expert ... Would  
20 you ever prep Representative Schweikert in the office prior to that event?  
21 Running down sort of the issues that a group who was hosting the event  
22 might want to discuss or talk about?

23 Former Deputy COS: Usually any group that we had any sort of event with was lining up with the  
24 day to day. And so, there may have been questions about what's the most  
25 recent thing on this, but it wouldn't have been outside the realm of anything  
26 that we were already doing.

27 Paul Solis: Okay. Do you ever recall an instance, though, where Oliver said to you ...  
28 Again, this is hypothetically ... You know, "Representative Schweikert's about  
29 to meet with this defense group for a campaign committee event, or a PAC  
30 event. Can you brief him on the issues before he goes to it?"

31 Former Deputy COS: We did that fairly regularly with official business. Off the top of my head, I  
32 can't think of one that I felt was directly related to a campaign event.

33 Paul Solis: Do you know if other staffers had that occur?

34 Former Deputy COS: If it was defense-related, Ryan would have been the one to brief, and he  
35 would have a better idea than I would.

36 Jeff Brown: If Ryan ever said that he had been directed to prep Representative  
37 Schweikert for a campaign or a fundraising activity in his official capacity,  
38 would you have any reason to disbelieve Ryan on that?

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- 1 Former Deputy COS: Disbelieve, no. Ryan had a tendency towards a little bit of hyperbole. So if he  
2 was angry at the time ... He didn't have a good relationship with the member  
3 by the end, either. And so, he may have been more predisposed to remember  
4 those things. So, I guess, no. No, I wouldn't have a reason to believe that he  
5 would be misleading on that.
- 6 Jeff Brown: How about Kat? Do you have any reason to disbelieve ...
- 7 Former Deputy COS: So, Kat would have probably been David's go ... Well, Kat was David's go-to  
8 on Israel issues. So if there were Israel issues that he was going to a  
9 fundraiser event for, she would have been the person pegged to do that. I  
10 would not necessarily be surprised if Oliver had asked her to do that,  
11 because that was such a sensitive issue. He might have. I don't remember  
12 Kat ever complaining about it, but that's definitely possible.
- 13 Paul Solis: Was there ever a time when you were directed to attend a campaign event,  
14 either paid or unpaid? I know you said you specifically just volunteered, but  
15 were you ever directed or required to go to an event where you felt like  
16 there would be consequences to your job if you did not attend?
- 17 Former Deputy COS: No. There was one event that I went to, probably September of '16, around  
18 that time, that I was willing to go to. I didn't feel like I couldn't say no. It was  
19 with Chairman Tiberi. But Oliver just didn't want to go. He wanted to do  
20 other things, and he asked if I was willing. I told him I didn't want to, but I  
21 would. I didn't feel like I would have consequences if I told him no. That's the  
22 only one I could remember being somewhat put off by.
- 23 Paul Solis: The same sort of question I had asked you before, about prepping, but in the  
24 context of being required to go to events. Do you know if any other staffers  
25 were required or told that they must attend an event or reported to you that  
26 that happened?
- 27 Former Deputy COS: No. I don't remember that.
- 28 Jeff Brown: Would other staffers besides yourself, lower level staffers, would they have  
29 been in a position and been comfortable enough to tell Oliver no if he asked  
30 them to do campaign or fundraising-related activities?
- 31 Former Deputy COS: I think Ryan would, Kat probably would, anyone else, no. They would've felt  
32 like they would've had to go, I think.
- 33 Jeff Brown: Okay. What sort of expectations were there for staffers, aside from yourself,  
34 to do campaign-related activities?
- 35 Former Deputy COS: I don't think there were any, at least that were directly related to our  
36 employment. That's why it was so surprising to me that Oliver said that my  
37 performance, if I stayed with the office, would be based on how much money  
38 I was bringing into the office because it had never been part of my job  
39 description before.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: We've talked a little bit about the Ben Quayle Primary. Did any official  
2 staffers ever help prepare Representative Schweikert or work with Oliver to  
3 prepare Representative Schweikert for a Ben Quayle debate?
- 4 Former Deputy COS: I certainly didn't work with Oliver. I think in that time period I had one ...  
5 While he was on the campaign, it was one interaction with Oliver. My wife  
6 and I joined his wife, he and his wife, on his sailboat, minimal politics  
7 discussed. I wasn't asked to do anything for the campaign then. I may have  
8 done prep work on some issues on behalf of Matt Tully, but I don't  
9 remember entirely.
- 10 Jeff Brown: Okay. And that would've been prep work for the Ben Quayle debate?
- 11 Former Deputy COS: If there was prep work done, it would've been asked by Matt Tully. I just  
12 don't remember if there was.
- 13 Jeff Brown: Okay. Do you recall any other staffers working on prep work for that debate?
- 14 Former Deputy COS: I don't remember, no.
- 15 Jeff Brown: Just to kind of jog your memory a little here, do you recall any staffers  
16 working on any other ... Sorry, let me rephrase that. Do you recall any other  
17 official side staffers ever working on any primary or general election issues  
18 in 2016? Either Wittenberg or Williamson.
- 19 Former Deputy COS: Wittenberg or Williamson?
- 20 Jeff Brown: The primary and the general.
- 21 Former Deputy COS: Oh. We paid so little attention to who we were running against. I think that  
22 some of the District Office staffers walked doors and collected signatures,  
23 but that would've been on the weekend and that probably ... I don't think  
24 anyone in D.C. did. I wouldn't ... I don't think anyone in D.C. did.
- 25 Jeff Brown: Okay. In advance of a primary or a general, how much discussion would  
26 there have been in the office about upcoming elections?
- 27 Former Deputy COS: There would have been some discussion in the Quayle campaign, during the  
28 Quayle campaign. I know Matt Tully called, and we had a phone call.  
29 Basically, it was just saying "Hey, here's the state of the things." It was less  
30 than five minutes. "Just want to let know what's going on." I don't remember  
31 whether that was on the official lines or we all got around a cell phone. We  
32 probably were in the office just because that's where everyone was. But  
33 after the Quayle primary, we were never challenged and so any discussion of  
34 a primary or a general was basically "This is funny. Ha, ha, ha. We're getting  
35 primaried or generated." It was beneath, quote-unquote, "beneath David's  
36 dignity" to even entertain it being problematic.
- 37 Jeff Brown: I'd like to switch gears a little bit to talk a little bit about campaign donors.
- 38 Former Deputy COS: Okay.

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1 Jeff Brown: Did you ever see, did you ever witness, campaign donors receiving any sort  
2 of favorable or preferable treatment from either Oliver or Representative  
3 Schweikert?

4 Former Deputy COS: Favorable treatment. You know, there were a couple of people within the  
5 office that the office knew were campaign donors or did campaign ... helped  
6 David. Marshall Brachman comes to mind. I'm relatively certain that I  
7 probably spent more time on his policy issues than others, not necessarily  
8 because of the campaign side but because he was always around as far as he  
9 would come in, he'd sit, he'd chat-

10 Jeff Brown: Who is Marshall Brachman?

11 Former Deputy COS: Marshall Brachman is a lobbyist. He does work for APAC and Lockheed and  
12 some others. He's the one that I can think of off the top of my head, but I  
13 think that was more of a reflection ... We knew he was important, but he just  
14 talked to us and became a friend of the office. So I would say that my work  
15 with him was more ... If I spent more time with him, it had nothing to do with  
16 the amount of money he was giving to David, it was the amount of time that  
17 he spent with me.

18 Jeff Brown: Were there ever any discussions in the office or did you ever witness  
19 anything in which campaign donations were linked to official action of any  
20 kind, either by Representative Schweikert or Oliver Schwab?

21 Former Deputy COS: There are things that we did in the tribal community that got us campaign  
22 donations but they were things that I was doing anyway, so work that I  
23 would've done ... that I was doing that I think Oliver may have fund-raised  
24 off of. But I don't think I was ever instructed to say "Do this because they're  
25 giving us money."

26 Jeff Brown: Do you recall any sort of special treatment provided to an individual who  
27 was looking for grant funding for research in Africa?

28 Former Deputy COS: Grant funding for research in Africa. No, I don't think so.

29 Jeff Brown: That doesn't ring any bells?

30 Former Deputy COS: Mm-mm (negative).

31 Jeff Brown: Okay. How about was there every any sort of favorable treatment or special  
32 favors that would've been done for the companies or the clients that Ana  
33 Schwab worked with or for?

34 Former Deputy COS: The only one that I can think of that might fit that bill was Taser ... or, no,  
35 Firetrace. Ana did work with Teddy Eynon but ... who - Firetrace was one of  
36 his clients. I don't think it was related ... The work that I did with them was  
37 not related to donations at first, and then Ryan took over. I don't know if he  
38 felt that he was doing it because they were donors or Teddy might be a  
39 donor or ... definitely not because Ana was there because we had a prior

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1 relationship with them before Ana went to work with them. But that's the  
2 only one that I can think of off the top of my head that we did anything for  
3 because Ana was working with them.

4 Paul Solis: But why do you say ... When Jeff asked that question, you said "the only one  
5 that could possible fit that bill." Why would you say that?

6 Former Deputy COS: As Firetrace?

7 Paul Solis: Yeah.

8 Former Deputy COS: Because Firetrace was a long-time client of Teddy Eynon and went with him  
9 when he moved to a different company. When he moved to his different  
10 company, Ana worked for him. But I was working with them before Ana was  
11 ever working with them. I worked with Firetrace before Ana went to go  
12 work for Teddy.

13 Jeff Brown: Do you have any recollection of donations being linked to official actions  
14 with Firetrace?

15 Former Deputy COS: No, not that I can remember.

16 Jeff Brown: Were there any special rules in place or any office policies and procedures  
17 on the way in which Oliver would deal with the companies that Ana worked  
18 with/for?

19 Former Deputy COS: I don't think so, not that I remember.

20 Jeff Brown: Okay. Do you ever recall a conversation in the office, either with Oliver or  
21 others, about him not taking requisite ethics trainings?

22 Former Deputy COS: I vaguely remember him talking about not taking ethics training, or him  
23 being really far behind. But I don't know when that occurred, but that does  
24 kind of ... That sounds right.

25 Jeff Brown: Even if we assume that Mr. Schwab didn't take mandatory ethics trainings,  
26 would he have been aware of outside earned income limits that would've  
27 been applicable to senior staffers?

28 Former Deputy COS: Oh, I would hope so. He and I talked quite a bit about outside earned income  
29 in the sense that he would complain that the house doesn't pay enough. I  
30 was like, "Well, go ahead and get another job, but you're limited." He should  
31 of known that there was outside limits.

32 Jeff Brown: Should of or did know? Did you have actual discussions about it?

33 Former Deputy COS: I mean, on more than one occasion I am certain that I told him. I mentioned  
34 that you're limited in the amount of money that you can earn outside of-

35 Jeff Brown: Do you have any recollection of when those conversations would have  
36 occurred?

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- 1 Former Deputy COS: I mean, it's probably a handful of times over the course of three or four  
2 years. Multiple times.
- 3 Jeff Brown: Was there ever a point in time that you had a discussion with him or there  
4 was a discussion in the office about him not wanting to earn a senior staff  
5 rate of pay so that he didn't have to file financial disclosures?
- 6 Former Deputy COS: Yes.
- 7 Jeff Brown: Can you tell us about that?
- 8 Former Deputy COS: I'm not sure. I don't think it ever actually occurred, but he said he wanted to  
9 focus more, at one point in time, on growing a business and spending less  
10 time in the office. So he wanted to earn less money so he could make more  
11 money outside the office. I have no idea what he would be wanting to do. But  
12 yes, he definitely said he wanted to make less than the-
- 13 Jeff Brown: When were those conversations. Do you remember?
- 14 Former Deputy COS: Oh, I mean, again, probably a handful of times. Probably within the same  
15 conversations of I said, "You're limited in the outside earned income."
- 16 Jeff Brown: In those conversations, was there any discussion about his personal wealth  
17 and not wanting to file financial disclosures because of his personal loans?
- 18 Former Deputy COS: No. More along the lines of, "I want to make more money."
- 19 Paul Solis: Did he adjust his salary so as to make an amount less than senior staff level?
- 20 Former Deputy COS: There was a while where he had talked about that. I don't think it ever  
21 actually occurred while I was doing the budget. If he did it, it was before I  
22 started doing the budget.
- 23 Jeff Brown: Remind us approximately what year was that?
- 24 Former Deputy COS: I think December '14.
- 25 Paul Solis: I just want to go back a little bit to FireTrace. Can you tell me what this  
26 company is and what ...
- 27 Former Deputy COS: They...FireTrace uses its chemicals to put out fires in military, police, airline  
28 vehicles. It's a pretty good product.
- 29 Paul Solis: Where's the company based?
- 30 Former Deputy COS: Arizona. I think it's in Scottsdale and maybe just outside of Scottsdale.
- 31 Paul Solis: Is it in Representative's Schweikert's district?
- 32 Former Deputy COS: I believe so.
- 33 Paul Solis: You had worked with the company or worked with this Mr. Eynon in some  
34 official capacity?

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1 Former Deputy COS: I mean, Teddy introduced me to the company. I went out there. I took a site  
2 tour to see the products. I know they were trying to get the DOD interested  
3 in their fire safety products that they thought saved lives.

4 Paul Solis: Does Teddy have a role with the company? Is he a lobbyist, what's-  
5 Former Deputy COS: He's their contracted lobbyist.

6 Paul Solis: Contracted lobbyist. So he's with -- what's his name of his company?  
7 Former Deputy COS: I think he was with a Greenberg Traurig. He may have moved since then.

8 Paul Solis: At the time, was he based in DC or ...?  
9 Former Deputy COS: He's based in DC.

10 Paul Solis: Okay. Then so how did Ana Schwab become related to Fire Trace and-  
11 Former Deputy COS: Ana Schwab lost her job at either the NRCC or Paul Gosar's office. I can't  
12 remember the time frame.

13 Oliver had a relationship with Teddy. Teddy was looking for an assistant and  
14 hired Ana. I think that Ana's relationship with FireTrace is coincidental. I  
15 don't think FireTrace was trying to hire Ana. I think Teddy was trying to hire  
16 Ana.

17 Paul Solis: You had a relationship with Teddy then prior to Ana being hired?  
18 Former Deputy COS: Yeah.

19 Paul Solis: Okay. Did Oliver have a relationship with Teddy prior to Ana being hired?  
20 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

21 Paul Solis: How do you know that?  
22 Former Deputy COS: I think Teddy came to our office opening. I mean, Oliver had a relationship  
23 with Teddy before he had a relationship with Ana. Teddy, I think, day one,  
24 day two, something like that. I met Teddy and well, worked policy with him.

25 Paul Solis: While you were sort of handling the portfolio that included FireTrace ... First  
26 of all is that safe to say that's correct?  
27 Former Deputy COS: At the time, yes. When I became LD, Ryan took over the defense portfolio so  
28 he would have, yeah. Defense Homeland was mine at first and then it  
29 became Ryan's.

30 Paul Solis: Roughly, what are the dates that you had the defense portfolio where you  
31 would have had contact with FireTrace representatives or Teddy Eynon?  
32 Former Deputy COS: January 11 through May, June of '12.

33 Paul Solis: What's going on? Are you meeting with them and you're meeting just with  
34 him or representatives of the company?

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1 Former Deputy COS: I met with him and then I met with Cavanaugh, I think is the company  
2 owner's name, Mark Cavanaugh. Met with him just standard, traditional  
3 office meeting stuff. I took a site visit.

4 Paul Solis: Okay. Then in sometime in 2012, Ryan took over the portfolio, right?

5 Former Deputy COS: Mm-hmm (affirmative)

6 Paul Solis: Were you aware of his meetings with FireTrace or Teddy Eynon?

7 Former Deputy COS: Generally. I mean, I don't remember what other issues Teddy worked on, but  
8 I know that I had meetings with Teddy on other issues beyond FireTrace. I  
9 just don't remember what the portfolio was at the time. FireTrace was the  
10 only company that I basically remember pretty close that they want going all  
11 the way through in talking with Schweikert that Teddy worked for.

12 Paul Solis: How often is Ryan meeting with FireTrace representatives or Teddy Eynon?

13 Former Deputy COS: For FireTrace issues? Oh, maybe once a quarter. I think Cavanaugh flew in  
14 maybe two times a year. He would meet with them when he flew in. Same  
15 with me.

16 Paul Solis: What type of official acts did Representative Schweikert take or did you all  
17 take that would have affected FireTrace?

18 Former Deputy COS: Ryan had language inserted in the conference report saying that there was a  
19 need for fire suppression systems.

20 Paul Solis: What legislation is that and when?

21 Former Deputy COS: It was in one of the NDAA's. We would have been in the Cannon office, so  
22 either '15 or '16 NDAA.

23 I thought Ryan believed in the product. I thought the product was a good  
24 product. It would probably save lives. I had no ethical or moral quandaries  
25 with that. I wasn't instructed and I don't think Ryan, well, I don't know if  
26 Ryan was instructed to, insert the language. I was never instructed to do  
27 anything related to campaign work with FireTrace. Anything that I did, it  
28 was in an official capacity I did because I thought that they should meet with  
29 people. I never had anything put into legislative language or committee  
30 report for them.

31 Paul Solis: So you recall Ryan had some language affecting the industry?

32 Former Deputy COS: Yeah.

33 Paul Solis: Not FireTrace specifically.

34 Former Deputy COS: Not FireTrace.

35 Paul Solis: A conference report in '15 or '16. Was Oliver aware of that insertion of  
36 language?

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1 Former Deputy COS: I'm sure he was. I mean, Ryan was pretty happy about getting the language  
2 in there.

3 Paul Solis: At that time was Oliver Schwab's wife, Ana, was she working as a lobbyist for  
4 FireTrace?

5 Former Deputy COS: I don't think so. Teddy let her go at some point in time or the company did.  
6 Then she went back to law school. I don't remember what that time frame  
7 was. I believe for most of last Congress she was unemployed or at law  
8 school.

9 Paul Solis: Any other clients? Again you believe it's Greenberg Traurig, that's the -

10 Former Deputy COS: I believe so.

11 Paul Solis: Okay. Any other clients of Greenberg Traurig that were in the district?

12 Former Deputy COS: Not that I remember. There may have been. FireTrace is the only one that I  
13 met with and had a relationship with as far as professional was concerned  
14 that I developed anything with them.

15 Jeff Brown: How about clients at Fox Rothschild that were in the district?

16 Former Deputy COS: The name sounds familiar. If you had company names, I could probably tell  
17 you maybe.

18 Jeff Brown: Best Best and Krieger?

19 Former Deputy COS: I don't remember.

20 Jeff Brown: Anything else there?

21 Paul Solis: Nope.

22 Jeff Brown: When we last spoke, I think you said you left the Schweikert office the  
23 Monday before Thanksgiving 2016?

24 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

25 Jeff Brown: Okay and you were paid up through January 3rd, 2017.

26 Former Deputy COS: Correct.

27 Jeff Brown: I think the way you also described to us, you said you were essentially going  
28 to be on contract for the next six months. That was the way that severance  
29 was described to you?

30 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

31 Jeff Brown: What did you understand "on contract" to mean?

32 Former Deputy COS: Anytime they needed any sort of policy expertise that I had, that I would be  
33 responsible for that.

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1 Jeff Brown: Okay. How-

2 Former Deputy COS: And be completely and totally on-call, and if I were to ever find another job, I  
3 was to leave the Schweikert employment.

4 Jeff Brown: How frequently were your expertises called upon during that, I guess part of  
5 November, December, part of January?

6 Former Deputy COS: Two or three. My plan was to stay through, in the office, through January  
7 3rd, at which point in time I would move to the quote-unquote "contract  
8 status". The Friday before Thanksgiving, Oliver called me and said I was  
9 causing confusion in the office and didn't want me to come in anymore. I  
10 said "Okay. Let me know if you need anything." He asked me to do a couple  
11 of writing pieces on Constitutional amendments. Other than that, I think that  
12 was basically it.

13 Jeff Brown: How many hours in a given week?

14 Former Deputy COS: Oh, I probably spent ... I think that of the two projects, and they were both  
15 related to the same thing, I probably spent 25, 30 hours.

16 Jeff Brown: Okay.

17 Former Deputy COS: Yeah.

18 Paul Solis: Total or on each issue?

19 Former Deputy COS: Combined, yeah.

20 Jeff Brown: So between the Monday before Thanksgiving, November 2016, and January  
21 3rd, you worked about 25 hours?

22 Former Deputy COS: Yeah, probably.

23 Jeff Brown: Okay. Did you have access to House email?

24 Former Deputy COS: Yes.

25 Jeff Brown: You did.

26 Former Deputy COS: Until I think ... I don't remember the exact dates. It was either maybe the  
27 week before or the week after Christmas that I sent all of my tech back. It  
28 was after Oliver said that he was not going to honor the agreement that he  
29 had offered me. And I said "Fine. I don't like to talk to you anymore anyway."

30 Jeff Brown: And in that time frame, I think you said this – you were not back in the office  
31 after thanksgiving?

32 Former Deputy COS: No, correct.

33 Jeff Brown: Okay. But you did get your full salary from November, December, and up  
34 through January. Is that-

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- 1 Former Deputy COS: Correct. Correct.
- 2 Jeff Brown: What was Representative Schweikert's knowledge of the severance offer?
- 3 Former Deputy COS: Oliver said that David approved it. I am doubtful of that. I don't think David  
4 ever approved a single salary for anyone.
- 5 Paul Solis: Why do you think that?
- 6 Former Deputy COS: Because salaries were determined between Oliver and I while I was doing  
7 the budget, and before that, just by Oliver. David wasn't interested in the  
8 day-to-day budget minutia.
- 9 Jeff Brown: Is there anything else since we last met, or given our discussions today, that  
10 you think we should discuss?
- 11 Former Deputy COS: Something to kind of ... Full disclosure, I talked to my wife about our  
12 discussions. She's the only person I have talked to. Kelly Roberson did ask if  
13 I had met with you. I told her that that was a question she should not ask and  
14 she should not answer should anyone ask her. That is the extent of my  
15 discussion with her about it.
- 16 Paul Solis: When did she contact you?
- 17 Former Deputy COS: Either last week or the week before. I can give you the exact date if you want  
18 me to bring it up. Actually, so she had told me that she was going to lunch  
19 with Oliver, and I was interested in what he would have to say. Then I came  
20 and talked to you all, and I wanted nothing to do with that anymore so I did  
21 not follow up with that and how she did. But after her lunch with Oliver, she  
22 G-chatted me and asked if you all had ... or if I had met with OCE.
- 23 Jeff Brown: So were there two conversations with Kelly?
- 24 Paul Solis: Yeah. I just want to get the timeline straight.
- 25 Former Deputy COS: Okay. I'm sorry. Kelly and I-
- 26 Paul Solis: Starting from moment one.
- 27 Former Deputy COS: Well, Kelly and I had been on and off in contact since I left. Right around the  
28 time you asked me to come in, she said Oliver invited her to lunch. I said she  
29 should go. I came in, met with you all, she G-chatted me and said "I'm off to  
30 lunch." After I met with you all, I was no longer interested. Maybe the next  
31 week, she asked me ... The next Thursday or Friday maybe after that, she  
32 asked if I had met with you and I responded with "That's not a question that  
33 you should ask or answer." That was-
- 34 Jeff Brown: That was over the phone or over G-chat?
- 35 Former Deputy COS: G-chat.

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1 Paul Solis: Did she talk to you in any way whatsoever about what she and Oliver  
2 discussed?

3 Former Deputy COS: No.

4 Paul Solis: Did she ask you whether Oliver requested ... Did she tell you whether Oliver  
5 requested that she go to lunch with her?

6 Former Deputy COS: No. No, she emailed ... Yeah, she said "Oliver emailed me and I asked if I  
7 wanted to do lunch." She asked if he had emailed me, and I said "No, he has  
8 not."

9 Jeff Brown: What's Kelly and Oliver's relationship been like since Kelly left the office?

10 Former Deputy COS: I thought negative. She felt she had been done a disservice by Oliver. I would  
11 be inclined to agree.

12 Jeff Brown: Why?

13 Former Deputy COS: David would occasionally get bored with staffers, regardless of whether or  
14 not they were doing good work, and then Oliver would force the staffers out.  
15 Kelly was my direct ... was one of my ... I was her direct supervisor. I thought  
16 she was doing a good job and she didn't deserve to be forced out.

17 Jeff Brown: Just so we've got the timeline straight, Kelly contacted you within the last  
18 two weeks about -

19 Former Deputy COS: I can bring my phone up and give you the exact dates.

20 Jeff Brown: If you don't mind.

21 Former Deputy COS: Yeah. Okay. All right. January 16th, she asked me if Oliver had emailed me.  
22 She said that he emailed her. I said ... to have lunch. I said "You should go  
23 have lunch," then talked about ... I had a quote in Politico, which was cool.  
24 January 19th, she said she was on her way to lunch with Oliver. January  
25 30th, she said "Question, did you ever get called by the Office of  
26 Congressional Ethics regarding Oliver?" I responded "Not a question you  
27 should ask or answer." She responded "That's a very political answer." I  
28 responded "Best I can give." She responded "Noted."

29 Jeff Brown: We started this line with you saying there was something that was sort of  
30 nagging-

31 Former Deputy COS: I'm sorry, yes. When I went home and talked to my wife, she said  
32 occasionally ... and during Oliver's tirades, the worst of them where he was  
33 threatening to quit, he would occasionally say that he was going to quit and  
34 if he didn't get a good severance package that he'd go to the FEC and tell  
35 them where all the bodies were buried, essentially something along those  
36 lines.

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1 His tirades were fairly regular. That line of comment was not regular, maybe  
2 three or four times over the course of ... from '13 to '16. The reason that I  
3 brought that back up is because my wife said "You occasionally came home  
4 and said stuff about that," and I was like "Yeah, I did." When you emailed me  
5 with the transcript, I was planning on responding to you and telling you that.  
6 But that did stick in my head or come back up when my wife mentioned it.

7 Jeff Brown: What did you understand him to mean when he was talking about where the  
8 bodies are buried?

9 Former Deputy COS: I have no idea, and I did not ask. I mostly attributed it to him just being out  
10 of control and angry. Obviously, when your boss says something like that,  
11 it's concerning, but it didn't happen enough for me to think that it wasn't  
12 anything other than him being out of control.

13 Jeff Brown: Back to my question, I mean, what was the suggestion? What was the  
14 context?

15 Former Deputy COS: Oh. Whenever he would get really, really angry with something that David  
16 was doing, usually in his official capacity, either not going to an official event  
17 or going to an official event and saying something that was quasi-offensive,  
18 Oliver would get angry. When he would get really angry, he'd make that  
19 comment, two or three times.

20 Jeff Brown: He made the "where the bodies are buried" comment two or-

21 Former Deputy COS: Yeah.

22 Jeff Brown: ... or three times?

23 Former Deputy COS: Yeah, about "I'm going to go the FEC and get David thrown in jail for  
24 campaign fraud," something along those lines. "I know where the bodies are  
25 buried." I have no context beyond that.

26 Jeff Brown: Do you have any idea what he may have been referring to?

27 Former Deputy COS: Honestly, I had no idea. I mostly chalked it up to him just being out of  
28 control. But there's no doubt that if there were anything campaign-related  
29 that was not on the up-and-up, Oliver would know about it and would be  
30 able to do that. But I'm not aware if there was or what those specifics were.

31 Paul Solis: To this point, you have not been contacted by Mr. Schwab. Right?

32 Former Deputy COS: Not about this. I have had no contact with Oliver Schwab since November. I  
33 called Kevin when I saw the article in November. Kevin was not aware of it  
34 at the time. Kevin called me back, he said "This is terrible." I said "Well, I  
35 wasn't one of the sources." Kevin said "If you ever get a call, make sure you  
36 cooperate," and I said "Okay."

37 Jeff Brown: Have you had any conversation with Kevin about us since then?

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- 1 Former Deputy COS: Not about you in particular. He did call because he had a grandson, and he  
2 just said "We are actually officially under investigation. Cooperate if they call  
3 you." And I said "Okay." That's it.
- 4 Paul Solis: Did he say whether he was cooperating or not?
- 5 Former Deputy COS: He did not.
- 6 Jeff Brown: Did he say anything about whether the office was cooperating?
- 7 Former Deputy COS: He did not. At that point in time, we didn't talk again. I mean, I think we may  
8 have talked one other time but nothing about the investigation came up.
- 9 Jeff Brown: Anybody else-
- 10 Former Deputy COS: Anyway ... I'm sorry. To follow up, I told Oliver ... I think Kevin told ... I'm  
11 sorry. I told Kevin that I saw the article, I wasn't one of the sources. I believe  
12 Kevin told Oliver that I said that I wasn't one of the sources. Oliver emailed  
13 me "Thank you for your kind words." I did not respond, and that is the last I  
14 have heard from Oliver.
- 15 Jeff Brown: Have you spoken to anyone else either currently inside the Schweikert office  
16 or a former Schweikert staffer about any of this article -
- 17 Former Deputy COS: About our meeting-
- 18 Jeff Brown: ... investigation-
- 19 Former Deputy COS: About my meeting. No.
- 20 Jeff Brown: Yeah.
- 21 Former Deputy COS: I talked to Ryan and I talked to Kelly that there was an article ... Kelly was  
22 who tipped me off to the article being written ... or, sorry. No, it was ... Kelly  
23 texted me the Friday after the ... or, sorry, the day after the article ... or the  
24 day article came out. She texted me and said "Hey, let's get lunch," and I was  
25 like "Okay. Let's get lunch." I had no idea - had nothing to talk about. Ryan  
26 was the one the next morning who said "Look at this article. I assume you're  
27 one of the sources?"
- 28 Jeff Brown: What did Kelly say about the article to you?
- 29 Former Deputy COS: Basically, serves him right, if I remember correctly. Ryan, same thing. I had  
30 felt that ... After I read the article, I was surprised about the campaign things,  
31 but anyone who looked in the campaign ... or the office would see we were  
32 spending money on office supplies that was probably unreasonable, or not  
33 unreasonable, too much. We didn't need to spend the money we were  
34 spending.
- 35 Jeff Brown: Why do you think Kelly said serves him right?

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- 1 Former Deputy COS: It didn't end on good terms. I think that Oliver, like I said, Oliver did her a  
2 disservice when she left. She was a good employee. At least for me.
- 3 Jeff Brown: Same thing with Ryan, why do you think Ryan said something like serves  
4 him right?
- 5 Former Deputy COS: At the end of last Congress, Oliver basically did Ryan and I pretty similar,  
6 and so I can imagine Ryan wanting for Oliver to, if he was doing anything  
7 wrong, to be gotten for it.
- 8 Jeff Brown: Only other question that I have is last time we talked, we discussed a little  
9 bit about the fact you may or may not have some G-mail documentation -
- 10 Former Deputy COS: Oh. I did-
- 11 Jeff Brown: ... with-
- 12 Former Deputy COS: ... look. I do have a few ... I meant to print those and bring them to me. I have  
13 a back-and-forth between me and Oliver that I also CC'd - BCC'ed my wife on  
14 and she responded. That's what I have-
- 15 Jeff Brown: If you could send them along-
- 16 Former Deputy COS: I will, yeah.
- 17 Jeff Brown: ... with the transcript, that would be appreciated.
- 18 Former Deputy COS: Okay.
- 19 Jeff Brown: Anything else, Paul? Ashley? Thank you for coming back in, Former Deputy  
20 Chief of Staff.
- 21 Former Deputy COS: Yep.



# **EXHIBIT 5**

## 2015 Arizona Trip Reimbursements

Service Date (start)	Service Date (end)	Service Time	Outlay	Outlay Location	Cost
1/28/2015	2/2/2015	N/A	Southwest Flight (BWI-PHX-BWI)	BWI Airport (Baltimore, MD)	\$920.20 <sup>1</sup>
1/28/2015	2/2/2015	Pick up: 8:59AM Return: 2:19PM	Alamo Rent a Car (Ford Focus)	Sky Harbor Airport (Phoenix, AZ)	\$614.21 <sup>2</sup>
1/28/2015	2/2/2015	N/A	Lodging at Hilton Garden Inn	3550 East Princess Dr., Scottsdale, AZ	\$4,027.07 <sup>3</sup>
1/28/2015	2/3/2015	N/A	BWI Parking	BWI Airport (Baltimore, MD)	\$132.00 <sup>4</sup>
1/29/2015	2/2/2015	N/A	Hilton Garden Inn – Food Purchases (Great American Grill)	3550 East Princess Dr., Scottsdale, AZ	\$146.56 <sup>5</sup>
1/29/2015	1/29/2015	10:21AM	Starbucks – 4 Waters, 1 Coffee & 1 Latte	13610 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ	\$19.76 <sup>6</sup>
1/29/2015	1/29/2015	10:54AM	Chick-fil-A (Eat-in) – 1 Nuggets (12 count), CFA Sand, Large French fry	89 <sup>th</sup> & Shea, Scottsdale, AZ	\$14.12 <sup>7</sup>
1/29/2015	1/29/2015	N/A	Karaikudi Palace – 2 Buffet meals + tip	8752 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale, AZ	\$31.86 <sup>8</sup>
1/30/2015	1/30/2015	9:07AM	Starbucks – 1 Coffee, 1 Cappuccino & 1 Cup of fruit	15815 E. Shea Blvd., Fountain Hills, AZ	\$7.30 <sup>9</sup>
1/30/2015	1/30/2015	10:13AM	Circle K – Gas Purchase	966 E Van Buren St., Phoenix, AZ	\$9.42 <sup>10</sup>
1/30/2015	1/30/2015	N/A	Parking at The Camby Hotel (Paid in Cash)	2401 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix, AZ	\$50.00 <sup>11</sup>
2/1/2015	2/1/2015	11:27AM	Shell – Gas Purchase	4001 N. Pima Rd., Scottsdale, AZ	\$16.45 <sup>12</sup>
2/2/2015	2/2/2015	11:40AM	Circle K – Gas Purchase	4343 E Camelback Rd., Phoenix, AZ	\$22.16 <sup>13</sup>
2/2/2015	2/2/2015	2:52PM	Purchase at Sauce – 1 Meatball Panini, 1 Pizza & 1 Pellegrino Water	Sky Harbor Airport (Phoenix, AZ)	\$24.64 <sup>14</sup>
2/2/2015	2/2/2015	4:15PM	Starbucks – 1 Cappuccino	Sky Harbor Airport (Phoenix, AZ)	\$4.28 <sup>15</sup>
2/2/2015	2/2/2015	4:26PM	SSP America Purchase – 6 San Pellegrino sparkling waters	Sky Harbor Airport (Phoenix, AZ)	\$19.43 <sup>16</sup>
				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,059.46</b>

- <sup>1</sup> See Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0140); Statement of Disbursements of the House, January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015 (incorporating reimbursement into the \$9,218.90 disbursement dated 2/4/15).
- <sup>2</sup> See Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0169; 0179; 0183); Statement of Disbursements of the House, January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015 (incorporating the \$614.21 expense from the Arizona Trip, along with a \$45.99 expense at Alamo from 2/5/15, into a \$660.20 disbursement dated 2/11/15).
- <sup>3</sup> See Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0144; 0149; 0156; 0159; 0189-92; 0194); Statement of Disbursements of the House, January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015.
- <sup>4</sup> See Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0160; 0180; 0183); Statement of Disbursements of the House, January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015. Mr. Schwab's receipt indicates that he was reimbursed for "SP Plus Parking", which the OCE believes to be the "Hourly Garage" parking currently advertised for \$22/day on BWI's website (as opposed to the \$12/day rate for the Daily Garage, \$10/day for the Express Parking service, and \$8/day for the Long Term parking option). See BWI Airport, Parking, <https://www.bwiairport.com/to-from-bwi/parking> (last visited Feb. 26, 2018).
- <sup>5</sup> See Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0160; 0186; 0192-93); Statement of Disbursements of the House, January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015.
- <sup>6</sup> See Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0153; 0159); Statement of Disbursements of the House, January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015 (incorporating the following purchases into the \$73.04 disbursement dated 2/10/15: \$19.76 at Starbucks on 1/29/15, \$14.12 at Chick-fil-A on 1/29/15, \$31.86 at Karaikudi Palace on 1/29/15, and \$7.30 at Starbucks on 1/30/15).
- <sup>7</sup> See Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0152; 00159); Statement of Disbursements of the House, January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015 (incorporating the following purchases into the \$73.04 disbursement dated 2/10/15: \$19.76 at Starbucks on 1/29/15, \$14.12 at Chick-fil-A on 1/29/15, \$31.86 at Karaikudi Palace on 1/29/15, and \$7.30 at Starbucks on 1/30/15).
- <sup>8</sup> See Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0151; 0159); Statement of Disbursements of the House, January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015 (incorporating the following purchases into the \$73.04 disbursement dated 2/10/15: \$19.76 at Starbucks on 1/29/15, \$14.12 at Chick-fil-A on 1/29/15, \$31.86 at Karaikudi Palace on 1/29/15, and \$7.30 at Starbucks on 1/30/15).
- <sup>9</sup> See Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0154; 0159); Statement of Disbursements of the House, January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015 (incorporating the following purchases into the \$73.04 disbursement dated 2/10/15: \$19.76 at Starbucks on 1/29/15, \$14.12 at Chick-fil-A on 1/29/15, \$31.86 at Karaikudi Palace on 1/29/15, and \$7.30 at Starbucks on 1/30/15).
- <sup>10</sup> See Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0159; 0173); Statement of Disbursements of the House, January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015 (incorporating the following purchases into the \$54.97 disbursement dated 2/11/15: the \$9.42, \$16.45, and \$22.16 gas purchases from the Arizona Trip identified above and a \$6.94 charge from 2/5/15 (see Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0168)).
- <sup>11</sup> See Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0149); Statement of Disbursements of the House, January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015 (incorporating the following payments into the \$69.00 disbursement dated 2/10/15: the \$50.00 cash parking payment made at 2401 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix, AZ and a 2/3/15 Washington D.C. valet parking charge of \$19.00 (see Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0149; 0157)).
- <sup>12</sup> See Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0174; 0185); Statement of Disbursements of the House, January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015 (incorporating the following purchases into the \$54.97 disbursement dated 2/11/15: the \$9.42, \$16.45, and \$22.16 gas purchases from the Arizona Trip identified above and a \$6.94 charge from 2/5/15 (see Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0168)).
- <sup>13</sup> See Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0178; 0183); Statement of Disbursements of the House, January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015 (incorporating the following purchases into the \$54.97 disbursement dated 2/11/15: the \$9.42, \$16.45, and \$22.16 gas purchases from the Arizona Trip identified above and a \$6.94 charge from 2/5/15 (see Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0168)).
- <sup>14</sup> See Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0177; 0183); Statement of Disbursements of the House, January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015 (incorporating the following purchases into the \$162.35 disbursement dated 2/11/15: the \$24.64, \$4.28, and \$19.43 purchases from 2/2/15 identified above (totaling \$48.35), \$55.78 worth of purchases from 2/3/15 (including \$6.37 at the Hudson convenience store at Ronald Reagan National Airport, \$4.99 on a food purchase on a US Air flight, \$26.57 at Karaikudi Palace in Arizona, \$4.28 at a Starbucks in Arizona, and \$16.01 in airport food in Phoenix's Sky Harbor International Airport), and a \$58.22 purchases from 2/5/15, described as a member/constituent carry-out meal at Tally in Washington, D.C. (see Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0138-94)).
- <sup>15</sup> See Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0176; 0183); Statement of Disbursements of the House, January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015 (incorporating the following purchases into the \$162.35 disbursement dated 2/11/15: the \$24.64, \$4.28, and \$19.43 purchases from 2/2/15 identified above (totaling \$48.35), \$55.78 worth of purchases from 2/3/15 (including \$6.37 at the Hudson convenience store at Ronald Reagan National Airport, \$4.99 on a food purchase on a US Air flight, \$26.57 at Karaikudi Palace in Arizona, \$4.28 at a Starbucks in Arizona, and \$16.01 in airport food in Phoenix's Sky Harbor International Airport), and a \$58.22 purchases from 2/5/15, described as a member/constituent carry-out meal at Tally in Washington, D.C. (see Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0138-94)).

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<sup>16</sup> See Arizona Trip Voucher Documents (Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0175; 0183); Statement of Disbursements of the House, January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015 (incorporating the following purchases into the \$162.35 disbursement dated 2/11/15: the \$24.64, \$4.28, and \$19.43 purchases from 2/2/15 identified above (totaling \$48.35), \$55.78 worth of purchases from 2/3/15 (including \$6.37 at the Hudson convenience store at Ronald Regan National Airport, \$4.99 on a food purchase on a US Air flight, \$26.57 at Karaikudi Palace in Arizona, \$4.28 at a Starbucks in Arizona, and \$16.01 in airport food in Phoenix’s Sky Harbor International Airport), and a \$58.22 purchases from 2/5/15, described as a member/constituent carry-out meal at Tally in Washington, D.C. (see Exhibit 6 at 17-4790\_0138-94)).

# **EXHIBIT 6**





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Advances							
TOTALS		\$2,933.10	- \$2,933.10	- \$2,949.40	\$13,104.60		\$10,155.20

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01/22/2015	01/26/2015	3063	24792625023642000514248	23 USAIRWAYS 0372388210866 SCHWAB/RICHARD OLIVER DCA US V PHX	WINSTON SALEM NC DEPARTURE: 01-23-15 \$389.10
01/22/2015	01/26/2015	3063	24792625023642300514461	24 USAIRWAYS 0372388220423 SCHWEIKERT/DAVIDS DCA US V PHX	WINSTON SALEM NC DEPARTURE: 02-06-15 \$389.10
01/22/2015	01/26/2015	3066	74692165023000179185162	25 SOUTHWEST 5262474231284 SCHWAB/RICHARD OLIVE DAL WN A DAL	800-435-9792 TX DEPARTURE: 01-22-15 -\$1,176.20
01/22/2015	01/26/2015	3066	74692165023000179185170	26 SOUTHWEST 5262476043052 SCHWEIKERT/DAVID DAL WN A DAL	800-435-9792 TX DEPARTURE: 01-22-15 -\$588.10
01/23/2015	01/27/2015	3063	24792625023642000512306	27 USAIRWAYS 0372182991691 SCHWEIKERT/DAVIDS PHX US V DCA	WINSTON SALEM NC DEPARTURE: 01-26-15 \$99.00
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*total paid after 2/9*



Account Number  
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Invoice Date  
 01/28/2015

Sale Date	Post Date	MCC Code	Reference Number	Description	Total Amount
01/26/2015	01/27/2015	3068	24692165026000552095187	29 SOUTHWEST 800-435- 7X 5262477570580 9792 SCHWEIKERT/DAVID DEPARTURE: 02-02-15 PHX WN Y BWI	\$559.10
01/26/2015	01/27/2015	3065	24692165026000552096043	30 SOUTHWEST 800-435- 7X 5262477599078 9792 SCHWAR/RICHARD OLIVE DEPARTURE: 02-02-15 BWI RN W PHX WN B BWI	\$547.20
<b>****TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:</b>					<b>\$1,106.30</b>

*to be paid after 2/9*

The foreign currency conversion rate used to convert your foreign transactions to U.S. dollars includes a service fee of 1% assessed to Citibank by the applicable bank or association.  
 Cit is committed to the reduction of paper. Within the Commercial Cards business, you can switch to online statements now by registering your card on CitManager at <https://home.cards.citidirect.com/CommercialCard/Cards.html>. Thanks to those who already access statements online, together we are saving 2,170 trees each year through this initiative alone.  
 Account management made easier. Online statements & CitManager Mobile offer 24/7 access, security, and mobility. Log in at [www.citmanager.com/login](http://www.citmanager.com/login) and click Go Paperless under the Statement tab.  
 Sign-up for email or text message alerts to know when your statement is ready to view. When on the go, access your account and recent activity through your mobile device at [www.citmanager.com/mobile](http://www.citmanager.com/mobile)

*547.20  
 389.10*

*\$936.30 to be paid after 2/9*

*44  
 10,155.20  
 - 936.30*

*9218.90 to be paid now*

## Account Requests

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Information

- Enclose your check or money order payable in U.S. dollars to Citibank, N.A. with this payment coupon, but do not staple or tape them together. **Please do not send cash.**
- Write your account number on the front of your check or money order.
- Please make sure the entire Citibank address appears through the window of your remittance envelope. If we receive your mailed payment in proper form at our processing facility by 10 a.m. Eastern Time, it will be credited as of that day.
- Payments, adjustments, and charges received after the date indicated on the front as "Statement Date" will appear on your next statement.

**Mail your payment in the envelope provided, or send your payment to:**

Citibank, N.A.  
P.O. Box 183173  
Columbus, OH 43218-3173

**You may send your payment via overnight mail to:**

Citibank, N.A.  
1500 Boltonfield Street  
Columbus, OH 43228

### Account Inquiries

**In case of error or questions about your bill:** If you think the Billing Statement is incorrect, or if you need more information about a transaction, write to us on a separate sheet at the address specified on the front of this statement as soon as possible. Please notify us no later than 60 days after the date of the bill on which the error or problem first appeared. Disputed amounts may be deducted from "Total Payments Due" after you notify CITI of disputed items.

**In the letter, please give us the following information:**

- Your name and account number. For Centrally Billed Accounts, please include the Agency name and individual account number.
- The dollar amount of the suspected error.
- Describe the error and explain the reason for the error; if more information is needed about an item, please describe it to us.
- **Merchant disputes:** If the Agency or Cardholder was unsuccessful in attempting to resolve a problem with a merchant concerning the quality of goods or services purchased with the CITI Government card, we may be able to help if we are notified in writing within 60 days of the date of the charge.
- In the letter to us, please explain in detail the dispute and the results of the attempt to resolve it with the merchant. The letter must include the amount involved, **and must be signed by the individual Cardholder. We will notify you of the results of our efforts.**
- If you returned merchandise and received a credit slip which has not yet been posted, please allow 30 days from the date it was issued. If it has not been posted to the Account by then, forward a copy of the credit slip to us at the billing dispute address specified on the front of the statement. Along with the copy of the credit slip, please include a letter (signed by the individual Cardholder) stating that credit was not received. If a credit slip was not issued, please request one from the merchant. If the merchant refuses, please write to us and explain the details.

- On non-disputed or any other matter shown by CITI not to be in error, CITI may charge the Agency or Cardholder the fee specified in the Cardholder Account Agreement for each copy of any document the Agency or Cardholder requests, such as duplicated periodic statements, transaction slips, and the like.
- Please save your charge receipt.
- **Mail billing inquiries to:**

Citibank, N.A.  
PO Box 8125  
Sioux Falls, SD 57117-6125

- **Telephone inquiries through CITI Customer Service, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:**
- **Toll-free:** 1-800-790-7206
- **Call Collect:** 904-954-7850

### Information about your CITI Government Card Account

**Report Lost or Stolen Card Immediately:** Our telephone lines are open every day, 24 hours a day. Call the Customer Service number listed here or specified on the front of the statement immediately (day or night). After you notify us, you will not be liable for any unauthorized use of your Card.

From within the Continental U.S.:  
**Toll-free:** 1-800-790-7206  
From outside the Continental U.S.:  
**Call Collect:** 904-954-7850

**United States House Of Representatives  
VOUCHER COVER SHEET**

1141000017  
Initiating Office  
Reference Number

REFILED (AFS)

Org Code AZ06SCD

Office Name THE HONORABLE DAVID SCHWEIKERT

FEB 05 2015 PM 1:16

Payment for Employee

**FEB 05 2015**

OFFICE OF FINANCE

**Vendor/Payee Information**

**Payment Information**

Vendor or Emp ID Number 160155

Vendor Invoice Number

Vendor Name OLIVER SCHWAB

Vendor Invoice Date 02/04/2015

Address Line 1

Payment Grand Total \$ 4312.00

Address Line 2

City State Zip

**Product or Service Information**

BOC Category	BOC	BOC Sub-Code	Expense Description	Amount	Date(s) of Service(s)	
					Begin Service Date	End Service Date
23	2310		TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE AND	54.89	01/27/2015	01/26/2016
21	2135		TAXI/PARKING/TOLLS	79.00	01/30/2015	02/03/2015
21	2101		COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION	78.00	01/28/2015	
21	2110		MEALS	73.04	01/29/2015	01/30/2015
21	2105		LODGING	4027.07	01/28/2015	02/01/2015

**Comments** MUSIC SUBSCRIPTION FOR PHONES IN OFFICE

I certify (1) that the above articles have been received in good condition and are of the quality and in the quantity above specified, or the services were performed as stated; (2) that they are in accordance with the orders therefore; (3) that the prices charged are just, reasonable, and in accordance with agreement; (4) that they are for use in my office in the discharge of my duties; and (5) that these are true copies and will be the only submission for payment.

02/05/2015  
Date

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Authorized Signature

**O'Connor, Mary**

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**From:** Schwab, Oliver  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 04, 2015 4:30 PM  
**To:** O'Connor, Mary  
**Subject:** FW: Scanned image from MX-4101N  
**Attachments:** AZ05DCCOPIER@mail.house.gov\_20150204\_163732.pdf

Hi Mary,

Pandora subscription for reimbursement \$54.89 attached.

Oliver

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Oliver Schwab  
Chief of Staff  
Congressman David Schweikert (AZ-06)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [AZ05DCCOPIER@mail.house.gov](mailto:AZ05DCCOPIER@mail.house.gov) [<mailto:AZ05DCCOPIER@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 04, 2015 4:38 PM  
**To:** Schwab, Oliver  
**Subject:** Scanned image from MX-4101N

**Reply to:** [AZ05DCCOPIER@mail.house.gov](mailto:AZ05DCCOPIER@mail.house.gov) <[AZ05DCCOPIER@mail.house.gov](mailto:AZ05DCCOPIER@mail.house.gov)> Device Name: Not Set Device Model: MX-4101N  
**Location:** Not Set

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CREDIT CARD

Account Info		Payment Info	
Current balance	\$16,666.02	Balance last statement (01/14/2015)	\$3,705.68
Pending charges	\$338.49	Minimum payment due	\$0.00
Available credit	\$17,975.49	Payment due date	02/11/2015

Southwest Airlines Rapid Rewards® Premier

Temporary Authorizations

Trans Date	Type	Description	Amount
02/04/2015	Pending	APL* ITUNES.COM/BILL	\$21.97
02/04/2015	Pending	1-800-FLOWERS.COM, INC.	\$34.98
02/03/2015	Pending	TALAY THAI RESTAURANT	\$49.28
02/03/2015	Pending	SP PLUS PARKING	\$132.00
02/02/2015	Pending	PHX NOCAWICH EXPRESS	\$19.43
02/02/2015	Pending	Starbucks T4 S3 PHX	\$4.28
02/02/2015	Pending	Sauce T4 Lobby PHX	\$24.64
02/02/2015	Pending	APL* ITUNES.COM/BILL	\$4.98
02/02/2015	Pending	SHELL/4343 E CAMELBACK R	\$1.00
02/01/2015	Pending	HILTONGARDENINN3759	\$45.92

Posted Activity

Since Last Statement

Trans Date	Post Date	Type	Description	Amount
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 02/03/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	Amazon.com	\$22.76
<input type="checkbox"/> 02/02/2015	02/02/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You-Mobile	-\$600.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 02/02/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	BENIHANA SO 613	\$351.47
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 02/02/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	Amazon Video On Demand	\$2.99
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 02/01/2015	02/02/2015	Sale	EVENT TICKET INSURANCE	\$13.98

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02/01/2015	02/02/2015	Sale	TM *ARIZONA THEATRE CO	\$123.80
02/01/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	HYATT HOTELS K&S	\$105.87
02/01/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	ARCO AMPM SCOTTSDALE	\$38.10
01/31/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	AT&T BILL PAYMENT	\$330.44
01/31/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	SOUTHWES 5262479143748	\$5.60
01/31/2015	02/01/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You-Mobile	-\$1,701.64
01/30/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	STARBUCKS #11084 FOUNTAIN	\$7.30
01/30/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	LONDON GOLD	\$3,288.01
01/30/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	CIRCLE K 08841	\$9.42
01/30/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	RET 56 PHOENIX	\$104.51
01/29/2015	01/30/2015	Sale	STARBUCKS #15050 SCOTTSDA	\$19.76
01/29/2015	01/30/2015	Sale	V S BARBERSHOP KIERLAND	\$100.00
01/29/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	KARAIKUDI PALACE	\$31.86
01/29/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	CHICK-FIL-A #03246	\$14.12
01/28/2015	01/29/2015	Sale	PANDORA*INTERNET RADIO	\$64.89
01/28/2015	01/29/2015	Sale	SOUTHWES 5262478247036	\$11.20
01/28/2015	01/30/2015	Sale	USAIRWAYS 0372183018080	\$78.00
01/28/2015	01/29/2015	Sale	SOUTHWES 5262478248215	\$11.20
01/27/2015	01/28/2015	Sale	HILTONGARDENINN3769	\$4,027.07
01/27/2015	01/28/2015	Sale	LE REFUGE	\$226.52
01/27/2015	01/27/2015	Sale	UBER TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$158.20
01/27/2015	01/27/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You - Web	-\$88.07
01/26/2015	01/27/2015	Sale	POTBELLY 140	\$162.62
01/25/2015	01/27/2015	Sale	PHX NOCAWICH EXPRESS	\$12.95
01/25/2015	01/26/2015	Sale	ALAMO RENT-A-CAR	\$509.83
01/25/2015	01/27/2015	Sale	STARBUCKS T4 S38031603	\$5.89
01/25/2015	01/25/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You - Web	-\$659.80
01/25/2015	01/26/2015	Sale	NFL FOOTBALL LEAGU	\$3,825.00
01/24/2015	01/26/2015	Sale	DUNKIN #349308 Q35	\$91.83
01/24/2015	01/26/2015	Sale	DUNKIN #349308 Q35	\$56.10
01/24/2015	01/26/2015	Sale	UBER TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$25.00
01/24/2015	01/26/2015	Sale	DUNKIN #349308 Q35	\$91.83

**United States House of Representatives  
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT FORM**

Dtg Code \_\_\_\_\_

REP. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

Office Name \_\_\_\_\_

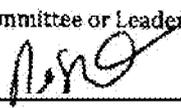
Staff Employee Number \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Grand Total \$ 4,442.78

Staff Name RICHARD OLIVER SCHWAB

Date	BOC ▾	Expense Description <i>(If Mileage, include To/From Points of Travel, Mileage Rate and Mode of Transport) (If other, please include Type of service, quantity &amp; unit price, if applicable)</i>	Enter Mileage Rate ⇨ 0.560		Mileage	Amount
			From	To		
01/30/2015	2135	TAXI/PARKING/TOLLS	From: PARKING PAID CASH	To: 2401 E CAMELBACK RD		\$ 50.00
01/28/2015	2101	COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION	From: US AIRWAYS	To: SEAT CHARGE, MEMBER		\$ 78.00
01/29/2015	2110	MEALS				\$ 65.74
01/30/2015	2110	MEALS				\$ 7.30
01/30/2015	2135	TAXI/PARKING/TOLLS	From: PARKING PAID CASH	To: 112 N 2ND ST		\$ 10.00
02/01/2015	<del>2110</del> 2102	MEALS <i>mtg/constituents for/ben.</i>				\$ 185.67
02/02/2015	2105	LODGING				\$ 4,027.07
02/03/2015	2135	TAXI/PARKING/TOLLS	From: PARKING PAID CASH	To: 724 9TH ST NW		\$ 19.00
						\$ 0.00
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						\$ 0.00
<b>Total Mileage ▶</b>					0.0	
<b>Total Reimbursement ▶</b>						\$ 4,442.78

I, the undersigned, state that the above expenses were approved and incurred personally as a result of the performance of my duties for the Member, Committee or Leadership Office, or for the House Officer that employs me.

SIGNED - STAFFER  APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_

paid by - Richard Oliver Schwab

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Thanks for saving time and checking in online.  
Please print this receipt or save the email for your records.



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**i** Next stop: the airport. See terminal information and [find your way](#).

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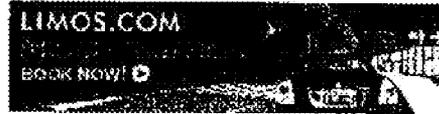
#### Choice Seats

David S Schweikert \$78.00

**Choice Seats total** **\$78.00 USD**

Charged to Richard Oliver Schwab  
\*\*\*\*\* (Visa)

**You paid \$78.00 USD**



#### Your flight

Depart: Washington, DC (DCA) → Phoenix, AZ (PHX)

Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Flight #/Carrier	Depart	Arrive	Travel time	Meal	Aircraft	Cabin	Seats
2059	11:55 AM DCA	1:26 PM CLT	1h 31m	None	A319	Coach (B)	5F
<i>Operated by US Airways</i>							
<b>Stop: Change planes (CLT)</b>							
595	2:25 PM CLT	5:06 PM PHX	4h 40m	Marketplace™	A321	Coach (B)	13F
<i>Operated by US Airways</i>							

**i** Flight # 2059: There is a [travel advisory](#) in effect for Washington, DC (DCA)

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Karakudi Palace  
8752 E. Shea Blvd.  
Scottsdale, AZ. 85280  
Suite C11  
480-998-8008

Customer Copy

Card Number \*\*\*\*\*

Reference Number 084850  
Check#: 29678  
Date: 01/29/15

Amount \$25.88  
Tip: 6.00  
Total: 31.88

We appreciate your business!!!

*2 Buffet meals  
paid by  
Richard  
Oliver  
Schmidt*

Welcome to Chick-fil-A  
99th & Shea FSR (# 03246)  
Scottsdale, Arizona  
Operator: Frank Johnson  
(800) 404-6798

CUSTOMER COPY  
1/29/2015 10:54:41 AM  
EAT IN

Order Number: 305877

1	Nugget 12ct	4.75
2	CFA Sand	6.38
1	Fries LG	1.95

Sub. Total:	\$13.08
Tax:	\$1.04
Total:	\$14.12

Change	\$0.00
Visa:	\$14.12
Register:6	Tran Seq No: 305877
Cashier:Mary	

It was a pleasure serving you!  
Have a wonderful day.

Visa  
Card Num : XXXXXXXXXX [REDACTED]  
Terminal : KA04192582001  
Approval : 032600  
Sequence : 008366

*Richard  
Oliver  
Schmidt*

Starbucks Coffee #15050  
13610 N Scottsdale Rd  
Scottsdale, AZ 480-991-9665

CHK 726748  
01/29/2015 10:21 AM  
18567/3 Drawer: 1 Reg. 1

Vt Cappuccino	3.95
Nonfat	
Ethos Water 700ml	1.95
Ethos Water 700ml	1.95
Gr Chai Tea Latte	3.95
Single	0.80
3 Pumps Tazo Chai	
Nonfat	
Extra Hot	
T1 Blonde Roast	1.75
Ethos Water 700ml	1.95
Ethos Water 700ml	1.95
Visa	19.76
XXXXXXXXXXXX	
Subtotal	\$18.25
Tax 8.3% - Food & Bev	\$1.51
Total	\$19.76
Change Due	\$0.00

*Richard  
Oliver  
Schwartz*

----- Check Closed -----  
01/29/2015 10:21 AM

Bring in this morning's  
receipt after 2pm today and  
get a bakery treat for \$1.  
While supplies last.  
Excludes breakfast sandwiches.  
Select stores.  
No other discounts apply.  
Cash value \$.001. No copies.  
Barista ring code 2412

STARBUCKS Store #11084  
15815 E. Shea Blvd. #106A  
Fountain Hills, AZ (480) 837-1486

CHK 732537  
01/30/2015 09:07 AM  
1461858 Drawer: 1 Reg: 1

TI Blonde Roast	1.75
Vt Cappuccino	3.95
Banana Whole Fruit	1.00
Visa	7.30
XXXXXXXXXXXX	
Subtotal	\$6.70
Tax 8.9% - Food & Bev	\$0.60
Total	\$7.30
<b>Change Due</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

----- Check Closed -----  
01/30/2015 09:07 AM

Bring in this morning's  
receipt after 2pm today and  
get a bakery treat for \$1.  
While supplies last.  
Excludes breakfast sandwiches.  
Select stores.  
No other discounts apply.  
Cash value \$.001. No copies.  
Barista ring code 2412

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Richard Olwin Schwab

HYATT REGENCY SCOTTSDALE  
RESORT & SPA AT GAINEY RANCH  
SMB

2049 Mark

80/1 1614 GST 4  
FEB01'15 10:56AM

4 Brunch	172.00
Food Sales	172.00
*Tax	13.67
Payment Due	185.67

Tip: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: 185.67

Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Earn or Redeem Points for Dining  
Gold Passport#:

Last Name:

Offer code(s):

Redemption Eligible: 185.67 USD

\*Not point earning eligible.

\*Not point redemption eligible.

For your convenience we have  
provided the following

gratuity calculations:

15% Is	\$27.85
18% Is	\$33.42
20% Is	\$37.13

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Name & Address  
SCHWAB, OLIVIER  
[Redacted]

Room 341/G2  
Arrival Date 1/28/2015 12:37:00AM  
Departure Date 2/2/2015  
Adult/Child 2/0  
Room Rate 339.00

RATE PLAN LVO  
HH# [Redacted]  
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BONUS AL CAR

Confirmation Number: 3176203751

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	MEANS	AMOUNT
1/28/2015	GUEST ROOM	SBALOGH 964992	\$339.00
1/28/2015	STATE TAX	SBALOGH 964992	\$18.85
1/28/2015	SCOTTSDALE BED TAX	SBALOGH 964992	\$18.95
1/28/2015	COUNTY TAX	SBALOGH 964992	\$6.00
1/28/2015	CITY TAX	SBALOGH 964992	\$5.59
1/29/2015	GUEST ROOM	SBALOGH 965224	\$339.00
1/29/2015	STATE TAX	SBALOGH 965224	\$18.85
1/29/2015	SCOTTSDALE BED TAX	SBALOGH 965224	\$18.95
1/29/2015	COUNTY TAX	SBALOGH 965224	\$6.00
1/29/2015	CITY TAX	SBALOGH 965224	\$5.59
1/30/2015	GUEST ROOM	SARAH 965457	\$339.00
1/30/2015	STATE TAX	SARAH 965457	\$18.85
1/30/2015	SCOTTSDALE BED TAX	SARAH 965457	\$18.95
1/30/2015	COUNTY TAX	SARAH 965457	\$6.00
1/30/2015	CITY TAX	SARAH 965457	\$5.59
1/31/2015	GUEST ROOM	SARAH 965797	\$339.00
1/31/2015	STATE TAX	SARAH 965797	\$18.85
1/31/2015	SCOTTSDALE BED TAX	SARAH 965797	\$18.95
1/31/2015	COUNTY TAX	SARAH 965797	\$6.00
1/31/2015	CITY TAX	SARAH 965797	\$5.59
2/1/2015	GUEST ROOM	SBALOGH 966229	\$339.00
2/1/2015	STATE TAX	SBALOGH 966229	\$18.85
2/1/2015	SCOTTSDALE BED TAX	SBALOGH 966229	\$18.95
2/1/2015	COUNTY TAX	SBALOGH 966229	\$6.00
2/1/2015	CITY TAX	SBALOGH 966229	\$5.59

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**Zip-Out Check-Out®**

Good Morning! We hope you enjoyed your stay. With Zip-Out Check-Out® there is no need to stop at the Front Desk to check out.

- Please review this statement. It is a record of your charges as of late last evening.
- For any charges after your account was prepared, you may:
  - + pay at the time of purchase,
  - + charge purchases to your account, then stop by the Front Desk for an updated statement.
  - + or request an updated statement be mailed to you within two business days.

If the statement meets with your approval, simply press the Zip-Out Check-Out button on your guest room telephone. Your account will be automatically checked out and you may use this statement as your receipt. Feel free to leave your key(s) in the room. Please call the Front Desk if you wish to extend your stay or if you have any questions about your account.

DATE OF CHARGE	FOLIO NO./CHECK NO. 203117 A
AUTHORIZATION	INITIAL
PURCHASES & SERVICES	
TAXES	
TIPS & MISC	
TOTAL AMOUNT	

Valet Parking  
724 9th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001  
\$19.00 Paid in CASH  
2/3/2015  
Paid by Richard Oliver Schwab

386.19

1930.95



CREDIT CARD ( [REDACTED] )

Account Info		Payment Info	
Current balance	\$16,686.02	Balance last statement (01/14/2015)	\$3,705.68
Pending charges	\$338.49	Minimum payment due	\$0.00
Available credit	\$17,975.49	Payment due date	02/11/2015
Southwest Airlines Rapid Rewards® Premier			

**Temporary Authorizations**

Trans Date	Type	Description	Amount
02/04/2015	Pending	APL* ITUNES.COM/BILL	\$21.97
02/04/2015	Pending	1-800-FLOWERS.COM, INC.	\$34.88
02/03/2015	Pending	JALAY THAI RESTAURANT	\$49.28
02/03/2015	Pending	SP PLUS PARKING	\$132.00
02/02/2015	Pending	PHX NOCAWICH EXPRESS	\$19.43
02/02/2015	Pending	Starbucks T4 S3 PHX	\$4.28
02/02/2015	Pending	Sauce T4 Lobby PHX	\$24.64
02/02/2015	Pending	APL* ITUNES.COM/BILL	\$4.99
02/02/2015	Pending	SHELL/4343 E CAMELBACK R	\$1.00
02/01/2015	Pending	HILTONGARDENINN3769	\$45.92

**Posted Activity**

Since Last Statement

Trans Date	Post Date	Type	Description	Amount
02/03/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	Amazon.com	\$22.76
02/02/2015	02/02/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You-Mobile	-\$600.00
02/02/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	BENIHANA SD 613	\$351.47
02/02/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	Amazon Video On Demand	\$2.99
02/01/2015	02/02/2015	Sale	EVENT TICKET INSURANCE	\$13.98

Trans Date	Post Date	Type	Description	Amount
02/01/2015	02/02/2015	Sale	TM *ARIZONA THEATRE CO	\$123.60
02/01/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	HYATT HOTELS F&B <i>2/1 meals</i>	\$185.57
02/01/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	ARCO AM/PM SCOTTSDALE	\$38.10
01/31/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	AT&T*BILL PAYMENT	\$330.44
01/31/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	SOUTHWES 5262479143748	\$5.60
01/31/2015	02/01/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You-Mobile	-\$1,701.64
01/30/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	STARBUCKS #11084 FOUNTAIN <i>1/30 meals</i>	\$7.30
01/30/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	LONDON GOLD	\$3,288.01
01/30/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	CIRCLE K 08841 <i>1/30 Gasoline</i>	\$9.42
01/30/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	REI 58 PHOENIX	\$104.51
01/29/2015	01/30/2015	Sale	STARBUCKS #15050 SCOTTSDA <i>1/29 meals</i>	\$19.78
01/29/2015	01/30/2015	Sale	V S BARBERSHOP KIERLAND	\$100.00
01/29/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	KARAIKUDI PALACE <i>1/29 meals</i>	\$31.86
01/29/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	CHICK-FIL-A #03248 <i>1/29 meals</i>	\$14.12
01/28/2015	01/29/2015	Sale	PANDORA*INTERNET RADIO	\$54.89
01/28/2015	01/29/2015	Sale	SOUTHWES 5262478247036	\$11.20
01/28/2015	01/30/2015	Sale	USAIRWAYS 0372183018080	\$75.00
01/28/2015	01/29/2015	Sale	SOUTHWES 5262478248215	\$11.20
01/27/2015	01/28/2015	Sale	HILTONGARDENINN3769 <i>lodging</i>	\$4,027.07
01/27/2015	01/28/2015	Sale	LE REFUGE	\$226.52
01/27/2015	01/27/2015	Sale	UBER TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$158.20
01/27/2015	01/27/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You - Web	-\$98.07
01/26/2015	01/27/2015	Sale	POTBELLY 140	\$162.62
01/25/2015	01/27/2015	Sale	PHX NOCAWICH EXPRESS	\$12.95
01/25/2015	01/26/2015	Sale	ALAMO RENT-A-CAR	\$609.63
01/25/2015	01/27/2015	Sale	STARBUCKS T4 S30031603	\$5.89
01/25/2015	01/25/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You - Web	-\$659.90
01/25/2015	01/26/2015	Sale	NFL FOOTBALL LEAGU	\$3,825.00
01/24/2015	01/26/2015	Sale	DUNKIN #349308 Q35	\$91.83
01/24/2015	01/26/2015	Sale	DUNKIN #349308 Q35	\$65.10
01/24/2015	01/25/2015	Sale	UBER TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$25.00
01/24/2015	01/26/2015	Sale	DUNKIN #349308 Q35	\$61.83

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VOUCHER COVER SHEET

1141000019  
Initiating Office  
Reference Number

Org Code AZ06SCD

Office Name THE HONORABLE DAVID SCHWEIKERT

FEB 10 2015

RECEIVED  
2015 FEB 10 PM 4:35  
OFFICE OF FINANCE

Payment for Employee

Vendor/Payee Information

Payment Information

Vendor or Emp ID Number 160155

Vendor Invoice Number

Vendor Name OLIVER SCHWAB

Vendor Invoice Date 02/10/2015

Address Line 1

Payment Grand Total \$ 1213.98

Address Line 2

City State Zip

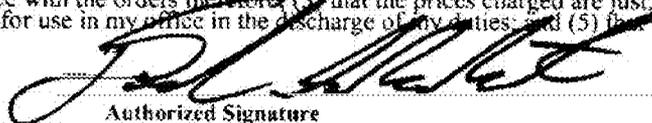
Product or Service Information

BOC Category	BOC	BOC Sub-Code	Expense Description	Amount	Date(s) of Service(s)	
					Begin Service Date	End Service Date
21	2110		MEALS	162.35	02/02/2015	02/05/2015
21	2130		PRIVATE AUTO MILEAGE	57.90	02/02/2015	02/05/2015
21	2125		GASOLINE	54.97	01/30/2015	02/05/2015
21	2120		CAR RENTAL	660.20	02/02/2015	02/05/2015
21	2135		TAXI/PARKING/TOLLS	132.00	02/02/2015	02/02/2015
21	2110		MEALS	146.56	01/30/2015	02/01/2015

Comments 103.4 MILES X .56

I certify (1) that the above articles have been received in good condition and are of the quality and in the quantity above specified, or the services were performed as stated; (2) that they are in accordance with the orders therefor; (3) that the prices charged are just, reasonable, and in accordance with agreement; (4) that they are for use in my office in the discharge of my duties; and (5) that these are true copies and will be the only submission for payment.

02/10/2015  
Date

  
Authorized Signature

**United States House of Representatives  
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT FORM**

Org Code \_\_\_\_\_

REP. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

Office Name \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Employee Number \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Grand Total \$ 57.90

Staff Name RICHARD OLIVER SCHWAB

Date	BOC ▼	Expense Description <i>(If Mileage, include To/From Points of Travel, Mileage Rate and Mode of Transport) (If other, please include Type of service, quantity &amp; unit price, if applicable)</i>	Enter Mileage Rate => 0.560		Mileage	Amount
			From:	To:		
02/02/2015	2130	PRIVATE AUTO MILEAGE	From: BWI	To: CAPITOL HILL	31.4	\$ 17.58
02/03/2015	2130	PRIVATE AUTO MILEAGE	From: CAPITOL HILL	To: 214 MASS AVE, NE	1.0	\$ 0.56
02/03/2015	2130	PRIVATE AUTO MILEAGE	From: 214 MASS AVE, NE	To: CAPITOL HILL	1.0	\$ 0.56
02/03/2015	2130	PRIVATE AUTO MILEAGE	From: CAPITOL HILL	To: 724 9TH ST, NW	1.8	\$ 1.01
02/03/2015	2130	PRIVATE AUTO MILEAGE	From: 724 9TH ST, NW	To: CAPITOL HILL	1.8	\$ 1.01
02/03/2015	2130	PRIVATE AUTO MILEAGE	From: CAPITOL HILL	To: 724 9TH ST, NW	1.8	\$ 1.01
02/03/2015	2130	PRIVATE AUTO MILEAGE	From: 724 9TH ST, NW	To: CAPITOL HILL	1.8	\$ 1.01
02/05/2015	2130	PRIVATE AUTO MILEAGE	From: CAPITOL HILL	To: BWI	31.4	\$ 17.58
02/05/2015	2130	PRIVATE AUTO MILEAGE	From: BWI	To: CAPITOL HILL	31.4	\$ 17.58
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
<b>Total Mileage ▶</b>					103.4	
<b>Total Reimbursement ▶</b>						\$ 57.90

I, the undersigned, state that the above expenses were approved and incurred personally as a result of the performance of my duties for the Member, Committee or Leadership Office, or for the House Officer that employs me.

SIGNED: STAFFER

APPROVED BY





RONALD REAGAN  
 WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT  
 TERMINALS B AND C  
 WASHINGTON, DC 20001

STORE: 01304 REG: 002 CASHIER: TSEHAYNE  
 CUSTOMER RECEIPT COPY

GLACEAU SMART WATER 20 0		
786162200433	1 @ 2.99	2.99
GLACEAU SMART WATER 20 0		
786162200433	1 @ 2.99	2.99
SUBTOTAL		5.98
SALES TAX (6.5000%)		.39
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6.37</b>
AMOUNT TENDERED		
Visa		<b>6.37</b>
ACCT. *****		
EXP *****		
APPROVAL: 093180		

*Richard  
 Otwin  
 Schwab*

TOTAL PAYMENT 6.37  
 Transaction: 159124 2/5/2015 6:33 AM  
 Comments\Inquiries? (800) 326-7711  
 or Comments@Hudsonsgroup.com  
 Thank you for shopping with us.



1591240130400202052015

**U.S AIRWAYS**

02/05/2015  
US0621 DCA-PHX  
243051  
Device ID GLX00085559  
Receipt #: 0003  
Transaction: 15020507383285559

Sale

Product	Price	Qty	Am.
Continental Br	4.99	1	4.99
Total			4.99
VISA			4.99

*Richard  
Olson  
Schwalb*

Karaikudi Palace  
8752 E. Shea Blvd.  
Scottsdale, AZ. 85260  
Suite C11  
480-998-6006

Table: 12                      Register#: 99  
Server: Server              Customer: 2 Custs  
Serv#: 3  
Check#: 29943              Guests: 2  
Date: 02/05/15              Time: 12:13pm

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---(Seat 1)---  
1 Buffet                      \$9.99  
1 Buffet                      \$9.99

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Subtotal:                      \$19.98  
Tax:                              \$1.59  
Sub w/Tax:                      \$21.57  
Amt Due:                        \$21.57

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me/\                              \$21.57

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Email Karaikudipalace@yahoo.com  
Thank you very much!  
Come back soon!!!

*5.00 TIP  
\$ 26.57*

Karaikudi Palace  
8752 E. Shea Blvd.  
Scottsdale, AZ. 85260  
Suite C11  
480-998-6006

Customer Copy

Card Number              \*\*\*\*\* [REDACTED]

Reference Number 073490  
Check#: 29943  
Date: 02/05/15

Amount                        \$21.57

Tip: *5.00*

Total: *26.57*

We appreciate your business!!!

*Richard  
Oliver  
Schwartz*

STARBUCKS Store #11434  
3175 E. Thomas Road  
Phoenix, AZ (602) 956-1529

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CHK 785126  
02/05/2015 11:06 AM  
1846132 Drawer: 2 Reg: 3  
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Drive Thru

Vt Cappuccino 3.95  
Nonfat  
Visa 4.28  
XXXXXXXXXXXX [REDACTED]

Subtotal \$3.95  
Tax 8.3% - Food & Bev \$0.33  
Total \$4.28  
Change Due \$0.00

----- Check Closed -----  
02/05/2015 11:06 AM

*Richard  
Gavin  
Schwab*

New members get a FREE DRINK  
Join our loyalty program  
Sign up for email rewards  
visit [Starbucks.com/rewards](http://Starbucks.com/rewards)  
or download our app  
at participating stores  
some restrictions apply  
My Starbucks Rewards (R)

50043

AZCENTRAL.COM THE NEWS STORE - SKY HARBOR

3800 SKY HARBOR BLVD.

PHOENIX, AZ 85034

US

Contact Email: [REDACTED]

PHONE: 602-273-7275 TERMINAL: 50043-002  
DATE: 02-05-15 TRANSMISSION: 0000218363  
TIME: 15:42 RECEIPT #: 172973  
FAX ID: 86-0975372 ASSOCIATE: 05183

COMMENTS:

ITEM/IPC	QTY	UNIT \$	Ext. \$
SMART WATER 20 OZ BOTTLE 706162200433	2	2.90	5.80
REFILL DEPOSIT	2	0.00	0.00
KERO PLUS PR BK CHOK MILK BAR 12 602652170560	3	3.29	9.87

SUBTOTAL: \$ 15.65  
Food 1.00 0.16  
TAX: \$ 0.16  
TOTAL: \$ 16.01  
Paid:  
Card Payment

Credit > 16.01 *\$16.01*

Total Savings: \$0.00

Total Items: ?

Thank you for shopping  
Visit our website: www.

AZCENTRAL.COM THE NEWS STORE - SKY HARBOR INTER. AIRPORT

Store: 50043  
TerminalID: 50043-002  
Trans#: 0000218363  
Date: 02-05-15  
Time: 15:42  
Terminal ID: 4502375  
Card Type: Credit Visa  
XXXXXXXXXX [REDACTED]  
APPROVED  
Auth#: 074150  
Entry Method: SWIPE  
Sequence#: 000021836301

SALE

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ 16.01

CARDHOLDER COPY

*Richard  
Dawn  
Schwab*

WELCOME TO  
 AZ FOOD STORE  
 1045 N 24TH ST  
 PHOENIX, AZ 85008  
 DIESEL TAXICENTS  
 TX04148098-001 DPO PLUS LLP  
 1045 N 24TH ST  
 PHOENIX AZ 85008

DESCR.	QTY	AMOUNT
<CUSTOMER COPY> UNLD CA NOS	3.4728 @ 1.999/ G	6.94
	GRD Total	6.94
	Tax	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>6.94</b>
	CREDIT \$	6.94

CARD TYPE: VISA  
 CARD NAME: SCHWAR/RICHARD  
 ACCT NUMBER: XXXX XXXX XXXX  
 TRANS TYPE: SALE  
 APPROVAL: 0225ED  
 AMOUNT: \$ 6.94  
 INVOICE: 003289

*Richard  
 Owen  
 Schwab*

APPROVED 0225ED  
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THANKS-COME AGAIN  
 RESN 0001 CSRN 004 BRN 01 TRM 19402  
 02/05/15 14:47:12 STN 1



RA 431648711 Bill 0  
 Rental 05-FEB-2016 10:47 AM  
 PHX SKY HARBOR INTL ARPT  
 Return 05-FEB-2016 02:57 PM  
 PHX SKY HARBOR INTL ARPT

RICHARD OLIVER SCHMID  
 Vehicle # F7170219  
 Model CRUZE  
 Class Driven ICAR Class Charged ICAR  
 License# B484797 State/Province AZ  
 M/Kee Driven 66  
 M/Kee Out 69  
 M/Kee In 125

Charges	No	Unit	Price	Amount
T & H	1	Days	24.16	24.16*
UNLIM M/KM	0	M/Kee		0.00*
Frag Trav	0			1.60*
CUSTOMER FACILITY CHARGE				6.00*
CRF				2.83*
STADIUM SURCHARGE				6.31
MAINTENANCE FEE				0.70*
VLS				1.75
TPT @10.300 X				3.63

Total Charges USD 46.98

Deposit Visa [REDACTED]

Amount Due USD 46.99

\* Taxable Item  
 Subject to Audit  
 Frequent Flyer [REDACTED] Credit to  
 SOUTHWEST AIRLINES RAPID REWARDS  
 Customer Service Number 1-800-445-6664



CREDIT CARD (...)

Account Info		Payment Info	
Current balance	\$2,756.89	Balance last statement (01/14/2015)	\$3,705.68
Pending charges	\$189.33	Minimum payment due	\$0.00
Available credit	\$31,973.78	Payment due date	02/11/2015

Southwest Airlines Rapid Rewards® Premier

Temporary Authorizations

Trans Date	Type	Description	Amount
02/09/2015	Pending	UBER TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$8.68
02/09/2015	Pending	7-ELEVEN 32909	\$1.00
02/09/2015	Pending	CHRISTIE MEDICAL CLINI	\$25.00
02/08/2015	Pending	ALAMO RENT A CAR	\$77.32
02/07/2015	Pending	ALAMO RENT A CAR	\$77.33

Posted Activity

Since Last Statement

Trans Date	Post Date	Type	Description	Amount
02/08/2015	02/09/2015	Sale	APL* ITUNES.COM/BILL	\$3.99
02/07/2015	02/08/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You Image C	-\$2,010.64
02/07/2015	02/08/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You Check	-\$7,325.00
02/07/2015	02/08/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You Image C	-\$546.44
02/07/2015	02/08/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You Image C	-\$3,288.01
02/07/2015	02/09/2015	Sale	SHELL OIL 67544920002	\$20.40
02/07/2015	02/09/2015	Sale	ALAMO RENT-A-CAR	\$258.66
02/07/2015	02/08/2015	Return	APL* ITUNES.COM/BILL	-\$3.99
02/07/2015	02/08/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You Image C	-\$554.98
02/06/2015	02/06/2015	Sale	UBER TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$23.00

Trans Date	Post Date	Type	Description	Amount
02/06/2015	02/08/2015	Sale	SOUTHWES 5262481119371	\$39.00
02/06/2015	02/06/2015	Return	SOUTHWES 5262481119371	-\$39.00
02/05/2015	02/06/2015	Sale	HUDSON NEWS 2/5 ment	\$6.37
02/05/2015	02/06/2015	Sale	ALAMO RENT-A-CAR 2/5 Rented car	\$45.99
02/05/2015	02/08/2015	Sale	INFLIGHT US AIRWAYS 2/5 ment	\$4.99
02/05/2015	02/06/2015	Sale	DPQ PLUS LLP 2/5 Fuel	\$6.84
02/05/2015	02/06/2015	Sale	STARBUCKS #11434 PHOENIX 2/5 ments	\$4.28
02/05/2015	02/05/2015	Sale	APL* ITUNES.COM/BILL	\$21.97
02/05/2015	02/08/2015	Sale	KARAIKUDI PALACE 2/5 ments	\$26.57
02/05/2015	02/08/2015	Sale	AZCENTRAL.COM THE NEWS 2/5 ments	\$16.01
02/05/2015	02/05/2015	Sale	1-800-FLOWERS.COM,INC.	\$34.98
02/05/2015	02/08/2015	Sale	ANNAPOLIS HISTORIC INNS	\$123.17
02/04/2015	02/04/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You - Web	-\$1,753.44
02/03/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	Amazon.com	\$22.76
02/03/2015	02/05/2015	Sale	TALAY THAI RESTAURANT	\$55.78
02/03/2015	02/05/2015	Sale	SP PLUS PARKING	\$132.00
02/03/2015	02/04/2015	Sale	HILTONGARDENINN3759	\$178.56
02/03/2015	02/04/2015	Sale	APL* ITUNES.COM/BILL	\$4.99
02/02/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	BENIHANA SO 613	\$351.47
02/02/2015	02/04/2015	Sale	SAUCE T4 LOBBY30033245	\$24.64
02/02/2015	02/04/2015	Sale	STARBUCKS T4 530031603	\$4.28
02/02/2015	02/04/2015	Sale	SHELL OIL 57441826302	\$22.16
02/02/2015	02/04/2015	Sale	PHX NOCAWICH EXPRESS	\$19.43
02/02/2015	02/02/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You-Mobile	-\$600.00
02/02/2015	02/04/2015	Sale	ALAMO RENT-A-CAR	\$814.21
02/02/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	Amazon Video On Demand	\$2.90
02/01/2015	02/02/2015	Sale	EVENT TICKET INSURANCE	\$13.98
02/01/2015	02/02/2015	Sale	TM *ARIZONA THEATRE CO	\$123.50
02/01/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	HYATT HOTELS F&B	\$185.57
02/01/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	ARCO AM/PM SCOTTSDALE	\$38.10
01/31/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	SOUTHWES 5262479143748	\$5.60
01/31/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	AT&T*BILL PAYMENT	\$330.44



1/30/15 10:13:45 AM  
Pump 4  
Order Number: 6836312

**Circle K #8841**  
966 E. Van Buren  
Phoenix AZ 85003  
(802)252-3183

Term :  
720300097298102  
Appr : 002040

Register:100      Tran Seq No: 6836312  
Store No:2708841

Pay at Pump Sale  
Pump # 4 UNL-REG  
5.419 Gallons @ \$1.739/Gal      9.42

Sub. Total:	9.42
Tax:	0.00
Total:	9.42
Discount Total:	0.00

Visa:	9.42
Change:	0.00

Visa  
Card Num : (S)  
XXXXXXXXXXXX

*Richard  
Oliver  
Schmidt*

01/30/2015 10:13:35

I agree to pay the  
above Total Amount  
according to Card  
Issuer Agreement.

Circle K Rewards Hotline!  
Call 1-800-728-9068 or 602-728-5495  
Polar Pop \$.79 every day! Any size!

SHELL  
57442258208  
4001 N PIMA RD.  
SCOTTSDALE , AZ  
85251  
02/01/2015 535443501  
11:27:01 AM

XXXX XXXX XXXX [REDACTED]  
MASTERCARD

INVOICE 365981  
AUTH 00158Z

PUMPH 6	
UNLEADED	7.9136
PRICE/GAL	\$2.079
FUEL TOTAL	\$ 16.45
CREDIT	\$ 16.45

*Richard  
Oliver  
Schwartz*

Fuel Rewards Bonus Offer from MasterCard  
& Shell - Save up to 10.60/gal. or more!  
Terms & Conditions apply. Learn more at  
fuelrewards.com. Offer Ends 3/1/15.

SSP America  
Noca Express  
PHX Sky Harbor Airport  
Terminal 4

3341 Mahalla

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**\*\* TO GO \*\***  
6 San Pell Spking 17.94  
XXXXXXXXXXXX [REDACTED]  
Visa 19.43  
  
WA Bev 17.94  
Tax 1.49  
Payment 19.43

Win an iPad Mini  
Go to the website to tell us  
about your visit and enter  
our prize draw  
See website for T&C  
[www.eatonthemove.com/US](http://www.eatonthemove.com/US)

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LOCATION: 6302367  
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Or please call us 1 877 325 8777

SSP America  
Noca Express  
PHX Sky Harbor Airport  
Terminal 4

Date: Feb02'15 04:26PM  
Card Type: Visa  
Acct #: XXXXXXXXXXXX [REDACTED]  
Card Entry: SWIPEO  
Trans Type: PURCHASE  
Trans Key: FIF003260618687  
Auth Code: 09566D  
Check: 1648  
Server: 3341 Mahalla

Total 19.43

Win an iPad Mini  
Go to the website to tell us  
about your visit and enter  
our prize draw  
See website for T&C  
[www.eatonthemove.com/US](http://www.eatonthemove.com/US)

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LOCATION: 6302367  
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Or please call us 1 877 325 8777

I agree to pay total according  
to my card issuer agreement.  
\*\*\* Customer Copy \*\*\*

*Richard  
O'Brien  
Schwab*

HMSHOST  
T 53 STARBUCKS COFFEE  
SKY HARBOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

301893 Venancia

CHK 7509 GST 1  
FEB02'15 4:15PM

TO GO

1 CAPPUCCINO V 3.95

SUBTOTAL 3.95

TAX 0.33

AMOUNT PAID 4.28

XXXXXXXXXXXX

VISA 4.28

--301893 Closed FEB02 04:15PM--

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Schwab*

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\* SKY HARBOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

318096 Samantha

CHK 8942 GST 1  
FEB02 '15 2:52PM

DINE IN

1 PNNT MEATBALL	8.00
1 PIZ CYO	7.75
ONION CARAMEL	1.00
ADD CHIX SSG	1.00
ADD ARTICHOKE	1.00
ADD MOZZARELLA	1.00
1 WTR PELLG H	3.00

SUBTOTAL 22.75

TAX 1.89

AMOUNT PAID 24.64

XXXXXXXXXXXX  
VISA 24.64

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~~Your order number is 8942~~

CIRCLE K #1702  
4343 E Camelback Rd  
Phoenix AZ 85081  
(602)848-2639

SHELL  
4343 E CAMELBACK RDA  
PHOENIX AZ 85  
Merch #: 67441826302  
Appr: 015580  
Invoice #: 645648  
PUMPH 04 CREDIT  
UNL-REG @ \$2.039/G  
VOLUME 10.868 GAL

GAS TOTAL \$22.16

TOTAL \$22.16

VISA

XXXX XXXX XXXX

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Join the Fuel  
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02/02/2015 11:40:47

*Richard  
Oliver  
Schwab*



RA 434570224 911 0  
 Rental 28-JAN-2016 08:59 PM  
 PHX SKY HARBOR INTL APRT  
 Return 02-FEB-2016 02:19 PM  
 PHX SKY HARBOR INTL APRT

*Richard Oliver Schwab*

RICHARD OLIVER SCHWAB  
 Vehicle # EL392240  
 Model FOCUS

Class Driven ICAR Class Charged ICAR  
 License# 211STC State/Province WA  
 W/Kms Driven 760  
 W/Kms Out 16340  
 W/Kms In 16096

Charges	No Unit	Price	Amount
T & H	1 Week	428.58	428.58*
UNLIM W/KM	0 W/Kms		0.00*
Free Trav	0		7.50*
CUSTOMER FACILITY CHARGE			30.00*
CRF			48.82*
STADIUM SURCHARGE			19.03
MAINTENANCE FEE			2.60*
VES			26.81
TPI @10.300 X			63.17

Total Charges USD 614.21

Deposit Visa

Amount Due USD 614.21

*614.21*

\* Taxable Items  
 Subject to Audit  
 Frequent Flyer:  Credit to  
 SOUTHWEST AIRLINES RAPID REWARDS  
 Customer Service Number 1-800-446-6864

B. W. F. AIRPORT PARKING  
MAIN TERMINAL GARAGE  
MARYLAND PARKING

*" SP plus parking "*

Rcpt# 91322

02/03/15 00:26 L#25 All I T#0203/B1

01/26/15 14:54 In 02/03/15 00:26 Out

Tel# 771139

Hourly \$ 120.40

Total Tax \$ 3.60

Total Fee \$ 132.00

visa \$ 132.00-

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Approval No. : 010810

Reference No. : 0000827

Change Due \$ 0.00

THANK YOU

HAVE A SAFE TRIP

*Richard  
Oliver  
Shaw*

Kitchen 1      Table 21  
Check 3      Guests 0  
CARRYOUT      11:31 AM

PAD THAI  
CHICKEN  
MUSSAMAN CURRY  
CHICKEN 76  
CASHEW NUT  
BEEF  
PAD SEE-EW  
CHICKEN

TALAY THAI RESTAURANT  
406 FIRST STREET  
WASHINGTON, DC 20003

TERMINAL ID: 71652558  
MERCHANT #: 890003182102

VISA      SRV: 3  
SALE      SWIPED  
SALE      EXP: 01/91  
SALE      INU: 000002  
Feb 83, 15      11:52  
TRAN SER #: 013489

TRANSACTION ID: 46503460741519

APPROVAL: 076520

SALE AMT      \$49.28

TIP      \$6.50

TOTAL      \$55.78

RICHARD SCHWAB

CUSTOMER COPY

*Member / Constituent meal  
paid by Richard  
Olwin  
Schwab*



CREDIT CARD (

Account Info		Payment Info	
Current balance	\$2,756.89	Balance last statement (01/14/2015)	\$3,705.68
Pending charges	\$189.33	Minimum payment due	\$0.00
Available credit	\$31,973.78	Payment due date	02/11/2015
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Trans Date	Type	Description	Amount
02/09/2015	Pending	UBER TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$8.68
02/09/2015	Pending	7-ELEVEN 32909	\$1.00
02/09/2015	Pending	CHRISTIE MEDICAL CLINI	\$25.00
02/08/2015	Pending	ALAMO RENT A CAR	\$77.32
02/07/2015	Pending	ALAMO RENT A CAR	\$77.33

Posted Activity

Since Last Statement

Trans Date	Post Date	Type	Description	Amount
02/08/2015	02/09/2015	Sale	APL* ITUNES.COM/BILL	\$3.99
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02/07/2015	02/08/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You Check	-\$7,325.00
02/07/2015	02/08/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You Image C	-\$646.44
02/07/2015	02/08/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You Image C	-\$3,288.01
02/07/2015	02/09/2015	Sale	SHELL OIL 57544920002	\$20.40
02/07/2015	02/09/2015	Sale	ALAMO RENT-A-CAR	\$258.66
02/07/2015	02/08/2015	Return	APL* ITUNES.COM/BILL	-\$3.99
02/07/2015	02/08/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You Image C	-\$554.98
02/06/2015	02/06/2015	Sale	UBER TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$23.00

Trans Date	Post Date	Type	Description	Amount
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02/06/2015	02/08/2015	Return	SOUTHWES 5262481119371	-\$39.00
02/05/2015	02/06/2015	Sale	HUSDON NEWS	\$6.37
02/05/2015	02/06/2015	Sale	ALAMO RENT-A-CAR	\$45.99
02/05/2015	02/08/2015	Sale	INFLIGHT US AIRWAYS	\$4.99
02/05/2016	02/06/2015	Sale	DPQ PLUS LLP	\$6.94
02/05/2015	02/06/2015	Sale	STARBUCKS #11434 PHOENIX	\$4.28
02/05/2015	02/05/2015	Sale	APL*ITUNES.COM/BILL	\$21.97
02/05/2015	02/08/2015	Sale	KARAIKUDI PALACE	\$26.57
02/05/2015	02/08/2015	Sale	AZCENTRAL.COM THE NEWS	\$16.01
02/06/2015	02/05/2015	Sale	1-800-FLOWERS.COM,INC.	\$34.98
02/05/2015	02/06/2015	Sale	ANNAPOLIS HISTORIC INNS	\$123.17
02/04/2015	02/04/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You - Web	-\$1,753.44
02/03/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	Amazon.com	\$22.76
02/03/2015	02/05/2015	Sale	TALAY THAI RESTAURANT <i>2/3 meals</i>	\$55.78
02/03/2015	02/05/2015	Sale	SP PLUS PARKING <i>2/3 Parking</i>	\$132.00
02/03/2015	02/04/2015	Sale	HILTONGARDENINN3769	\$178.56
02/03/2015	02/04/2015	Sale	APL*ITUNES.COM/BILL	\$4.99
02/02/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	BENIHANA SO 613	\$351.47
02/02/2015	02/04/2015	Sale	SAUCE T4 LOBBY30033245 <i>2/2 meal</i>	\$24.64
02/02/2015	02/04/2015	Sale	STARBUCKS T4 S30031603 <i>2/2 meal</i>	\$4.28
02/02/2015	02/04/2015	Sale	SHELL OIL 57441826302 <i>2/2 Fuel</i>	\$22.16
02/02/2015	02/04/2015	Sale	PHX NOCAWCH EXPRESS <i>2/2 meal</i>	\$19.43
02/02/2015	02/02/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You-Mobile	-\$600.00
02/02/2015	02/04/2015	Sale	ALAMO RENT-A-CAR <i>2/2 Rental Car</i>	\$614.21
02/02/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	Amazon Video On Demand	\$2.99
02/01/2015	02/02/2015	Sale	EVENT TICKET INSURANCE	\$13.98
02/01/2015	02/02/2015	Sale	TM ARIZONA THEATRE CO	\$123.60
02/01/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	HYATT HOTELS F&B	\$185.67
02/01/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	ARCO AM/PM SCOTTSDALE	\$38.10
01/31/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	SOUTHWES 5262479143748	\$5.60
01/31/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	AT&T*BILL PAYMENT	\$330.44

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Posted transactions

TRANSACTION DATE	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASES	CREDITS	REWARDS EARNED
02/05/15	ARC Payment Received		-140.00	
02/05/15	ARC Payment Received		-469.97	
02/04/15	USAIRWAY 03723899180573	160.10		320
02/03/15	USAIRWAY 03723897625490	25.00		50
02/03/15	USAIRWAY 03723897625486	200.00		400
02/03/15	USAIRWAY 03723897624930	83.87		168
02/03/15	MLAHART CO	674.95		675
02/02/15	USAIRWAY 03723895778770	200.00		400
02/02/15	USAIRWAY 03721830698025	78.00		156
02/02/15	USAIRWAY 03721830697992	90.00		180
02/02/15	USAIRWAY 03723895770534	421.49		842
02/01/15	SHELL OIL 574422582QPS	16.45		16
01/30/15	FROM THE FARMER LLC	140.00		140
TOTAL (Since last statement)		2,089.86	-609.97	3,347

*2/1 fuel*

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8550 EAST PRINCESS DRIVE  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255-8469

HILTON GARDEN INN SCOTTSDALE

Room 341/Q2  
Arrival Date 01/28/15  
Departure Date 02/02/15  
Adult/Child 2/0  
Room Rate \$0.00  
Rate Plan V-LV0  
HHonors #  
Airline:

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DATE	REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
01/29/15	965028	*GREAT AMERICAN GRILL	\$28.64
01/29/15	965076	VALET EXHIBIT	\$32.00
01/30/15	965256	*GREAT AMERICAN GRILL	\$28.64
01/31/15	965572	*GREAT AMERICAN GRILL	\$57.28
01/31/15	965656	*GREAT AMERICAN GRILL	\$20.00
02/01/15	966077	PAVILION PANTRY	\$8.00
02/01/15	966077	SALES TAX	\$0.70
02/01/15	966076	PAVILION PANTRY	\$2.32
02/01/15	966078	SALES TAX	\$0.18
02/02/15	966479	-----	(\$178.66)
		** BALANCE **	\$3.00

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Account Info		Payment Info	
Current balance	\$15,800.85	Balance last statement (01/14/2015)	\$3,705.68
Pending charges	\$467.60	Minimum payment due	\$0.00
Available credit	\$18,731.55	Payment due date	02/11/2015

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Trans Date	Type	Description	Amount
02/05/2015	Pending	KARAKUDI PALACE	\$21.57
02/05/2015	Pending	STARBUCKS #17434 PHOEN	\$4.28
02/05/2015	Pending	US AIRWAYS	\$4.99
02/05/2015	Pending	ALAMO RENT A CAR	\$46.99
02/05/2015	Pending	MUSDON NEWS	\$6.37
02/05/2015	Pending	UBER TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$23.00
02/04/2015	Pending	ANNAPOLIS HISTORIC INNS	\$123.17
02/04/2015	Pending	APL* ITUNES.COM/BILL	\$21.97
02/04/2015	Pending	1-800-FLOWERS.COM, INC	\$34.98
02/03/2015	Pending	TALAY THAI RESTAURANT	\$49.26
02/03/2015	Pending	SF PLUS PARKING	\$132.00

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<input type="checkbox"/>	01/31/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	AT&T*BILL PAYMENT	\$330.44
<input type="checkbox"/>	01/31/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	SOUTHWES 5262479143748	\$5.60
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<input type="checkbox"/>	01/26/2015	01/27/2015	Sale	POTBELLY 140	\$182.62

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8550 EAST PRINCESS DRIVE  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255-5489

HILTON GARDEN INN SCOTTSDALE

Room 3419/Q2  
Arrival Date 01/28/15  
Departure Date 02/02/15  
Adult/Child 2/0  
Room Rate \$0.00  
Rate Plan V-LV0  
HHonors #  
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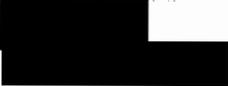
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8550 EAST PRINCESS DRIVE  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255-5488

HILTON GARDEN INN SCOTTSDALE

Room 3417/02  
Arrival Date 01/28/15  
Departure Date 02/02/15  
Adult/Child 2/0  
Room Rate \$0.00  
Rate Plan V-LV0  
Initiation # [REDACTED]  
Airline:

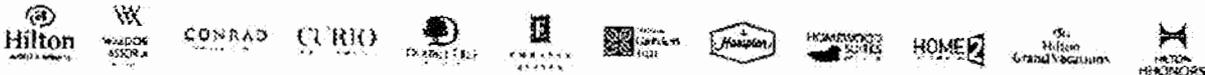
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1-877-STAY-HGI

Confirmation # 3176203751

02/02/15 PAGE 2

DATE	REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
02/01/15	966229	CITY TAX	\$5.59
02/02/15	966480	GUEST ROOM	\$1839.99
02/02/15	966480	STATE TAX	\$101.20
02/02/15	966480	SCOTTSDALE BED TAX	\$82.00
02/02/15	966480	COUNTY TAX	\$32.57
02/02/15	966480	CITY TAX	\$30.36
		** BALANCE **	\$0.00

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**O'Connor, Mary**

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**From:** Schwab, Oliver  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 3:58 PM  
**To:** O'Connor, Mary  
**Subject:** FW: Scanned image from DOSHARPMX  
**Attachments:** AZ05DOPrinter@mail.house.gov\_20150205\_143403.pdf

Mary,

Attached, please see the itemization for the \$4,027.07 in a clean bill from the Hilton website. Additionally, if you could add the additional \$146.56 in hotel/meal charges, that is on page 3.

Appreciate your catching this Mary. You're awesome!

Also--I'm pre-booking this same hotel for the Phoenix Open week next year so that we get a normal rate and not the rate once they're in room-block central.

Please confirm receipt.

Oliver

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Oliver Schwab  
Chief of Staff  
Congressman David Schweikert

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [AZ05DOPrinter@mail.house.gov](mailto:AZ05DOPrinter@mail.house.gov) [<mailto:AZ05DOPrinter@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 12:34 PM  
**To:** Schwab, Oliver  
**Subject:** Scanned image from DOSHARPMX

**Reply to:** [AZ05DOPrinter@mail.house.gov](mailto:AZ05DOPrinter@mail.house.gov) <[AZ05DOPrinter@mail.house.gov](mailto:AZ05DOPrinter@mail.house.gov)> Device Name: Not Set Device Model: MX-C402SC  
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SCI#WAB, OLIVIER



Hotel Address

8550 EAST PRINCESS DRIVE  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255-5469

HILTON GARDEN INN SCOTTSDALE

Room 341/Q2  
Arrival Date 01/28/15  
Departure Date 02/02/15  
Adult/Child 2/0  
Room Rate \$0.00  
Rate Plan V-LV0  
HHonors # [REDACTED]  
Airline:

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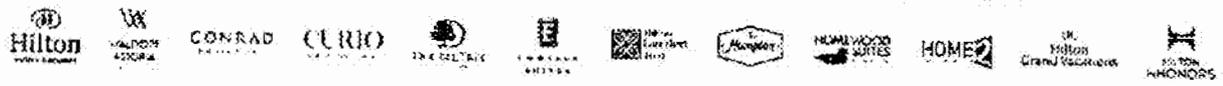
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DATE	REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
01/29/15	965026	*GREAT AMERICAN GRILL	\$28.64
01/29/15	965076	VALET LAUNDRY	\$32.00
01/30/15	965206	*GREAT AMERICAN GRILL	\$28.64
01/31/15	965572	*GREAT AMERICAN GRILL	\$57.28
01/31/15	965656	*GREAT AMERICAN GRILL	\$20.00
02/01/15	966077	PAVILION PANTRY	\$8.80
02/01/15	966077	SALES TAX	\$0.70
02/01/15	966078	PAVILION PANTRY	\$2.32
02/01/15	966078	SALES TAX	\$0.18
02/02/15	966478	***** [REDACTED]	(\$178.56)
		** BALANCE **	\$0.00

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CREDIT CARD ( [REDACTED] )

Account Info		Payment Info	
Current balance	\$15,800.85	Balance last statement (01/14/2015)	\$3,705.68
Pending charges	\$467.60	Minimum payment due <b>EX</b>	\$0.00
Available credit	\$18,731.55	Payment due date	02/11/2015

Southwest Airlines Rapid Rewards® Premier

Temporary Authorizations **EX**

Trans Date	Type	Description	Amount
02/05/2015	Pending	KARAKUDI PALACE	\$21.57
02/05/2015	Pending	STARBUCKS #11434 PHOEN	\$4.28
02/05/2015	Pending	US AIRWAYS	\$4.99
02/05/2015	Pending	ALAMO RENT A CAR	\$45.99
02/05/2015	Pending	HUDSON NEWS	\$6.37
02/05/2015	Pending	UBER TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$23.00
02/04/2015	Pending	ANNAPOLIS HISTORIC INNS	\$123.17
02/04/2015	Pending	APL* ITUNES.COM/BILL	\$21.97
02/04/2015	Pending	1-800-FLOWERS.COM, INC	\$34.98
02/03/2015	Pending	TALAY THAI RESTAURANT	\$49.26
02/03/2015	Pending	SP PLUS PARKING	\$132.00

Posted Activity

Since Last Statement

Trans Date	Post Date	Type	Description	Amount	
<input type="checkbox"/>	02/04/2015	02/04/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You - Web	-\$1,753.44
<input type="checkbox"/>	02/03/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	Amazon.com	\$22.76
<input type="checkbox"/>	02/03/2015	02/04/2015	Sale	HILTON GARDEN INN 3769	\$178.50
<input type="checkbox"/>	02/03/2015	02/04/2015	Sale	APL* ITUNES.COM/BILL	\$4.99

*Handwritten:* \$32.00 / \$146.56

<input type="checkbox"/>	Trans Date	Post Date	Type	Description	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/>	02/02/2015	02/04/2015	Sale	SAUCE TA LOBBY30033245	\$24.64
<input type="checkbox"/>	02/02/2015	02/04/2015	Sale	STARBUCKS T4 S30031603	\$4.28
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<input type="checkbox"/>	02/02/2015	02/04/2015	Sale	PHX NOCAWICH EXPRESS	\$18.43
<input type="checkbox"/>	02/02/2015	02/04/2015	Sale	ALAMO RENT-A-CAR	\$614.21
<input type="checkbox"/>	02/02/2015	02/02/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You-Mobile	-\$600.00
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<input type="checkbox"/>	02/02/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	Amazon Video On Demand	\$2.99
<input type="checkbox"/>	02/01/2015	02/02/2015	Sale	EVENT TICKET INSURANCE	\$13.88
<input type="checkbox"/>	02/01/2015	02/02/2015	Sale	TM *ARIZONA THEATRE CO	\$123.60
<input type="checkbox"/>	02/01/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	HYATT HOTELS F&B	\$185.67
<input type="checkbox"/>	02/01/2015	02/03/2015	Sale	ARCO AMPM SCOTTSDALE	\$38.10
<input type="checkbox"/>	01/31/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	AT&T*BILL PAYMENT	\$330.44
<input type="checkbox"/>	01/31/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	SOUTHWES 5262479143748	\$5.60
<input type="checkbox"/>	01/31/2015	02/01/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You-Mobile	-\$1,701.64
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<input type="checkbox"/>	01/29/2015	01/30/2015	Sale	STARBUCKS #15050 SCOTTSDA	\$19.76
<input type="checkbox"/>	01/29/2015	01/30/2015	Sale	V S BARBERSHOP KERLAND	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	01/29/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	KARAKUDI PALACE	\$31.86
<input type="checkbox"/>	01/29/2015	02/01/2015	Sale	CHICK-FL-A #03246	\$14.12
<input type="checkbox"/>	01/28/2015	01/29/2015	Sale	PANDORA*INTERNET RADIO	\$54.89
<input type="checkbox"/>	01/28/2015	01/29/2015	Sale	SOUTHWES 5262478247036	\$11.20
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<input type="checkbox"/>	01/27/2015	01/27/2015	Payment	Payment Thank You - Web	-\$98.07
<input type="checkbox"/>	01/26/2015	01/27/2015	Sale	POTBELLY 140	\$162.62

# **EXHIBIT 7**



Ernest Schwelb's Photos



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We aren't just aboard... Here we go! #auriculab

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Forrest Schwab  
February 1, 2011

Pat's are on the field warming up...and so it begins!

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Ryan McManus Keep posting pics!!! Have so much fun! Adam wants to know if Jennifer Cleave cried as hard as she did during the anthem!



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Forrest Schwett

February 1, 2011 · 48

We are the champions!!! Patriots continue to rule with Webster Cabrey



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Even Cross Unbelievable! I can't believe you were there

By



Forrest Schwett Ya me neither, probably the greatest moment of my life thus far

By



Forrest Schwett Get those fuck poets ready Boston... There's a celebration to be had!

By



Even Cross 11am tomorrow

By



Robert Siman Cool as s@t bluesman

By



Forrest Schwab's Photos  
Account removed

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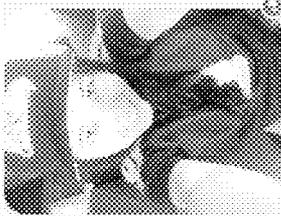
Forrest Schwab  
February 1, 2011 · @

We have arrived. GO PATS!!! ... with Jennifer Casey

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Siva Leonard Go Hawks!!! Hope you have a Blast!!!



Forrest Schwab Hawks are going down! Siva Leonard ...

Pen Wj Guntman Have a blast



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LETS GOOOOO!!!!!!  
Throwback to our #superbowl49 victory with  
my main lady @jcasey57 where #tombrady  
and the #newenglandpatriots proved once  
again they are number 1!! #patriots #tb12  
#thegoat #superbowl50bound  
#broccbeardown #poorpeyton  
#tombradythegoat

jcasey57 Come on boys! Let's do it again!!!!



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# **EXHIBIT 8**

## O'Connor, Mary

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**From:** O'Connor, Mary  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 11:21 AM  
**To:** Schwab, Oliver  
**Cc:** Brunson, Beau  
**Subject:** RE: Travel budget for the balance of the month

**This message has been archived. [View the original item](#)**

Um, snakes anywhere give me the willies.

**From:** Schwab, Oliver  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 11:20 AM  
**To:** O'Connor, Mary  
**Cc:** Brunson, Beau  
**Subject:** Re: Travel budget for the balance of the month

Some of these are broken into 2 or 3 trips per month, but it's not like I'm camping out there for extended periods until the April/March then Sept/Oct again.

No real camping. Snakes in Arizona give me the Willies!

On Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 11:18 AM, O'Connor, Mary <[REDACTED]> wrote:

This will help me immensely. Thank you.

**From:** Schwab, Oliver  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 11:17 AM  
**To:** O'Connor, Mary  
**Cc:** Brunson, Beau  
**Subject:** Re: Travel budget for the balance of the month

Perfect. I'm only in Arizona:

Feb only 1 day  
March 3 days  
April 8 days  
May 4 days  
June 6 days  
July 4 days  
August ??  
Sept 10 days EST  
Oct 10 days EST  
November 20 days EST  
December 6 days EST

I think we're good on budget now that you mention it.

On Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 10:53 AM, O'Connor, Mary

<[REDACTED]> wrote:

I only added \$500 total for the mileage (which is more than I need to). Given that you spent only \$6,000 on mileage last year, adding an extra \$1,500 when there is a 1.5 cent increase/mile is excessive. As for the \$10,000, while the Big Game does not happen frequently, you mentioned that you normally do more travel in January. How about only adding \$5K and readjusting as we hit mid-year? That change would put us right about \$10K buffer. Now, I expect that that the salary number will go down (given our conversation last week), but I'm not touching that yet. I'd rather over budget and be happy than risk being budget poor.

From: Schwab, Oliver

Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2015 5:40 PM

To: O'Connor, Mary; Brunson, Beau

Subject: Travel budget for the balance of the month

Mary and Beau,

Just so you guys don't have a heart attack, I wanted to give a heads up that my trip out next week will end up being about \$4,000 for the hotel and about \$1,000 for the rental car. Being Phoenix Open and Superbowl weekend in Phoenix, I apologize about this--but it's a priority for David that I'm on ground to help as we host events with the House Majority Leader, other visiting Members, and I've got those 2 personal issues we need to get out of the way.

As a side note, Beau--I also just lined up David and the McCarthy to go to Express Scripts on Friday at 3:30!

February and March, I do not anticipate as much travel to district as I've had this month (4 times). It's just the nature of our Januaries and the constituent coffees we host on the weekends that it's always been like this. A very heavy budget for the first month of the year.

That said, I wanted to make sure we had properly budgeted for this in our numbers. It may make sense to add another \$10,000 onto travel, Mary--just so we don't have any surprises. Also, based on your feedback earlier this week, I would also like to increase the mileage reimbursement budget maybe by another \$250 each month. I don't want us to be caught off guard.

Thanks all and hope this is clear enough.

Oliver

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Oliver Schwab

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Oliver Schwab

# **EXHIBIT 9**

HOLTZMAN VOGEL JOSEFIAK TORCHINSKY PLLC  
*Attorneys at Law*

45 North Hill Drive • Suite 100 • Warrenton, VA 20186

January 29, 2018

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Paul Solis, Deputy Chief Counsel  
Office of Congressional Ethics  
U.S. House of Representatives  
425 3rd St. SW, Suite 1110  
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Representative David Schweikert/Continued Cooperation  
(Review No. 17-4790)

Dear Mr. Solis:

Please accept this correspondence on behalf of Mr. Schweikert as his formal response to the Office of Congressional Ethics' Request for Information ("RFI") with respect to the above-reference review. We respectfully request this letter be submitted to the Board.

First and foremost, although as Mr. Brown of your office clarified that Mr. Schweikert was not the subject of this review, Mr. Schweikert takes this matter very seriously. And he continues to endeavor to be cooperative.

The RFI asks for an enormous amount of information covering both the official House office and campaign operations. In short, given the delayed notice of review and the year-end calendar, the actual amount of time to respond to the RFI was significantly reduced. We appreciate the time constraints inherent in H. Res. 895 of the 110th Congress. Frankly, however, the RFI does not provide a sufficient amount of time to retrieve, evaluate, and produce it all.

It bears repeating the Board commenced this matter on November 16, 2017. Mr. Schweikert received the notice of review on November 27, 2017 (the date of the letter). *Consequently, eleven (11) days of the thirty (30) day preliminary review period already elapsed before notification to Mr. Schweikert.* That left nineteen (19) days to evaluate the nature of the review and the RFI.

As mentioned in our email of December 22nd, the period from November 27, 2017 through the end of the First Session of this Congress was one of the most intense legislative periods in recent history due to comprehensive tax reform and the funding bill (among other "must do" year end legislation). Mr. Schweikert is a member of the Committee on Ways & Means, which as you know, is the tax writing committee. That placed an even greater workload on him and his staff during this time. In addition, the second-phase review period coincided with the year end holiday season which further complicated the response process.

We informed you that the campaign committee recently changed compliance firms to assist with the response to the RFI. That was due in large part to issues brought to the campaign's attention in

the RFI. The new compliance firm simultaneously instituted a review of all compliance standards to ensure best practices are followed and any errors and irregularities are corrected as part of this process.

It has become clear during the review process that a number of remedial measures need to be instituted. Mr. Schweikert, this firm and the new compliance firm has strived to move as quickly as possible.

However, reviewing records to determine how the prior compliance firm processed, paid, recorded and reported disbursements by the campaign requested in the RFI has taken more time than originally anticipated. Consequently, the process of identifying the extent of the unwinding and remediating continues, and it will likely continue beyond January 29, 2018. As understood from your letter dated December 15, 2017, the second-phase review will terminate on January 29th, unless extended by the Board.

As part of Mr. Schweikert's continuing cooperation in this matter, Ethics Committee staff has been contacted, and a self-initiated review of this matter by that Committee has occurred. Mr. Schweikert's House office staff and campaign staff will continue to work and cooperate diligently with the Ethics Committee as that process unfolds. That will include, but not be limited to, not only resolving the issues raised by the RFI but also ensuring the remedial measures are satisfactory to the Ethics Committee. Additionally, the Ethics Committee staff will be asked to review and evaluate all House office and campaign practices to make sure they fully compliant with House Rules.

I can tell you that as a good faith effort in that regard, and out of an abundance of caution, Oliver Schwab will repay out of his personal funds the cost of the Arizona Trip originally paid with MRA funds. Also, if it is determined any further steps are warranted, such measures shall be taken in compliance with applicable laws.

We appreciate your understanding. Upon review, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Jason Torchinsky  
Counsel to Mr. Schweikert

Cc: Hon. David Schweikert  
Tom Rust, Staff Director & General Counsel  
U.S. House Committee on Ethics

# **EXHIBIT 10**



## Thunderbirds Charities

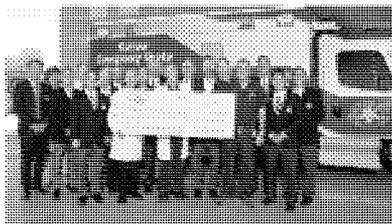
Thunderbirds Charities is a non-profit organization formed in 1988 to distribute monies raised through the Waste Management Phoenix Open golf tournament. The Thunderbirds Charities Board consists of 15 board members from varying professional backgrounds. The mission of Thunderbirds Charities is to assist children and families, help people in need and improve the quality of life in our communities. The organization's giving is directed toward organizations based or with a significant presence in Arizona.

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Ronald McDonald House Receives \$25,000 Grant from Thunderbirds Charities to Provide Housing

Thunderbirds Charities was established in 1986 as the charitable arm of the Phoenix Thunderbirds. Its purpose is to grant funds generated by the Waste Management Fees Open. The mission of Thunderbirds Charities is to assist children and families, help people in need and improve the quality of life in our community.

and Support for Families

January 24, 2018

Thank You to Thunderbirds Charities for their Generous Support of Stem Education Programs and Desert Conservation in Partnership with McDowell Society Conservancy and ASU Ecology Explorers

January 16, 2018

Thunderbirds Charities awards \$25,000 grant to Pinal de Cristo Community Center

January 11, 2018

7028 N. 16th Street, Suite 100

Phoenix, AZ 85020

Phone: (602) 978-0163

Fax: (602) 978-4162

Email: [grantinfo@thunderbirdscharities.org](mailto:grantinfo@thunderbirdscharities.org)

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# **EXHIBIT 11**





**US House of Representatives  
Expense Reimbursement Form  
Summary & Signature**

Richard Oliver Schwab

160155

\$ 7,400.00

*Name*

*Payroll Number (EIN)*

*Total Reimbursement*

Rep. David Schweikert AZ06

12/20/16

*Employing Office*

*Date*

Expense Category	Subtotal	Expense Category	Subtotal
2101 (air/bus/train)	\$ 0.00	2514 (janitorial svc)	\$ 0.00
2105 (lodging)	\$ 0.00	2527 (training)	\$ 7,400.00
2110 (meals)	\$ 0.00	2601 (auto expenses)	\$ 0.00
2120 (car rental)	\$ 0.00	2602 (bottled water)	\$ 0.00
2125 (gasoline)	\$ 0.00	2603 (food/beverage (non-travel))	\$ 0.00
2130 (mileage)	\$ 0.00	2620 (office supplies)	\$ 0.00
2135 (taxi, parking, tolls)	\$ 0.00	2623 (software <\$500)	\$ 0.00
2199 (misc travel)	\$ 0.00	2630 (publications/ref material)	\$ 0.00
2350 (postage/shipping)	\$ 0.00	other	\$ 0.00
2360 (utilities)	\$ 0.00		
2401 (printing)	\$ 0.00		
2513 (insurance)	\$ 0.00		
<b>Total Reimbursement</b>			\$ 7,400.00

*ROS*

I certify that for expenses missing a receipt and noted on this form that I made a good faith effort to obtain a copy of the receipt. Additionally, I complied with all applicable laws and regulations regarding allowable reimbursable expenses (e.g. no alcohol).

*For missing receipts, additional information is required such as the itemization of what was purchased and any other required detail as prescribed in the Voucher Documentation Standards for that type of expense.*

I, the undersigned, state that the above expenses were approved and incurred personally as a result of the performance of my official duties. For the purpose of mileage reimbursement, I understand that "privately-owned" and "privately-leased" vehicles do not include any vehicle owned or leased by the principal campaign of a Member, a political-action committee, or a political party.

*ROS*

*Signature*

12/20/16

*Date*

EFF 10/1/16: V-100116b

**HARVARD Kennedy School**

**Executive Education**

We are pleased to certify that

**R. Oliver Schwab, Jr.**

has completed

**Executive Decision Making:  
Optimizing Organizational Performance**

**October 23 - 28, 2016**

*[Signature]*

Faculty Chair

*[Signature]*  
Director

Leadership Decision Making: Optimizing Organizational Performance  
October 23-25, 2015

Monday, October 23	Tuesday, October 24	Wednesday, October 25	Thursday, October 27	Friday, October 28
<p>10:00 am - 12:30 pm Program Registration</p> <p>Solutions Field Plan Apartments One Wynton Avenue Boston, MA</p> <p>* Food Available</p> <p>9:30 - 2:00 pm Decision Making Exercise, Group A Harvard Tuck, Group B</p> <p>2:15 - 3:15 pm Decision Making Exercise, Group B Harvard Tuck, Group A</p> <p>3:30 - 4:30 pm Welcome &amp; Introductions Jennifer Lerner</p>	<p>8:00 - 10:30 am Zaccaro Science I Jennifer Lerner</p> <p>10:30 - 12:15 pm Decision Science I Jennifer Lerner</p> <p>1:30 - 3:00 pm Decision Science II Jennifer Lerner</p> <p>3:15 - 4:30 pm Applying Concepts I Jennifer Lerner &amp; Francesca Gibo</p>	<p>8:00 - 10:30 am Dempsey and Doolittle Making Michelle Burns</p> <p>10:30 am - 12:15 pm Understanding Race Gap II: Social Adjustment and Decision-Making Robert Livingston</p> <p>1:30 - 3:00 pm Ethical Decision Making I Jennifer Lerner &amp; Chelsi Rothstein</p> <p>3:15 - 4:45 pm Ethics and Decision Making II Jennifer Lerner &amp; Chelsi Rothstein</p>	<p>8:00 - 10:30 am Negotiation I Gretchen Spreitzer</p> <p>10:30 am - 12:15 pm Negotiation II Gretchen Spreitzer</p> <p>1:30 - 3:00 pm Generational Decision Challenges Ryan Buck</p> <p>3:15 - 4:45 pm De-Constructive Decision Making Ryan Buck</p>	<p>8:00 - 10:30 am Jennifer Lerner &amp; Francesca Gibo Technical Insight Topic Presentation</p> <p>10:30 am - 12:15 pm Understanding Your Personal Decision Making Report Jennifer Lerner</p> <p>12:30 - 1:00 pm Feedback for Teams and Concluding Reflections Jennifer Lerner &amp; Francesca Gibo</p> <p>1:30 - 3:00 pm Break Luncheon and Presentation</p> <p>3:00 - 5:00 pm Program Check-out Bethel 200 pm</p>

Classes will be held in room 4100 (First Floor, Harvard Building) unless otherwise noted. Meals are in Muller Fenwick unless otherwise noted.



Oliver Schwab <[redacted]>

**Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education Invoice**

1 message

EE Finance <[redacted]>  
To: Richard Oliver Schwab Jr <[redacted]>

Thu, May 26, 2016 at 9:15 PM



**HARVARD Kennedy School**  
*Executive Education*

**INVOICE**

Payment is due within 30 days of the invoice date. If admission is within 30 days prior to the start of the program, payment is due upon receipt of the invoice.

Bill To	Invoice						
Richard Schwab Jr United States Congress 409 Cannon House Office Building [redacted] Washington DC 20515 United States of America	<table> <tr><td>Invoice Number</td><td>575481</td></tr> <tr><td>Invoice Date</td><td>28 May 2016</td></tr> <tr><td>Program Fee Due</td><td>\$7400.00</td></tr> </table>	Invoice Number	575481	Invoice Date	28 May 2016	Program Fee Due	\$7400.00
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Invoice Date	28 May 2016						
Program Fee Due	\$7400.00						

Program	Program Participant	Program Fee
Leadership in Crisis 03 Apr 2015-08 Apr 2016	Richard Oliver Schwab Jr	7400.00

**Program Fee payment must be made in U.S. dollars (USD). Payment must include invoice number and can be made using one of the following payment methods:**

**CREDIT CARD**

To pay by credit card, please log into your HKS Executive Education account and go to the Invoices tab.

**CHECK**

Payable to: President and Fellows of Harvard College  
Finance Office  
Harvard Kennedy School  
79 JFK Street, Box 120  
Cambridge, MA 02138 USA

**BANK WIRE TRANSFER**

Account Name: President and Fellows of Harvard College  
Bank of America, 100 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110  
Bank Account #: [redacted]  
ABA / USAWIRE Transfer Number: [redacted]  
SWIFT Code #: [redacted]

**ACH TRANSFER**

Account Name: President and Fellows of Harvard College  
Bank of America, 100 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110  
Bank Account #: [redacted]

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Oliver Schwab <[REDACTED]>

**Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education Payment Receipt for Invoice 575461**

1 message

Finance <[REDACTED]>  
To: Richard Oliver Schwab Jr <[REDACTED]>

Fri, Jun 10, 2016 at 8:41 PM

**HARVARD Kennedy School**  
*Executive Education*

Dear Richard Schwab Jr ,

This message is to confirm the receipt of your program fee payment . Your payment has been applied to invoice listed below.

Description	Amount
Participant: Richard Oliver Schwab Jr Invoice Number: 575461 Program: Leadership in Crises Program Dates: 03 Apr 2016 - 08 Apr 2016	
Tuition Invoiced:	US\$ 7400.00
Total Amount Paid:	US\$ 7400.00
Payment Date:	10 Jun 2016

Payor: Richard Schwab Jr  
409 Cannon House Office Building [REDACTED]  
Washington , DC 20515

Thank you for your payment.

Sincerely,

HKS Exec Ed Finance  
78 JFK Street, Mailbox 73  
Cambridge, MA 02138  
exec@hks.harvard.edu  
Tel: 617-495-9000, option 1  
Fax: 617-495-2267



Oliver Schwab <[REDACTED]>

**Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education Invoice**

1 message

EE Finance <[REDACTED]>

Thu, May 26, 2016 at 9:15 PM

To: Richard Oliver Schwab Jr <[REDACTED]>



**HARVARD Kennedy School**  
*Executive Education*

**INVOICE**

Payment is due within 30 days of the invoice date. If admission is within 30 days prior to the start of the program, payment is due upon receipt of the invoice.

Bill To	Invoice
Richard Schwab Jr United States Congress 409 Cannon House Office Building [REDACTED] Washington DC 20515 United States of America	Invoice Number 575461 Invoice Date 26 May 2016 Program Fee Due \$7400.00

**Program**

Leadership in Cases  
03 Apr 2016-08 Apr 2016

**Program Participant**

Richard Oliver Schwab Jr

**Program Fee**

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ABA / USAWIRE Transfer Number: [REDACTED]  
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**ACH TRANSFER**

Account Name: President and Fellows of Harvard College  
Bank of America, 100 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110  
Bank Account #: [REDACTED]

ACH Transfer # [REDACTED]

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Email address: exed@hks.harvard.edu

Fax number: 1-617-495-2267

Harvard Tax ID Number [REDACTED]

Harvard DUNS # [REDACTED], CAGE Code # [REDACTED]

**REFUND POLICY**

To receive a refund, you must submit a request to withdraw from the program session via email to the Program Director at least two weeks before the program session start date



Oliver Schwab <[redacted]>

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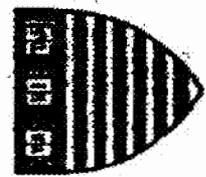
Payor: Richard Schwab, Jr.  
409 Cannon House Office Building [redacted]  
Washington, DC 20515

Thank you for your payment.

Sincerely,

HKS Exec Ed Finance  
79 JFK Street, Mailbox 73  
Cambridge, MA 02138  
exec@hks.harvard.edu  
Tel: 617-495-9000, option 1  
Fax: 617-495-2267





**HARVARD Kennedy School**

*Executive Education*

This is to certify that

*R. Oliver Schwab, Jr.*

has completed

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October 23 – 28, 2016

*Jennifer Lerner*

Faculty Chair

*Lee Lytton*

Director

# **EXHIBIT 12**

**O'Connor, Mary**

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**From:** O'Connor, Mary  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 29, 2016 6:39 PM  
**To:** Schwab, Oliver  
**Subject:** Re: Leadership Professional Development Course

**This message has been archived. [View the original item](#)**

No urgency. We'll talk when we talk.

Mary O'Connor  
Financial Director for the  
offices of:  
Rep. Joe Pitts  
Rep. Ann Wagner  
Rep. Gus Bilirakis  
Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Rep. David Schweikert  
Rep. Evan Jenkins

Academy Liaison for the offices of:  
Rep. Joe Pitts  
Rep. Ryan Costello

[REDACTED] --cell

On Oct 29, 2016, at 5:22 PM, Schwab, Oliver <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I'm in this weekend and Monday, in district Tuesday-Wednesday, may be in Thursday but I just got word I may need to head down to Norfolk on Thursday.

I can chat by phone? Or there is no urgency on this, only if it's an option... and in not prioritizing it over anything else in the budge this year...

--

Oliver Schwab  
Chief of Staff  
Congressman David Schweikert

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 29, 2016, at 5:11 PM, O'Connor, Mary <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Yes on all counts. We can discuss this more this week. Will you be in town on Tuesday or Thursday?

Mary O'Connor  
Financial Director for the  
offices of:  
Rep. Joe Pitts  
Rep. Ann Wagner  
Rep. Gus Bilirakis  
Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Rep. David Schweikert  
Rep. Evan Jenkins

Academy Liaison for the offices of:  
Rep. Joe Pitts  
Rep. Ryan Costello

[REDACTED] -cell

On Oct 29, 2016, at 5:10 PM, Schwab, Oliver <[REDACTED]> wrote:

The course was 100% better management and human resource decision making. 12 hours a day of case studies, crisis scenarios, organizational theory and practice. I used our office as my operational case all week, using David's goals and our structure. I can say it was the best thing I've done in line with the time I've spent with the Congressional Management Foundation.

Could we look at where the numbers fall as the year closes. If we end up with the capacity, I would like to process it through provided you don't have objection.

A training line item makes sense for the future. I think it makes sense for us to be investing in the professional development of our team when we can.

That sound alright to you?

--

Oliver Schwab  
Chief of Staff  
Congressman David Schweikert

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 29, 2016, at 5:03 PM, O'Connor, Mary <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Oliver,

For the future, this may be allowed. Training may be paid for by the House if it primarily benefits the office, rather than the individual. However, given the amount, I think it is something that if it happens in the future, we must budget it beforehand.

Mary O'Connor  
Financial Director for the  
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Rep. Joe Pitts

Rep. Ann Wagner  
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Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Rep. David Schweikert  
Rep. Evan Jenkins

Academy Liaison for the offices of:  
Rep. Joe Pitts  
Rep. Ryan Costello

[REDACTED] -cell

On Oct 29, 2016, at 4:26 PM, Schwab, Oliver <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Mary,

I wanted to double check on something; last week I attended the attached leadership development course at Harvard Kennedy School of Government. The course was comprised of senior government managers from across government and the military. I was surprised to learn that I was the only person who had paid for the course personally. All of the other participants had the course paid by their agency, municipality, or branch. Question, is there any sense in pursuing whether the House can/would pay for this kind of service? And, if not retroactively, for the future?

By the way, in everything I have done for professional development over the years, this was by far the most beneficial exposure I've had. I think Kevin would also benefit from one of these down the road...

Oliver

--

Oliver Schwab

Chief of Staff

Congressman David Schweikert (AZ-06)

[REDACTED]

# **EXHIBIT 13**

## Disbursements to Chartwell

### 2017

DATE	DISBURSING ENTITY	AMOUNT	PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT
10/13/2017	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$1,750.00	PAC Political Strategy Consulting
10/5/2017	Friends of David Schweikert	\$15,000.00	Strategic Campaign Consulting
	<b>2017 Total</b>	<b>\$16,750.00</b>	

### 2016

DATE	DISBURSING ENTITY	AMOUNT	PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT
11/18/2016	Friends of David Schweikert	\$2,500.00	Strategic Consulting
5/26/2016	Friends of David Schweikert	\$2,500.00	Strategic Consulting
5/19/2016	Friends of David Schweikert	\$465.13	Printing/Postage/Food/Beverage
5/19/2016	Friends of David Schweikert	\$760.40	Printing/Postage/Food/Beverage
4/21/2016	Friends of David Schweikert	\$7,396.34	Printing/Postage/Food/Beverage
4/21/2016	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$1,048.04	PAC Catering, flags, event ticket fees
4/14/2016	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$1,949.97	PAC travel, event planning, political strategy consulting
3/24/2016	Friends of David Schweikert	\$1,661.19	Strategic Consulting/Travel
3/24/2016	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$868.51	PAC Catering
2/25/2016	Friends of David Schweikert	\$8,119.32	Strategic Consulting/Travel
2/2/2016	Friends of David Schweikert	\$14,460.91	Strategic Consulting/Travel
2/2/2016	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$2,058.15	Strategic Consulting/Travel
1/6/2016	Friends of David Schweikert	\$6,659.13	Strategic Consulting/Travel
1/5/2016	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$2,500.00	PAC Political Strategy Consulting Fee
1/4/2016	Friends of David Schweikert	\$2,500.00	Strategic Consulting
	<b>2016 Total</b>	<b>\$55,447.09</b>	

### 2015

DATE	DISBURSING ENTITY	AMOUNT	PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT
12/15/2015	Friends of David Schweikert	\$17,470.72	Strategic Consulting/Travel
12/9/2015	Friends of David Schweikert	\$2,579.55	Strategic Consulting/Travel
11/17/2015	Friends of David Schweikert	\$2,426.86	Strategic Consulting/Travel

11/5/2015	Friends of David Schweikert	\$2,618.64	Strategic Consulting/Travel
10/5/2015	Schweikert Victory Committee	\$3,500.00	Strategic/Fundraising Consulting
10/5/2015	Schweikert Victory Committee	\$3,439.84	Strategic/Fundraising Consulting
9/24/2015	Friends of David Schweikert	\$1,832.04	Travel/Printing/Postage/Meals
9/8/2015	Schweikert Victory Committee	\$7,674.00	Travel/Printing/Postage/Meals
7/29/2015	Friends of David Schweikert	\$835.61	Travel/Printing/Postage/Meals
7/22/2015	Schweikert Victory Committee	\$2,237.74	Travel/Printing/Postage/Meals
7/22/2015	Schweikert Victory Committee	\$6,875.00	Strategic/Fundraising Consulting
	<b>2015 Total</b>	<b>\$51,490.00</b>	
<b>2014</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>DISBURSING ENTITY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT</b>
12/8/2014	Friends of David Schweikert	\$26,875.00	Strategic/Fundraising Consulting
11/14/2014	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$900.00	PAC Political Strategy Consulting Fee
10/27/2014	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$2,500.00	PAC Political Strategy Consulting Fee
10/14/2014	Friends of David Schweikert	\$1,875.00	Strategic Consulting
10/1/2014	Friends of David Schweikert	\$8,700.00	Strategic Consulting
9/5/2014	Friends of David Schweikert	\$4,600.00	Strategic Consulting
8/8/2014	Friends of David Schwiekert	\$1,750.00	Strategic Consulting
7/28/2014	Friends of David Schweikert	\$3,000.00	Strategic Consulting
5/5/2014	Friends of David Schweikert	\$500.00	Strategic Consulting
5/5/2014	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$3,000.00	PAC Political Strategy Consulting Fee
2/26/2014	Friends of David Schweikert	\$4,250.00	Fundraising/Strategic Consulting
	<b>2014 Total</b>	<b>\$57,950.00</b>	
<b>2012</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>DISBURSING ENTITY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT</b>
9/12/2012	National Horizon	\$750.00	Fundraising Consulting
8/22/2012	National Horizon	\$3,852.50	Fundraising Consultant
8/2/2012	National Horizon	\$6,916.00	Fundraising Consultant
6/28/2012	National Horizon	\$10,045.00	Fundraising Consulting
6/5/2012	National Horizon	\$9,450.00	Fundraising Consulting
	<b>2012 Total</b>	<b>\$31,013.50</b>	

**Disbursements to Richard Oliver Schwab, Jr.**

**2016**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DISBURSING ENTITY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT</b>
11/18/2016	Friends of David Schweikert	\$164.40	Postage Expense Reimbursement – See MEMO
10/4/2016	Friends of David Schweikert	\$80.90	Expense Reimbursement – See MEMOS
2/25/2016	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$386.05	PAC Travel/Meals – No Vendors Requiring Itemization
	<b>2016 Total</b>	<b>\$631.35</b>	

**2015**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DISBURSING ENTITY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT</b>
6/26/2015	Schweikert Victory Committee	\$7,066.00	Mail Reimbursement – See MEMOS
6/26/2015	Friends of David Schweikert	\$203.54	Expense Reimbursement-Food/Beverage-No Vendors Require Itemization
6/8/2015	Friends of David Schweikert	\$447.55	Expense Reimbursement-Food/Beverage – See MEMOS
5/22/2015	Friends of David Schweikert	\$6,528.75	Expense Reimbursement – Travel/Meals – See MEMOS
	<b>2015 Total</b>	<b>\$14,245.84</b>	

**2014**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DISBURSING ENTITY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT</b>
7/24/2014	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$34.63	PAC Travel/Meals (No Vendor Requires Itemization)
5/14/2014	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$130.00	PAC Registration Fee (No Vendor Itemization Required)
3/20/2014	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$84.40	PAC Travel/Meals (No Vendor Requiring Itemization)
2/27/2014	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$381.31	PAC Travel/Meals (No Vendor Requiring Itemization)
2/4/2014	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$794.49	PAC Travel/Meals
	<b>2014 Total</b>	<b>\$1,424.83</b>	

**2013**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DISBURSING ENTITY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT</b>
12/31/2013	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$391.10	PAC Meals

12/31/2013	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$726.77	PAC Travel/Food/Printing
12/18/2013	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$390.83	PAC Travel/Meals
12/4/2013	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$899.20	PAC Travel/Meals/Shipping
11/1/2013	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$117.80	PAC Travel/Meals (No Vendor Requiring Itemization)
10/23/2013	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$2,575.79	PAC Computer Equipment
10/11/2013	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$440.89	PAC Travel/Meals (No Vendor Requiring Itemization)
9/30/2013	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$1,557.19	PAC Travel/Meals
4/17/2013	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$137.35	PAC Meals (No Vendors Requiring Itemization)
2/28/2013	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$2,092.11	PAC Travel/Meals
2/12/2013	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$1,854.07	PAC Travel/Donor Mementos
2/1/2013	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$771.45	PAC Travel/Meals
	<b>2013 Total</b>	<b>\$11,954.55</b>	

**2012**

DATE	DISBURSING ENTITY	AMOUNT	PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT
11/12/2012	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$2,395.58	JFC Meals/Postage/Delivery
10/11/2012	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$7.58	PAC Meals (No Vendors Requiring Itemization)
5/16/2012	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$51.79	PAC Meals (No Vendors Requiring Itemization)
5/8/2012	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$761.35	PAC Meals (No Vendors Requiring Itemization)
4/2/2012	Schweikert for Congress	\$1,000.00	REFUND:REFUND
2/6/2012	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$173.09	PAC Meals (No Vendor Requiring Itemization)
1/18/2012	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$298.99	PAC Travel/Meals (No Vendor Requiring Itemization)
1/17/2012	Schweikert for Congress	\$305.84	Reimb Food for Event
	<b>2012 Total</b>	<b>\$4,994.22</b>	

**2011**

DATE	DISBURSING ENTITY	AMOUNT	PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT
12/28/2011	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$435.84	PAC Meals
12/19/2011	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$438.92	PAC Travel/Meals/Postage (No Vendors Requiring Itemization)
12/12/2011	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$402.75	PAC Meals/Postage
11/17/2011	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)	\$733.07	PAC Travel & Meals (No Vendors Requiring Itemization)

10/20/2011	Schweikert for Congress		\$1,000.00	Mailing Lists
10/3/2011	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)		\$224.55	PAC Travel – No Vendors Requiring Itemization
9/15/2011	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)		\$946.70	PAC Facility Rental/Meals
8/18/2011	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)		\$636.29	PAC Meals
7/29/2011	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)		\$300.00	PAC Political Strategy Consulting Fee
7/15/2011	Defending America's Values Everywhere (Team Dave)		\$265.23	PAC Meals and Delivery
7/6/2011	Schweikert for Congress		\$131.42	Reimb Food Exp
5/20/2011	Schweikert for Congress		\$197.13	Reimb Food & Postage
5/1/2011	Schweikert for Congress		\$213.63	Reimb Postage & Food
4/12/2011	Schweikert for Congress		\$1,107.91	Reimb Fundraising Exp, Food & Postage
2/7/2011	Schweikert for Congress		\$439.92	Reimb Office Supplies & Food
		<b>2011 Total</b>	<b>\$7,473.36</b>	

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OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS  
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**REPORT**

Review No. 18-2234

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.

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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.

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OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS  
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CITATIONS TO LAW**

Review No. 18-2234

On August 29, 2018, the Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics (hereafter “the Board”) adopted the following findings of fact and accompanying citations to law, regulations, rules and standards of conduct (*in italics*). The Board notes that these findings do not constitute a determination of whether or not a violation actually occurred.

**I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In November 2017, the Office of Congressional Ethics (“OCE”) opened a preliminary review into whether Rep. Schweikert authorized expenditures from his Members’ Representational Allowance, made by or on behalf of his Chief of Staff, that were not for permissible official expenses. During the course of that review, which was ultimately referred to the Committee on Ethics, the OCE interviewed various third-party witnesses. Testimony from these third-party witnesses provided the OCE with a reasonable basis to review separate and discrete issues concerning Rep. Schweikert. Accordingly, the OCE opened this subsequent review, which focuses on the following potential violations:

- Whether Rep. Schweikert used official resources, including staff time, to benefit his campaigns or pressured congressional staff to perform political activity;
- Whether Rep. Schweikert paid a departing employee an unauthorized “severance”<sup>1</sup> payment;
- Whether Rep. Schweikert tied official activities to past or future campaign or political support;
- Whether Rep. Schweikert solicited or accepted a loan from his longtime Chief of Staff and political fundraiser; and
- Whether Rep. Schweikert omitted required information from his annual House financial disclosure statements and Federal Election Commission (“FEC”) candidate committee reports.

Rep. Schweikert, Rep. Schweikert’s current congressional staff, Rep. Schweikert’s campaign committees, and numerous other individuals affiliated with Rep. Schweikert, his congressional office, his campaigns, and his real estate business refused to cooperate with this review. Richard Oliver Schwab Jr. (“Oliver Schwab” or “Mr. Schwab”), Rep. Schweikert’s longtime Chief of Staff and political fundraiser, resigned during the course of this review and refused to cooperate

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<sup>1</sup> As discussed *infra* in Section IV.A, the United States House of Representatives does not provide employees with severance packages in the traditional, private-sector sense. Accordingly, references to “severance” in this report are made in quotation marks.

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with the OCE. In spite of the noncooperation by these key individuals and entities, the OCE reviewed a significant number of records produced by third-party witnesses and conducted numerous third-party witness interviews.

During the course of its review, the OCE found evidence that Rep. Schweikert permitted the misuse of congressional resources. The OCE determined that Oliver Schwab was frequently absent from the congressional office in order to perform campaign work, and would also perform political activities while inside the congressional office. Additionally, the OCE found evidence that certain congressional staff members were pressured to perform political work.

There is also evidence of an impermissible “severance” payment. The OCE determined that Rep. Schweikert authorized the payment of compensation to an employee for approximately six weeks after the employee left his congressional office. Under this “severance” arrangement, he was paid his full congressional salary despite performing minimal work for the congressional office.

The OCE also found evidence that Rep. Schweikert, or his campaign, may have accepted a loan, gift, or other contribution from Oliver Schwab, during a time period in which Mr. Schwab was a congressional employee.

Additionally, the OCE found a pattern of errors and omissions on Rep. Schweikert’s financial disclosures that he filed with the United States House of Representatives and with campaign committee reports that were filed with the FEC. The OCE determined that Rep. Schweikert may have improperly omitted information from his financial disclosure statements concerning various real-estate investment activities, the existence of certain interest-bearing bank accounts, and reportable credit card debt. The OCE also found discrepancies between business income that Rep. Schweikert reported to the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) and what he reported on his annual disclosures. With respect to FEC reporting, the OCE found 1) that a Rep. Schweikert-affiliated campaign committee neglected to disclose a \$75,000.00 line of credit that Rep. Schweikert specifically secured in order to fund his congressional campaign; 2) irregularities with two personal loans that Rep. Schweikert allegedly made in support of his reelection efforts; and 3) various other unreported campaign committee receipts, disbursements, and transfers.

Finally, despite the fact that a former staff member told the OCE that campaign donors were provided favorable treatment, the OCE found other evidence which suggests that Rep. Schweikert may not have dispensed special favors to campaign donors.

## II. INTRODUCTION

### A. Summary of Allegations

1. 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.

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2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Rep. Schweikert may have omitted required information from his annual House financial disclosure statements and 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.
10. 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.

**B. Jurisdiction Statement**

11. The allegations that were the subject of this review concern Rep. David Schweikert, a Member of the United States House of Representatives from the 6th District of Arizona. The Resolution the United States House of Representatives adopted creating the OCE directs that, “[n]o review shall be undertaken... by the board of any alleged violation that occurred before

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Subject to the Nondisclosure Provisions of H. Res. 895 of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress as Amended the date of adoption of this resolution.”<sup>2</sup> The House adopted this Resolution on March 11, 2008. Because the conduct under review occurred after March 11, 2008, review by the Board is in accordance with the Resolution.

**C. Procedural History**

12. The OCE received a written request for preliminary review in this matter signed by at least two members of the Board on April 10, 2018. The preliminary review commenced on April 11, 2018.<sup>3</sup>
13. On April 11, 2018, the OCE notified Rep. Schweikert of the initiation of the preliminary review, provided him with a statement of the nature of the review, notified him of his right to be represented by counsel in this matter, and notified him that invoking his right to counsel would not be held negatively against him.<sup>4</sup>
14. At least three members of the Board voted to initiate a second-phase review in this matter on May 10, 2018. The second-phase review commenced on May 11, 2018.<sup>5</sup> The second-phase review was scheduled to end on June 24, 2018.
15. On May 10, 2018, the OCE notified Rep. Schweikert of the initiation of the second-phase review in this matter, and again notified him of his right to be represented by counsel in this matter, and that invoking that right would not be held negatively against him.<sup>6</sup>
16. The Board voted to extend the second-phase review by an additional period of fourteen days on June 8, 2018. The additional period ended on July 8, 2018.
17. The Board voted to refer the matter to the Committee on Ethics and adopted these findings on August 29, 2018.
18. The report and its findings in this matter were transmitted to the Committee on Ethics on September 5, 2018.

**D. Summary of Investigative Activity**

19. The OCE requested documentary or testimonial information from the following sources:
  - (1) Rep. Schweikert;
  - (2) Oliver Schwab, Rep. Schweikert’s former Chief of Staff;
  - (3) Katherina Dimenstein, Rep. Schweikert’s current Chief of Staff;
  - (4) Kevin Knight, Rep. Schweikert’s current Deputy Chief of Staff;

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<sup>2</sup> H. Res. 895 of the 110th Congress §1(e) (2008) (as amended) (hereafter “the Resolution”).

<sup>3</sup> A preliminary review is “requested” in writing by members of the Board of the OCE. The request for a preliminary review is received by the OCE on a date certain. According to the Resolution, the timeframe for conducting a preliminary review is 30 days from the date of receipt of the Board’s request.

<sup>4</sup> Letter from Omar S. Ashmawy, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, OCE, to Rep. Schweikert, April 11, 2018.

<sup>5</sup> According to the Resolution, the Board must vote (as opposed to make a written authorization) on whether to conduct a second-phase review in a matter before the expiration of the 30-day preliminary review. If the Board votes for a second-phase, the second-phase commences the day after the preliminary review ends.

<sup>6</sup> Letter from Omar S. Ashmawy, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, OCE, to Rep. Schweikert, May 10, 2018.

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- (5) Ernestina Borquez-Smith, Rep. Schweikert's current Director of Constituent Services and Office Manager;
- (6) Katherine Duveneck, Rep. Schweikert's current Legislative Assistant;
- (7) Camille Lepire, Rep. Schweikert's current Legislative Aide;
- (8) Ashley Sylvester, Rep. Schweikert's current Officer Manager and Press Secretary;
- (9) Molly Gartland, Rep. Schweikert's current Coalitions Director;
- (10) Former Deputy Chief of Staff;
- (11) Former Financial Administrator;
- (12) Former Legislative Director;
- (13) Former Communications Staffer;
- (14) Former District Staffer;
- (15) Matt Tully, former Rep. Schweikert staff member;
- (16) Kelly Roberson, former Rep. Schweikert staff member;
- (17) Thomas Leander, former Rep. Schweikert staff member;
- (18) Michelle Stoika, former Rep. Schweikert staff member;
- (19) Campaign Financial Services, an FEC compliance firm working for various Rep. Schweikert-affiliated campaign and political action committees;
- (20) Valerie Giramberk, current and former treasurer to various Rep. Schweikert-affiliated campaign and political action committees and former employee of Sheridan Equities Holdings;
- (21) Karen Garrett, former Schweikert for Congress Treasurer;
- (22) Metro Phoenix Bank;
- (23) JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.;
- (24) Branch Banking and Trust Company;
- (25) Financial Institution Employee A;
- (26) Financial Institution Employee B;
- (27) Firetrace USA LLC;
- (28) Former Firetrace Executive;
- (29) Mark Cavanaugh, former Firetrace CEO;
- (30) Teddy Eynon, lobbyist for Firetrace USA LLC;
- (31) Ana Schwab, wife of Oliver Schwab; and
- (32) Swartz & Brough, Inc.

20. The following individuals and entities refused to cooperate with the OCE's review:

- (1) Rep. Schweikert;
- (2) Oliver Schwab;
- (3) Katherina Dimenstein;
- (4) Kevin Knight;
- (5) Ernestina Borquez-Smith;
- (6) Katherine Duveneck;
- (7) Camille Lepire;
- (8) Ashley Sylvester;
- (9) Molly Gartland;

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- (10) Matt Tully;
- (11) Kelly Roberson;
- (12) Thomas Leander;
- (13) Michelle Stoika;
- (14) Campaign Financial Services;
- (15) Valerie Giramberk;
- (16) Karen Garrett;
- (17) Firetrace USA LLC;
- (18) Mark Cavanaugh;
- (19) Teddy Eynon; and
- (20) Ana Schwab.

### **III. REP. SCHWEIKERT MAY HAVE MISUSED CONGRESSIONAL RESOURCES AND PRESSURED STAFF TO PERFORM CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY**

#### **A. Applicable Law, Rules, and Standards of Conduct**

##### **21. Federal Law**

*2 U.S.C. § 5341(a) states that “[t]here is established for the House of Representatives a single allowance, to be known as the ‘Members’ Representational Allowance’, which shall be available to support the conduct of the official and representational duties of a Member of the House of Representatives with respect to the district from which the Member is elected.”*

*31 U.S.C. § 1301(a) states that “[a]ppropriations shall be applied only to the objects for which the appropriations were made except as otherwise provided by law.”*

*18 U.S.C. § 606, states that a Member or congressional staffer who “discharges, or promotes, or degrades, or in any manner changes the official rank or compensation of any other officer or employee, or promises or threatens so to do, for giving or withholding or neglecting to make any contribution of money or other valuable thing for any political purpose, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.”<sup>7</sup>*

##### **22. House Rules**

*Under House Rule 23, Clause 8(a), “A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, or officer of the House may not retain an employee who does not perform duties for the offices of the employing authority commensurate with the compensation such employee receives.”<sup>8</sup>*

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<sup>7</sup> “Depending on the circumstances, compelling a House employee to do campaign work may also violate a provision of the federal criminal code, 18 U.S.C. § 606. That statute covers intimidation to secure not only monetary contributions for a political purpose, but anything of value, apparently including services.” House Ethics Manual (2008) (“House Ethics Manual”) at 136, n. 17.

<sup>8</sup> “Payments must be consistent with House Rule XXIII, clause 8(a), which requires that employees perform official duties commensurate with the compensation received. Employees may not be compensated from public funds to perform nonofficial, personal, campaign-related political party, or campaign activities on behalf of the Member.” Committee on House Administration, Members’ Congressional Handbook, 113<sup>th</sup> Congress (Dec. 16,

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### 23. House Ethics Manual

*Pursuant to the House Ethics Manual, “[t]he misuse of the funds and other resources that the House of Representatives entrusts to Members for the conduct of official House business is a very serious matter. Depending on the circumstances, such conduct may result in not only disciplinary action by the House, but also criminal prosecution. Moreover, while any House employee who makes improper use of House resources is subject to disciplinary action by the Standards Committee, each Member should be aware that he or she may be held responsible for any improper use of resources that occurs in the Member’s office. The Standards Committee has long taken the position that each Member is responsible for assuring that the Member’s employees are aware of and adhere to the rules, and for assuring that House resources are used for proper purposes.”*<sup>9</sup>

*The House Ethics Manual also states that, “[a]mong the specific activities that clearly may not be undertaken in a congressional office or using House resources (including official staff time) are the solicitation of contributions; the drafting of campaign speeches, statements, press releases or literature; the completion of FEC reports; the creation or issuance of a campaign mailing; and the holding of a meeting on campaign business.”*<sup>10</sup>

*The House Ethics Manual further explains, “[I]t is permissible for House employees to do campaign work, but only outside of congressional space, without the use of any House resources, and on their own time (as opposed to ‘official’ time for which they are compensated by the House). Accordingly, any House employee who does campaign work must ensure that the work – including any telephone conversations or other communications concerning campaign business – is performed strictly in compliance with these limitations.”*<sup>11</sup>

*Pursuant to the Manual, “[o]nce House employees have completed their official duties, they are free to engage in campaign activities on their own time, as volunteers or for pay, as long as they do not do so in congressional offices or facilities, or otherwise use official resources. . . . It should be stressed that although House employees are free to engage in campaign activities on their own time, in no event may a Member or office compel a House employee to do campaign work. To do so would result in an impermissible official subsidy of the Member’s campaign. The prohibition against coercing staff or requiring staff members to do campaign work is quite*

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2011) at 9; *see also* Committee on House Administration, Members’ Congressional Handbook, 115<sup>th</sup> Congress (Feb. 27, 2018) at 11 (providing same guidance).

<sup>9</sup> House Ethics Manual at 124. The Committee, in *In the Matter of Rep. E.G. “Bud” Shuster*, H. Rep. 106-979, 106<sup>th</sup> Cong., 2<sup>nd</sup> Sess. 31 (2000) stated that “[t]he importance of the fact that the salary of a House employee is to be used exclusively for the performance of official House duties, and not for the performance of campaign work, cannot be overstated.” *In the Matter of Rep. E.G. “Bud” Shuster*, H. Rep. 106-979, 106<sup>th</sup> Cong., 2<sup>nd</sup> Sess. 31 (2000) at 53. The Committee found that congressional staff members in Rep. Shuster’s office were routinely performing campaign work in the congressional office and also being compensated with official MRA funds for time periods in which they were working for Rep. Shuster’s principal campaign committee. *Id.* at 51-64. The Committee went on to hold Rep. Shuster responsible for these violations, since they were employees “under his supervision and control,” even though the Committee found “no direct evidence that Rep. Shuster was aware that this activity was taking place.” *Id.* at 64.

<sup>10</sup> House Ethics Manual at 124.

<sup>11</sup> *Id.* at 126

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*broad. It forbids Members and senior staff from not only threatening or attempting to intimidate employees regarding doing campaign work, but also from directing or otherwise pressuring them to do such work.”<sup>12</sup>*

*As the House Ethics Manual explains, “[u]nder House Rule 23, clause 8 a Member is always responsible for ensuring that each of his or her employees performs official duties that are commensurate with the compensation that the employee receives from the House. Thus when it is anticipated that an employee will be assuming significant campaign duties, it may be necessary for the employing Member to make an appropriate reduction in the employee’s House pay.”<sup>13</sup>*

**B. Rep. Schweikert May Have Used Congressional Resources, Including Staff Time, for Political Activities and May Have Pressured Congressional Staff to Perform Campaign Work**

24. The OCE interviewed five former congressional staff members about their experiences in Rep. Schweikert’s congressional office.<sup>14</sup> These staff members raised varying levels of concern about misuse of official resources by Rep. Schweikert and Oliver Schwab. Rep. Schweikert’s current congressional staff refused to interview with the OCE.<sup>15</sup>

25. Generally, the individuals that interviewed with the OCE raised concerns about the following: Mr. Schwab’s frequent absences from the congressional office; Mr. Schwab’s time spent inside and away from the House office complex working on political matters; and Rep. Schweikert and Mr. Schwab pressuring congressional employees to perform campaign work. Interviewees described a congressional office in which Oliver Schwab frequently was absent for long periods of time in order to handle political work for Rep. Schweikert, and when he was in the office, he would perform campaign responsibilities. Staff members also

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<sup>12</sup> *Id.* at 135-36. The Committee, in both a 2014 and 2018 Pink Sheet, stressed that congressional employees may not be pressured in any way to perform political work. Memorandum from the Committee on Ethics on Campaign Activity Guidance (Aug. 15, 2014); Memorandum from the Committee on Ethics on Campaign Activity Guidance (June 7, 2018). According to the 2014 Pink Sheet: “If you wish to work for your employing Member’s campaign, you certainly may do so as long as you do it voluntarily, without using official resources, not on official grounds, and on your own time. Work on your employing Member’s campaign may not be coercive, and it may not impact or inform congressional employment decisions. **Your position in the congressional office may not be threatened or influenced by whether you choose to work on any campaign.** If you feel pressured to do campaign work to keep or improve your congressional employment, you should immediately address the matter with a supervisor or contact the Committee. The Committee takes very seriously allegations of coerced campaign work and the House has disciplined Members for such actions.” Memorandum from the Committee on Ethics on Campaign Activity Guidance, at 10 (Aug. 15, 2014) (emphasis in original). The Pink Sheet goes on to say that “supervisors should be clear when communicating with staff about opportunities to volunteer for the employing Member’s campaign” and explain that “official work and positions will not be impacted by an employee’s decision about volunteering or working for a political campaign.” *Id.*

<sup>13</sup> House Ethics Manual at 140.

<sup>14</sup> This number excludes Former Financial Administrator, who was a shared employee who did not work out of Rep. Schweikert’s congressional office.

<sup>15</sup> Rep. Schweikert’s campaign committee appears to have hired Holland & Knight LLP (“Holland & Knight”) to represent current and former staff members that wanted representation during the course of the OCE’s review. See Transcript of Interview with Matt Tully, June 27, 2018 (“Tully Transcript”) (Exhibit 1 at 18-2234\_0017-18; 43-44)]. Through counsel at Holland & Knight, the following individuals communicated their refusal to cooperate: Katherina Dimenstein; Ernestina Borquez-Smith; Katherine Duveneck; Camille Lepire; Ashley Sylvester; and Molly Gartland.

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described pressure, or an “expectation,” to perform political work in support of Rep. Schwerikert’s reelection efforts. Below, the OCE describes the extent to which each of these five interviewees recalled witnessing problematic behavior by either Rep. Schweikert or Oliver Schwab.

26. Former Legislative Director, a Legislative Assistant and then Legislative Director in Rep. Schweikert’s office between February 2011 and January 2017, told the OCE that, even though Oliver Schwab was the Chief of Staff of the congressional office, “the majority of [Mr. Schwab’s] focus was directed towards [Rep. Schweikert’s] reelection.”<sup>16</sup> According to Former Legislative Director, Oliver Schwab was a “relatively hands off” Chief of Staff who “wasn’t engaged with the office for the most part on the day to day operations” because he was focused on political activities.<sup>17</sup>
27. Former Legislative Director told the OCE that Mr. Schwab would, while inside the House office complex or Rep. Schweikert’s congressional office, discuss campaign fundraising activities, ask congressional staff members to proofread campaign emails, and possibly make campaign-related phone calls.<sup>18</sup> He also described how Oliver Schwab was “in and out of the office fairly frequently” and would, upon returning to the congressional office, regularly boast about securing contributions for Rep. Schweikert’s reelection efforts.<sup>19</sup> According to Former Legislative Director, Mr. Schwab was “relatively open about” his focus on political activities, and he believed Rep. Schweikert was aware that Mr. Schwab primarily was focused on political matters.<sup>20</sup>
28. Additionally, Former Legislative Director told the OCE that he was asked, while in his capacity as a congressional staff member, to “provide policy support” to Rep. Schweikert, knowing that the support was intended to assist Rep. Schweikert’s fundraising efforts.<sup>21</sup> He described this as a “wink and nod” scenario, where he was never explicitly told that he was preparing Rep. Schweikert for a fundraising event, but he knew it to be the case.<sup>22</sup> Former Legislative Director said that the amount of time he worked on political activities would fluctuate, but he estimated spending twenty percent of his time on such matters during an election cycle.<sup>23</sup>
29. Former Legislative Director told the OCE that he never was employed by the campaign and did not consider himself a campaign volunteer. Instead, he described an “expectation” in the congressional office that staff members would be available to assist with political activity.<sup>24</sup> While he was “not sure if [the expectation] stemmed from [Rep. Schweikert] . . . or [Mr.

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<sup>16</sup> Transcript of Interview of Former Legislative Director, Jan. 31, 2018 (“Former Legislative Director Transcript”) (Exhibit 2 at 18-2234\_0066).

<sup>17</sup> *Id.*

<sup>18</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 2 at 18-2234\_0066-67).

<sup>19</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 2 at 18-2234\_0066).

<sup>20</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 2 at 18-2234\_0066-67).

<sup>21</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 2 at 18-2234\_0055-56).

<sup>22</sup> *Id.*

<sup>23</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 2 at 18-2234\_0056-57). Before settling on twenty percent, Former Legislative Director explained that he could spend up to fifty percent of his time handling political matters, depending on the time of year. *See id.*

<sup>24</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 2 at 18-2234\_0058; 61).

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Schwab],” he said that “[Rep. Schweikert] was certainly aware of it and allowed it to exist.”<sup>25</sup> When asked whether he raised concerns with Rep. Schweikert or Mr. Schwab about this perceived political pressure, Former Legislative Director said he did not.<sup>26</sup> He then explained that he believed his employment may have been terminated, or his salary or promotion potential would have been adversely affected, if he raised such concerns.<sup>27</sup>

30. One specific example where Former Legislative Director was asked, in his role as a congressional staff member, to perform campaign work, involved preparing a policy memo for Rep. Schweikert in advance of a debate with then-Rep. Ben Quayle, who Rep. Schweikert was competing against in the 2012 Republican primary.<sup>28</sup> According to Former Legislative Director, “prior to the Ben Quayle debate, or, I guess, quasi-debate . . . I was asked to prepare information on the NDAA [National Defense Authorization Act], because they were opposing votes on that” and Rep. Schweikert “was prepared . . . [t]o use that as a wedge between the two if needed.”<sup>29</sup>

31. Like Former Legislative Director, Former Deputy Chief of Staff acknowledged pressure to perform political work. Former Deputy Chief of Staff told the OCE that, in October 2016, Mr. Schwab – Rep. Schweikert’s-then Chief of Staff and Former Deputy Chief of Staff’s then-direct superior – told him that he could either leave the office with a six-month “severance” package or continue to work in the official office while taking on significant campaign fundraising responsibilities.

32. Specifically, Mr. Schwab told Former Deputy Chief of Staff that he had two options:

You can quit with [a six-month] severance or you can come back next year at a reduced title, reduced pay, you’ll never see your family, and you’re going to be judged on how much money we bring in to [Rep. Schweikert’s campaign], even though you’re not the fundraiser, you’re going to be the one that’s responsible for that top dollar.<sup>30</sup>

33. Former Deputy Chief of Staff went on to characterize the statement above as a “threat,” and explained that he ultimately decided to accept the “severance” offer.<sup>31</sup>

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<sup>25</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 2 at 18-2234\_0058).

<sup>26</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 2 at 18-2234\_0061).

<sup>27</sup> *Id.* When asked how he felt about doing political work under these circumstances, Former Legislative Director said he “wasn’t happy with it,” because “it was redirecting [his] time and efforts to focus on an issue that . . . [Rep. Schweikert] didn’t care about,” aside from the fact that it could result in a campaign donation. *Id.* at (Exhibit 2 at 18-2234\_60-61).

<sup>28</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 2 at 18-2234\_0062-63).

<sup>29</sup> *Id.* The Board recognizes that the official and campaign offices may need to address similar or overlapping issues, and confusion may arise in that regard, but notes that the House Ethics Manual and Committee publications provide guidance on campaign activity and the appropriate use of official resources.

<sup>30</sup> Transcript of Interview of Former Deputy Chief of Staff, Jan. 18, 2018 (“Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1”) (Exhibit 3 at 18-2234\_0087); *see also id.* at (Exhibit 3 at 18-2234\_0086) (“I was then given the option of staying for a dramatically reduced salary, with my performance being judged on campaign donations or leaving with a six-month severance. I chose to leave.”).

<sup>31</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 3 at 18-2234\_0086; 88).

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34. Former Deputy Chief of Staff did not believe this threatened demotion, pay reduction, and fundraising requirement emanated from Rep. Schweikert; instead, he believed the threat resulted from fundraising pressure that Rep. Schweikert applied to Mr. Schwab.<sup>32</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff told the OCE that Rep. Schweikert “was putting increasing pressure on [Mr. Schwab] to raise money because [Rep. Schweikert] wanted to run for the Senate. [Rep. Schweikert] was basically telling [Mr. Schwab], ‘I need a million dollars if I’m going to run for the Senate.’ I think that was weighing on [Mr. Schwab].”<sup>33</sup>
35. Former Deputy Chief of Staff also recalled Mr. Schwab doing campaign work in Rep. Schweikert’s congressional office, including stuffing and stamping campaign mailers.<sup>34</sup> However, he did not recall Mr. Schwab frequently performing campaign work in the office, and he did not believe that Mr. Schwab’s primary focus in the congressional office was political activity.<sup>35</sup> When asked if he or any other congressional staff members would have been directed to do campaign work, Former Deputy Chief of Staff said no.<sup>36</sup> He also indicated that fundraising events generally would “line-up[] with the day to day” work handled by the official staff and told the OCE that Oliver Schwab generally would attend political events during his lunch break or after hours.<sup>37</sup>
36. Former Communications Staffer, a communications staff member in the congressional office from January 2011 through September 2013, recalled that Mr. Schwab frequently was absent from the congressional office. She told the OCE that Oliver Schwab was “barely ever in [the congressional] office” and “it was almost like he could have been chief or couldn’t have been chief and the office would have . . . function[ed] the same.”<sup>38</sup> Former Communications Staffer could not say with certainty where Mr. Schwab was during his frequent and prolonged absences from the congressional office, but she believed him to be handling political activities for Rep. Schweikert.<sup>39</sup>
37. Former Communications Staffer did not recall seeing Mr. Schwab perform political activity in Rep. Schweikert’s congressional office; however, she indicated that she would not be surprised if it routinely occurred.<sup>40</sup> When asked whether Rep. Schweikert or Oliver Schwab pressured congressional staff to engage in campaign activity, she told the OCE that she did not witness either individual applying such pressure.<sup>41</sup>

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<sup>32</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 3 at 18-2234\_0088) (“[Rep. Schweikert] had said to me on multiple occasions, ‘I’m leaning on Oliver to raise money. That’s not your responsibility.’”).

<sup>33</sup> *Id.*

<sup>34</sup> Transcript of Interview of Former Deputy Chief of Staff, Feb. 8, 2018 (“Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 2”) (Exhibit 4 at 18-2234\_0129-30).

<sup>35</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 4 at 18-2234\_0129-32).

<sup>36</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 4 at 18-2234\_0133-35).

<sup>37</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 4 at 18-2234\_0131; 134).

<sup>38</sup> Transcript of Interview of Former Communications Staffer, July 2, 2018 (“Former Communications Staffer Transcript”) (Exhibit 5 at 18-2234\_0168-69).

<sup>39</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 5 at 18-2234\_0168; 170-71; 175-76).

<sup>40</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 5 at 18-2234\_0166-67).

<sup>41</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 5 at 18-2234\_0166).

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38. Matt Tully was a former Legislative Director and Chief of Staff in Rep. Schweikert's office between January 2011 and May 2013.<sup>42</sup> Mr. Tully acknowledged that Mr. Schwab frequently was absent from the congressional office and engaged in political activity while in the House complex. Specifically, Mr. Tully told the OCE that Oliver Schwab was "gone a fair amount" from the congressional office because he was "making political phone calls outside of the office."<sup>43</sup> He also told the OCE that Mr. Schwab met with a political pollster in the congressional office to discuss campaign polling matters,<sup>44</sup> and remembered a policy memo being prepared by a congressional staff member in advance of Rep. Schweikert's debate with Ben Quayle.<sup>45</sup>
39. Former District Staffer worked in Rep. Schweikert's district office from January 2012 until October 2013, and he took a leave of absence between May and August 2012 in order to manage Rep. Schweikert's reelection campaign. While Former District Staffer did not work in the D.C. office, he recalled several D.C.-based congressional staff members complaining about Oliver Schwab's behavior.
40. He told the OCE that Mr. Schwab "wasn't present a lot in the office in the last few months I was [employed by Rep. Schweikert]. I'd hear from [Former Communications Staffer], I'd hear from [Former Deputy Chief of Staff] . . . that they didn't know where Oliver was. He'd disappear for four or five hours."<sup>46</sup> Like Former Communication Staffer, he could not definitively say where Oliver Schwab was, but assumed he was at the NRCC making political phone calls.<sup>47</sup>
41. While Former District Staffer did not recall seeing Mr. Schwab perform political activity in a congressional office or pressure anyone to perform campaign work, he recounted that Former Deputy Chief of Staff, Former Communications Staffer, and Matt Tully would complain that Oliver frequently was "pushing the envelope" with some political activities he was doing in or around the congressional office.<sup>48</sup> He described "concerns from a lot of the D.C. staff about Oliver [Schwab] pushing the envelope and trying to push the line, and having to keep him in check on that."<sup>49</sup>
42. He also recalled that a separate office was "opened up . . . outside the district office but nearby so that we had a place where Oliver could go and do [political work], . . . so it wasn't

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<sup>42</sup> As discussed *infra*, Section IX, the OCE found portions of Mr. Tully's testimony to lack credibility given his friendship with Mr. Schwab, his less than forthcoming responses during his interview with the OCE, and his decision not to provide the OCE with requested documents. However, the OCE notes Mr. Tully nevertheless acknowledged that Mr. Schwab frequently was absent from the congressional office and did engage in political activity when he was present in it.

<sup>43</sup> Tully Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 18-2234\_0030).

<sup>44</sup> *Id.*

<sup>45</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 1 at 18-2234\_0032-33).

<sup>46</sup> Transcript of Interview of Former District Staffer, June 29, 2018 ("Former District Staffer Transcript") (Exhibit 6 at 18-2234\_0197); *see also id.* at (Exhibit 6 at 18-2234\_0217-18; 221).

<sup>47</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 6 at 18-2234\_0218).

<sup>48</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 6 at 18-2234\_0215-18).

<sup>49</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 6 at 18-2234\_0216).

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Subject to the Nondisclosure Provisions of H. Res. 895 of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress as Amended in the district office.”<sup>50</sup> That office was opened out of a “desire to avoid political work, the temptation to do political work in the District office.”<sup>51</sup>

43. As discussed above, “a Member is always responsible for ensuring that each of his or her employees performs official duties that are commensurate with the compensation that the employee receives from the House” and the Committee “has long taken the position that each Member is responsible for assuring that the Member’s employees are aware of and adhere to the rules, and for assuring that House resources are used for proper purposes.”<sup>52</sup> Accordingly, Rep. Schweikert is responsible for ensuring that he, and staff members working in his congressional office, operated in accordance with the rules of the House.
44. Additionally, the OCE notes that performing campaign work outside of the office on one’s personal time is permissible under House rules. However, without the cooperation of Rep. Schweikert or his office, the OCE could not determine Mr. Schwab’s work schedule. Testimony from former staff members suggests that Mr. Schwab may not have conformed with House rules in this regard.
45. Based on the foregoing information, the Board finds that there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Schweikert used official resources, including staff time, for political purposes and pressured congressional staff to perform political activity.

**IV. REP. SCHWEIKERT MAY HAVE AUTHORIZED THE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO AN EMPLOYEE FOR WORK THAT WAS NOT COMMENSURATE WITH DUTIES THE EMPLOYEE PERFORMED**

**A. Applicable Law, Rules, and Standards of Conduct**

46. Federal Law

*2 U.S.C. § 5341(a) states that “[t]here is established for the House of Representatives a single allowance, to be known as the ‘Members’ Representational Allowance’, which shall be available to support the conduct of the official and representational duties of a Member of the House of Representatives with respect to the district from which the Member is elected.”*

*31 U.S.C. § 1301(a) states that “[a]ppropriations shall be applied only to the objects for which the appropriations were made except as otherwise provided by law.”*

*Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 4537(a):*

*(a) Approval; amount; source of payments*

*Upon the approval of the appropriate employing authority, an employee of the House of Representatives may be paid a lump sum for the accrued annual leave of the employee or for any other purpose. The lump sum-*

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<sup>50</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 6 at 18-2234\_0215).

<sup>51</sup> *Id.*

<sup>52</sup> *See supra*, Section III.A.

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*(1) shall be paid in an amount not more than the lesser of-*

*(A) the amount of the monthly pay of the employee, as determined by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives; or*

*(B) in the case of a lump sum payment for the accrued annual leave of the employee, the amount equal to the monthly pay of the employee, as determined by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, divided by 30, and multiplied by the number of days of the accrued annual leave . . . .”*

47. House Rules

*Under House Rule 23, Clause 8(a), “A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, or officer of the House may not retain an employee who does not perform duties for the offices of the employing authority commensurate with the compensation such employee receives.”*

48. House Ethics Manual

*The House Ethics Manual explains that “[t]he regulations of the Committee on House Administration require employing Members to provide monthly salary certifications for their staff.”<sup>53</sup>*

*The House Ethics Manual also explains that “[t]he underlying standard for the receipt of compensation by an employee of the House is that the employee has regularly performed official duties commensurate with the compensation received. . . . Employees are paid United States Treasury funds to perform public duties. Appropriated funds are to be used solely for the purposes for which appropriated. Funds appropriated for congressional staff to perform official duties should be used only for assisting a Member in his or her legislative and representational duties, working on committee business, or performing other congressional functions.”<sup>54</sup>*

49. Members’ Congressional Handbook

*“A Member may not retain an employee on the Member’s payroll who does not perform official duties commensurate with the compensation received for the offices of the employing authority.”<sup>55</sup>*

*“Each month, Member Offices receive a Payroll Certification Form from the Office of Payroll and Benefits that lists the annual pay and gross pay earned for each employee. . . . The Member must certify the information and return the form to the Office of Payroll and Benefits no later than the 15th day of the month.”<sup>56</sup>*

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<sup>53</sup> House Ethics Manual at 277.

<sup>54</sup> *Id.* at 279.

<sup>55</sup> Committee on House Administration, Members’ Congressional Handbook, 114<sup>th</sup> Congress, at 3 (2016); Committee on House Administration, Members’ Congressional Handbook, 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, at 4 (2018).

<sup>56</sup> Committee on House Administration, Members’ Congressional Handbook, 114<sup>th</sup> Congress, at 4 (2016); Committee on House Administration, Members’ Congressional Handbook, 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, at 4 (2018).

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**B. Rep. Schweikert May Have Authorized an Improper “Severance” Payment to Former Deputy Chief of Staff**

50. The OCE found that Rep. Schweikert authorized the payment of compensation to Former Deputy Chief of Staff for approximately six weeks after he left Rep. Schweikert’s congressional office. He was paid his full congressional salary during this time period despite performing limited work for Rep. Schweikert’s congressional office.
51. Former Deputy Chief of Staff began working for Rep. Schweikert in January 2011.<sup>57</sup> He initially was hired as a Legislative Assistant in Rep. Schweikert’s congressional office, was promoted to Legislative Director in 2012, and subsequently became the office’s Deputy Chief of Staff in 2014.<sup>58</sup>
52. As discussed above, in October 2016, Former Deputy Chief of Staff was told by Oliver Schwab, Rep. Schweikert’s-then Chief of Staff, that he could either leave the congressional office with a six-month “severance” or continue to work in the official office while taking on significant campaign fundraising responsibilities.<sup>59</sup>
53. The “severance” offer was for full payment of his congressional salary for six months,<sup>60</sup> and it required Former Deputy Chief of Staff to work on an as needed basis, outside of the congressional office, until he found other employment.<sup>61</sup>
54. Former Deputy Chief of Staff accepted the “severance” offer.<sup>62</sup> His last day in Rep. Schweikert’s office was November 21, 2016, and he was paid his full salary between that day and January 3, 2017.<sup>63</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff only was paid through January 3, 2017 because, in December 2016, Oliver Schwab informed him that Rep. Schweikert’s congressional office was not planning to honor the “severance” arrangement past that date.<sup>64, 65</sup>

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<sup>57</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 3 at 18-2234\_0085); Statement of Disbursements of the House, January 1, 2011 – March 31, 2011.

<sup>58</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 3 at 18-2234\_0085).

<sup>59</sup> *See supra*, Section III.B.

<sup>60</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 3 at 18-2234\_0086; 87; 94).

<sup>61</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 3 at 18-2234\_0089; 94); Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 2 (Exhibit 4 at 18-2234\_0143).

<sup>62</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 3 at 18-2234\_0088; 92).

<sup>63</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 3 at 18-2234\_0089); Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 2 (Exhibit 4 at 18-2234\_0143-44); Statement of Disbursements of the House, October 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016; Statement of Disbursements of the House, January 1, 2017 – March 31, 2017.

<sup>64</sup> Originally, Former Deputy Chief of Staff intended to work in the congressional office through January 3, 2017, at which time his six-month “severance” would become effective. However, “the Friday before Thanksgiving, Oliver [Schwab] called [him] and said [he] was causing confusion in the office and didn’t want [him] to come in[to the office] anymore.” Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 2 at (Exhibit 4 at 18-2234\_0143-44); *see also* Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 1 (Exhibit 3 at 18-2234\_0094).

<sup>65</sup> With respect to Rep. Schweikert’s awareness of this “severance” arrangement, Former Deputy Chief of Staff told the OCE that “[Mr. Schwab] said [Rep. Schweikert] approved it. I am doubtful of that. I don’t think David ever approved a single salary for anyone . . . [S]alaries were determined between [Mr. Schwab] and I while I was doing the budget, and before that, just by [Mr. Schwab]. [Rep. Schweikert] wasn’t interested in the day-to-day budget minutia.” Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 2 (Exhibit 4 at 18-2234\_0144-45). Regardless of his

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55. Between November 22, 2016 and January 3, 2017, Former Deputy Chief of Staff performed approximately twenty-five to thirty total hours of work for Rep. Schweikert's congressional office.<sup>66</sup> In total, he received \$19,180.16 for the work he performed during this 43-day period.<sup>67</sup>

56. Despite not being present in the office and performing less than thirty total hours of work, Rep. Schweikert certified that Former Deputy Chief of Staff regularly performed official duties commensurate with the compensation he received during this timeframe.<sup>68</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff was paid his full congressional salary based upon these certifications signed by Rep. Schweikert.

57. Based on the foregoing information, the Board finds that 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.

**V. REP. SCHWEIKERT MAY HAVE TIED OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES TO PAST OR FUTURE POLITICAL SUPPORT**

**A. Applicable Law, Rules, and Standards of Conduct**

58. House Ethics Manual

*The House Ethics Manual states that "no solicitation of a campaign or political contribution may be linked to an action taken or to be taken by a Member or employee in his or her official capacity."<sup>69</sup>*

*The House Ethics Manual explains that "[i]t is probably not wrong for the campaign managers of a legislator . . . to request contributions from those for whom the legislator has done appreciable favors, but this should never be presented as a payment for the services rendered. Moreover, the possibility of such a contribution should never be suggested by the legislator or his staff at the time the favor is done. Furthermore, a decent interval of time should be allowed to lapse so that neither party will feel that there is a close connection between the two acts."<sup>70</sup>*

*The Manual further explains that "a solicitation for campaign or political contributions may not be linked with an official action taken or to be taken by a House Member or employee, and a*

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awareness, Rep. Schweikert certified that Former Deputy Chief of Staff was still working hours consistent with his \$14,034.25/month salary. *See infra.*

<sup>66</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 2 (Exhibit 4 at 18-2234\_0144).

<sup>67</sup> *See* Schweikert Payroll Certifications Nov. 2016 – Jan. 2017 (Exhibit 7 at 18-2234\_0229-37); Statement of Disbursements of the House, October 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016; Statement of Disbursements of the House, January 1, 2017 – March 31, 2017. In November 2016, Former Deputy Chief of Staff was paid \$14,034.25, which equates to \$467.81/day, or \$4,210.29 for the time period of November 22, 2016 – November 30, 2016. In December 2016, he was paid \$14,034.25. From January 1, 2017 – January 3, 2017, he was paid \$935.62. This totals \$19,180.16, or between \$767.21/hour and \$639.34/hour for the work he performed.

<sup>68</sup> *See* Schweikert Payroll Certifications Nov. 2016 – Jan. 2017 (Exhibit 7 at 18-2234\_0229-37).

<sup>69</sup> House Ethics Manual at 147.

<sup>70</sup> *Id.*

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*Member may not accept any contribution that is linked with an action that the Member has taken or is being asked to take. A corollary of these rules is that Members and staff are not to take or withhold any official action on the basis of the campaign contributions or support of the involved individuals, or their partisan affiliation. . . . Questions in this area have arisen most frequently on the matter of casework, and on this subject, the Standards Committee has long advised Members and staff that they are **not** to give preferential treatment to casework requests made by the Member's supporters or contributors. Instead, **all** requests for casework assistance are to be handled according to their merits. . . . In this regard, one of the key provisions of the Code of Ethics for Government Service states, in ¶ 5, that government officials should '[n]ever discriminate unfairly by the dispensing of special favors or privileges to anyone, whether for remuneration or not.' The Code further provides, in ¶ 10, that 'public office is a public trust,' and thus the public has a right to expect House Members and staff to exercise impartial judgment in performing their duties." <sup>71</sup>*

*According to the House Ethics Manual, "[b]ecause a Member's obligations are to all constituents equally, considerations such as political support, party affiliation, or campaign contributions should not affect either the decision of a Member to provide assistance or the quality of help that is given. While a Member should not discriminate in favor of political supporters, neither need he or she discriminate against them. As this Committee has stated: 'The fact that a constituent is a campaign donor does not mean that a Member is precluded from providing any official assistance. As long as there is no quid pro quo, a Member is free to assist all persons equally.'" <sup>72</sup>*

#### 59. Code of Ethics for Government Service

*"Never discriminate unfairly by the dispensing of special favors or privileges to anyone, whether for remuneration or not; and never accept for himself or his family, favors or benefits under circumstances which might be construed by reasonable persons as influencing the performance of his governmental duties" <sup>73</sup>*

#### **B. Rep. Schweikert May Have Provided Favorable Treatment to Campaign Donors**

60. During an interview with the OCE, Former Legislative Director told the OCE that he believed Rep. Schweikert's campaign donors were provided preferential treatment. He provided the OCE with two examples of such favoritism.
61. First, Former Legislative Director claimed that Rep. Schweikert's congressional office wrote formal letters of support on behalf of an organization seeking grant funding in Africa because Rep. Schweikert received a campaign contribution from someone affiliated with that organization. According to Former Legislative Director:

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<sup>71</sup> *Id.* at 150-51 (emphasis in original).

<sup>72</sup> *Id.* at 308.

<sup>73</sup> Code of Ethics for Government Service, ¶ 5.

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[a] gentleman and his organization contributed to the campaign and following the contribution, Oliver [Schwab] asked me to set up a meeting with him to discuss their issues. Then following that meeting, we subsequently submitted letters in support of their initiatives.

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What I was told is, that the gentleman . . . donated to the campaign and that we want to be as friendly as we can and as helpful as we can because of those contributions. I don't think there was a direct quid pro quo, but Oliver clearly made it certain that we wanted to be helpful because he was a donor.<sup>74</sup>

62. Former Legislative Director was unable to recall, and the OCE was not able to determine, the identity of this individual or organization.
63. Former Legislative Director also alleged favorable treatment by the congressional office on behalf of Firetrace USA LLC ("Firetrace"). Firetrace is a Scottsdale, Arizona-based company that manufactures fire-suppressant systems for the Department of Defense, along with a variety of other industries.<sup>75</sup> The company worked with a lobbyist named Teddy Eynon, who employed Oliver Schwab's wife, Ana Schwab.<sup>76</sup>
64. Former Legislative Director oversaw the defense portfolio for Rep. Schweikert and therefore handled matters concerning Firetrace.<sup>77</sup>
65. Former Legislative Director explained that individuals at Firetrace "were large donors to [Rep. Schweikert's] campaign. . . . [T]hey [were] also a client of the company that Ana [Schwab] worked for. . . . It was clear that given the relationships that were built, their donations, we wanted to be as forward leaning as possible in advocating for their products with [the] armed services and appropriations committee[s]."<sup>78</sup> He went on to explain that Mr. Schwab told him that preference needed to be given to Firetrace.<sup>79</sup>
66. The OCE requested documents or interviews from several individuals associated with Firetrace, including Mr. Eynon, Mrs. Schwab, and Mark Cavanaugh, a former CEO and senior executive at Firetrace who coordinated the company's lobbying efforts.<sup>80</sup> These individuals, like Rep. Schweikert and Oliver Schwab, refused to cooperate with the OCE's review. Firetrace provided the OCE with documents; however, Firetrace refused to certify that they provided a complete production to the OCE.<sup>81</sup>

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<sup>74</sup> Former Legislative Director Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 18-2234\_0059).

<sup>75</sup> See Transcript of Interview of Former Firetrace Executive, June 19, 2018 ("Former Firetrace Executive Transcript") (Exhibit 8 at 18-2234\_0241-42); Firetrace, *About Firetrace*, <https://www.firetrace.com/about-firetrace/> (last visited Aug. 3, 2018).

<sup>76</sup> Former Legislative Director Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 18-2234\_0059-60); Former Firetrace Executive Transcript (Exhibit 8 at 18-2234\_0250).

<sup>77</sup> Former Legislative Director Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 18-2234\_0059).

<sup>78</sup> *Id.* (Exhibit 2 at 18-2234\_0059-60).

<sup>79</sup> *Id.*

<sup>80</sup> Former Firetrace Executive Transcript (Exhibit 8 at 18-2234\_0243; 246).

<sup>81</sup> See OCE Rules for the Conduct of Investigations, Rule 4(A).

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67. These allegations of favorable treatment, coupled with such extensive non-cooperation, raise concern; however, the OCE found other evidence which suggests that Rep. Schweikert may not have dispensed special favors to campaign donors.
68. For example, Firetrace executives only donated to Rep. Schweikert's congressional campaign committees on three occasions between 2011 and the present. Mark Cavanaugh contributed \$2,500.00 on June 29, 2011 and \$2,500.00 on May 22, 2013.<sup>82</sup> Former Firetrace Executive contributed \$1,000.00 on June 29, 2011.<sup>83</sup> Former Firetrace Executive could not recall any other donations by Firetrace executives to Rep. Schweikert,<sup>84</sup> and the OCE did not definitively identify any other contributions to Rep. Schweikert from individuals associated with Firetrace.
69. Additionally, the OCE interviewed Former Firetrace Executive who indicated that Rep. Schweikert never assisted Firetrace in any material way.<sup>85</sup> Former staff members also said they had no recollection of campaign donors being provided favorable treatment.<sup>86</sup>
70. Finally, the OCE notes that when asked whether Rep. Schweikert had knowledge of the alleged favorable treatment of donors, Former Legislative Director said the following:

At least in my presence, there was never any explicit conversations where [Rep. Schweikert] directed us – staff – to provide preferential treatment to [Ana Schwab's] clients or to campaign donors. There were some discussions based on donors as far as who was giving what in the office, but from my experience at least, to me, [Rep. Schweikert] never said, "these folks are giving money. Take care of them." It was usually driven from Oliver.<sup>87</sup>

71. Based on the foregoing information, the Board finds that there is not substantial reason to believe that Rep. Schweikert improperly linked official activities to campaign or political support.

## **VI. REP. SCHWEIKERT MAY HAVE SOLICITED OR ACCEPTED LOANS OR GIFTS FROM A CONGRESSIONAL EMPLOYEE**

### **A. Applicable Law, Rules, and Standards of Conduct**

#### **72. Federal Law**

*Under 18 U.S.C. § 602, "It shall be unlawful for . . . an individual elected to or serving in the office of Senator or Representative . . . to knowingly solicit any contribution within the meaning*

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<sup>82</sup> Schweikert for Congress, FEC Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements (Q2), filed July 15, 2011 at 38; Friends of David Schweikert, FEC Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements (Q2), filed July 15, 2013 at 17.

<sup>83</sup> Schweikert for Congress, FEC Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements (Q2), filed July 15, 2011 at 53.

<sup>84</sup> Former Firetrace Executive Transcript (Exhibit 8 at 18-2234\_0259).

<sup>85</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 8 at 18-2234\_0239-78).

<sup>86</sup> *See e.g.*, Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 2 (Exhibit 4 at 18-2234\_0137-38).

<sup>87</sup> Former Legislative Director Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 18-2234\_0060).

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73. House Rules

*Under House Rule 25, clause 5(a)(3)(R)(v), Members may accept opportunities and benefits that are “in the form of loans from banks and other financial institutions on terms generally available to the public.”*

*Under House Rule 25, clause 5(a)(3)(A), Members may accept anything for which they “pay[] the market value.”*

74. House Ethics Manual

*According to the House Ethics Manual, “Members, officers, and employees may accept opportunities and benefits that are ‘in the form of loans from banks and other financial institutions on terms generally available to the public’ (House Rule 25, clause 5(a)(3)(R)(v)). In addition . . . the Committee has determined that Members and staff may accept a loan from a person other than a financial institution, provided that the loan is on commercially reasonable terms, including requirements for repayment and a reasonable rate of interest.”<sup>89</sup>*

*Further, “federal law generally bars government employees from giving gifts to their official superiors. While the Committee has recognized common-sense exceptions for voluntary gifts on special occasions, as a general rule, Members may not accept things of value from their staff members, and higher level staff members may not accept things of value from those who work for them.”<sup>90</sup>*

*The Manual also stresses that “[t]he prohibition against an employee making . . . a contribution to the individual’s employing Member is absolute. A House employee may not make such a contribution even if the contribution was entirely unsolicited and the employee genuinely wishes to make the contribution. . . . The definition of the term contribution in the FECA is quite detailed . . . [U]nder FEC regulations, most **outlays** that an individual makes on behalf of a campaign are deemed to be a **contribution** to that campaign from that individual. **This is so even if it is intended that the campaign will reimburse the individual promptly.** The major exception to this*

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<sup>88</sup> “The term ‘contribution’ includes (i) any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for Federal office.” 52 U.S.C. § 30101(8)(A); see also 11 C.F.R. § 100.52(a).

<sup>89</sup> House Ethics Manual at 68.

<sup>90</sup> House Ethics Manual at 70 (noting the following “common-sense exceptions”: “a birthday, holiday, marriage, the birth of a child, anniversary, retirement, and like occasions when gifts are traditionally given”). Note that under House Rule 25, a “gift” is defined to include a loan. See House Rule 25, clause 5(a)(2)(A) (“[T]he term ‘gift’ means a gratuity, favor, discount, entertainment, hospitality, loan, forbearance, or other item having monetary value. The term includes gifts of services, training, transportation, lodging, and meals, whether provided in kind, by purchase of a ticket, payment in advance, or reimbursement after the expense has been incurred”).

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*rule is for outlays that an individual makes to cover expenses that he or she incurs in **traveling** on behalf of a campaign.”<sup>91</sup>*

*The House Ethics Manual also states that a Member “must take reasonable steps to ensure that any outside organization over which he or she exercises control – including the individual’s own authorized campaign committee . . . – operates in compliance with applicable law.”<sup>92</sup>*

**B. Oliver Schwab May Have Loaned Money to Rep. Schweikert Personally or to Rep. Schweikert’s Campaign**

75. The OCE spoke to former members of Rep. Schweikert’s official staff who said that Mr. Schwab loaned money to Rep. Schweikert or to his campaign. None of these individuals could identify a specific amount that was loaned, or a specific time period in which a loan occurred; however, three former staff members recalled Oliver Schwab frequently complaining, between 2014 and 2016, about not being repaid by Rep. Schweikert or his campaign.<sup>93</sup>
76. Former Deputy Chief of Staff recalled Oliver Schwab complaining that Rep. Schweikert owed him “something in excess of \$30,000.00.”<sup>94</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff did not know whether Rep. Schweikert owed this money personally or if it was owed by his campaign, but he recalled Mr. Schwab complaining every couple of months that Rep. Schweikert “owed him money [for things he put] on his credit card.”<sup>95</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff recalled hearing these complaints between 2015 and 2016 (although he may have heard them as early as 2013).<sup>96</sup>
77. Former Legislative Director told the OCE that Oliver Schwab “donated or he loaned [Rep. Schweikert’s] campaign a relatively significant amount.”<sup>97</sup> He believed Mr. Schwab was owed approximately five or ten thousand dollars by Rep. Schweikert’s campaign committee.<sup>98</sup> He recalled hearing Mr. Schwab complain about this in late 2016.<sup>99</sup>
78. Former Financial Administrator, a financial administrator in Rep. Schweikert’s office between 2014 and 2017, told the OCE that Mr. Schwab “[said] on several occasions that he

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<sup>91</sup> House Ethics Manual at 138-39 (emphasis in original).

<sup>92</sup> *Id.* at 123.

<sup>93</sup> These are time periods in which Mr. Schwab was Chief of Staff to Rep. Schweikert.

<sup>94</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 2 (Exhibit 4 at 18-2234\_0127).

<sup>95</sup> *Id.* (“He did occasionally complain that David owed him money on his credit card. . . . Maybe every couple months, two or three months. Mostly it was when Oliver was worked up and angry at [Rep. Schweikert], he’d let it slip.”).

<sup>96</sup> *Id.*

<sup>97</sup> Former Legislative Director Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 18-2234\_0080).

<sup>98</sup> *Id.* Former Legislative Director further explained his awareness by saying: “My understanding was that it was just an outstanding loan that Oliver never was paid back on.” *Id.* When asked whether Oliver Schwab made any other personal outlays on behalf of Rep. Schweikert or his campaign, Former Legislative Director said he did, and explained: “It was generally an erring of grievances about the fact that he hasn’t been paid back by [Rep. Schweikert] for those expenditures. I don’t have a dollar figure, when those expenditures took place, it was just that he spent, he bought X for David and he was never paid back, or he loaned the campaign X amount and was never paid back.” *Id.*

<sup>99</sup> *Id.*

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did things for the campaign and that [Rep. Schweikert] owed him thousands of dollars that he had personally put out for different things.”<sup>100</sup> When asked follow-on questions about this statement, she indicated that Mr. Schwab provided frequent flier miles to Rep. Schweikert and his wife so they did not have to personally pay for overseas travel.<sup>101</sup>

79. Because neither Rep. Schweikert nor Oliver Schwab cooperated with this review, the OCE was unable to verify whether a loan or loans were made to Rep. Schweikert, or to his campaign, and under what circumstances.<sup>102</sup>

80. Based on the foregoing information, the Board finds that there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Schweikert solicited or accepted a loan, gift, or other contribution from a congressional employee.

## **VII. REP. SCHWEIKERT MAY HAVE OMITTED REQUIRED INFORMATION FROM HIS ANNUAL HOUSE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS AND FEC CANDIDATE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Applicable Law, Rules, and Standards of Conduct**

#### **i. Public Financial Disclosure Reporting Requirements**

##### **81. Federal Law**

*Pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act, “[a]ny individual who is [a Member of Congress] during any calendar year and performs the duties of his position or office for a period in excess of sixty days in that calendar year shall file on or before May 15 of the succeeding year a report containing the information described in section 102 (a).”<sup>103</sup> Additionally, candidates for Congress must also file financial disclosure statements.<sup>104</sup>*

*The contents of a financial disclosure report filed pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act must include “[t]he identity and category of value of any interest in property held during the preceding calendar year in a trade or business, or for investment or the production of income, which has a fair market value which exceeds \$1,000 as of the close of the preceding calendar year . . . .”<sup>105</sup>*

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<sup>100</sup> Transcript of Interview of Former Financial Administrator, Jan. 23, 2018 (Exhibit 9 at 18-2234\_0302).

<sup>101</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 9 at 18-2234\_0303). Former Deputy Chief of Staff also recalled that “[t]here may have been one or two times that Oliver in a haste may have mentioned something about frequent flyer miles and getting Joyce [Schweikert] on a trip. I don’t know where they came from or if they were his.” Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 2 (Exhibit 4 at 18-2234\_0128).

<sup>102</sup> Other staff members interviewed by the OCE, namely Matt Tully, Former Communications Director, and Former District Staffer, did not recall hearing that Mr. Schwab loaned Rep. Schweikert or his campaign any money. Their departures from Rep. Schweikert’s congressional office, which occurred prior to 2014, likely could account for this lack of awareness. As discussed above, Former Deputy Chief of Staff, Former Legislative Director, and Former Financial Administrator heard Oliver Schwab’s complaints about being owed money between 2014 and 2016.

<sup>103</sup> 5 U.S.C. app. 4 § 101(d).

<sup>104</sup> 5 U.S.C. app. 4 § 101(c).

<sup>105</sup> 5 U.S.C. app. 4 § 102(a)(3).

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*The Ethics in Government Act further states that each report must include a statement of “[t]he identity and category of value of the total liabilities owed to any creditor . . . which exceed \$10,000 at any time during the preceding calendar year. . . .”*<sup>106</sup> *“With respect to revolving charge accounts,” the Ethics in Government Act explains that “only those with an outstanding liability which exceeds \$10,000 as of the close of the preceding calendar year need be reported under this paragraph.”*<sup>107</sup>

*Additionally, the Ethics in Government Act states that each financial disclosure report must include “a brief description, the date, and category of value of any purchase, sale or exchange during the preceding calendar year which exceeds \$1,000-*

*(A) in real property, other than property used solely as a personal residence of the reporting individual or his spouse; or*

*(B) in stocks, bonds, commodities futures, and other forms of securities.”*<sup>108</sup>

## 82. House Rules

*House Rule 26, clause 2 provides, “[f]or the purposes of this rule, the [financial reporting] provisions of title I of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 shall be considered Rules of the House as they pertain to Members, Delegates, the Resident Commissioner, officers, and employees of the House.”*

## 83. Committee Instruction Guide for Completing Financial Disclosure Statements<sup>109</sup>

*According to the Committee Instruction Guide for Completing Financial Disclosure Statements (the “Instruction Guide”), “[r]eal and personal property held by you, your spouse, or a dependent child as an investment or for the production of income must be disclosed on Schedule III [as an asset] if it had a value in excess of \$1,000 at the close of the calendar year or generated unearned income in excess of \$200 during the calendar year.”*<sup>110</sup>

*“In order to determine whether deposits in a bank account must be disclosed [as an asset], you must first add together all interest-bearing checking and savings accounts held by you, your spouse, or a dependent child at every financial institution in which you have such accounts. If the total value of these accounts exceeded \$5,000 at the end of the calendar year, then you must disclose each financial institution which held deposits valued at more than \$1,000. You must also report any interest-bearing account that generated more than \$200 in interest during the*

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<sup>106</sup> 5 U.S.C. app. 4 § 102(a)(4).

<sup>107</sup> 5 U.S.C. app. 4 § 102(a)(4).

<sup>108</sup> 5 U.S.C. app. 4 § 102(a)(5).

<sup>109</sup> Below, the OCE quotes instructions from the 2010 Committee Instruction Guide for Completing Financial Disclosure Statements and also cites to 2017 instructions to note that guidance has remained the same throughout this time period. The OCE, however, notes that financial disclosure *schedules* have changed throughout the years. For example, while assets and unearned income are listed on Schedule III in the 2010-13 financial disclosures, assets and unearned income are addressed in Schedule A in later years.

<sup>110</sup> House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2010 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements at 11; *see also* House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2017 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements and Periodic Transaction Reports at 16 (providing same guidance).

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*calendar year, even if it was valued at less than \$1,000 at the close of the calendar year or your total deposits were less than \$5,000.*<sup>111</sup>

*With respect to assets, the Instruction Guide further explains: “[t]o disclose an ownership interest in a privately-held company that was formed for the purpose of holding investments, you must disclose each asset held by the company in which your interest (or that of your spouse or dependent child) had a period-end value of more than \$1,000 or generated more than \$200 in income during the reporting period. Limited partnerships and limited liability companies are frequently formed for the purpose of holding real estate. If, for example, you are a partner in a limited partnership that owns five rental properties, you must separately disclose each property in which your interest exceeded \$1,000 or your rental income derived from that property exceeded \$200. You may, but are not required to, provide an exact street address for each property the company owns. However, when disclosing multiple properties, the property descriptions must be distinguishable from one another and used consistently from year to year.*<sup>112</sup>

*With respect to liabilities, the Instruction Guide explains, “[y]ou must report on Schedule V any debts personally owed by you, your spouse, or your dependent children that were over \$10,000 during the year.”<sup>113</sup>*

*For credit card debt, a filer need only “report an amount owed . . . if the balance on that card exceeded \$10,000 on December 31, regardless of the balance owed on the card at any other point during the year.”<sup>114</sup>*

*The Instruction Guide further explains that “[a]ny liability on real property which generates income must be disclosed. . . . Note that you must also list the property, and any income exceeding \$200 earned from it, as an asset on Schedule III.”<sup>115</sup>*

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<sup>111</sup> House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2010 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements at 14 (emphasis removed); *see also* House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2017 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements and Periodic Transaction Reports at 22 (emphasis removed) (providing same guidance). “The accounts to be reported under these rules include interest-bearing, cash-deposit accounts at banks, credit unions and savings and loan associations, including interest-bearing checking accounts, passbook and other savings accounts; money market accounts; negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts; certificates of deposit (CDs); and individual retirement accounts (IRAs) held in the form of savings accounts or CDs.” House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2010 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements at 14; *see also* House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2017 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements and Periodic Transaction Reports at 22 (providing same guidance).

<sup>112</sup> House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2010 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements at 14-15; *see also* House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2017 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements and Periodic Transaction Reports at 23 (providing same guidance).

<sup>113</sup> House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2010 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements at 24; *see also* House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2017 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements and Periodic Transaction Reports at 32 (providing same guidance).

<sup>114</sup> House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2010 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements at 24; *see also* House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2017 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements and Periodic Transaction Reports at 33 (providing same guidance).

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*For liability reporting, the Instruction Guide also explains, “[i]f . . . you have multiple rental properties, state the property to which each obligation relates, together with the type of liability (e.g., “Mortgage on 123 Main Street, Dover, Del.”).”<sup>116</sup>*

*In addition, the Instruction Guide explains that you only have to report “[l]iabilities of a business if you are personally liable for the debt.”<sup>117</sup>*

*With respect to transactions, the Instruction Guide explains, “you must report each purchase, sale, or exchange transaction involving Schedule III assets by you, your spouse, or dependent child when the amount of the transaction exceeds \$1,000 in the calendar year.”<sup>118</sup>*

*With respect to transactions, the Instruction Guide further explains, “[y]ou are only required to disclose transactions related to the ownership interests in privately-held companies that were formed for the purpose of holding investments (typically real estate). If, for example, you are a partner in a limited partnership that owns five rental properties, you must separately disclose each transaction (such as the purchase of an additional rental property) that exceeds \$1,000.”<sup>119</sup>*

*According to the Instruction Guide, when reporting transactions, filers must, “[p]rovide the complete name of the asset for which a reportable transaction has occurred.”<sup>120</sup> Additionally, “Asset descriptions used on Schedule IV should be identical to those used to describe the same asset on Schedule III.”<sup>121</sup>*

#### 84. Committee Guidance on Reporting Violations

*In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Vernon G. Buchanan, the Committee noted that inadvertent errors and omissions “are not uncommon” in financial disclosure statements.<sup>122</sup> The Committee described the potential for concern with respect to errors and*

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<sup>115</sup> House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2010 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements at 24; *see also* House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2017 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements and Periodic Transaction Reports at 32 (providing same guidance).

<sup>116</sup> House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2010 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements at 25-26; *see also* House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2017 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements and Periodic Transaction Reports at 34 (providing same guidance).

<sup>117</sup> House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2010 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements at 25; *see also* House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2017 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements and Periodic Transaction Reports at 33 (providing same guidance).

<sup>118</sup> House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2010 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements at 22; *see also* House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2017 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements and Periodic Transaction Reports at 28 (providing same guidance).

<sup>119</sup> House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2010 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements at 23; *see also* House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2017 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements and Periodic Transaction Reports at 30 (providing same guidance).

<sup>120</sup> House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2010 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements at 23; *see also* House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2017 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements and Periodic Transaction Reports at 29 (providing same guidance).

<sup>121</sup> House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2010 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements at 23; *see also* House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2017 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements and Periodic Transaction Reports at 29 (providing same guidance).

<sup>122</sup> *In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Vernon G. Buchanan*, 112<sup>th</sup> Cong., 2<sup>nd</sup> Sess. (July 10, 2012) at 5.

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*omissions that “are knowing or willful, or appear to be significantly related to other potential violations.”<sup>123</sup> The Committee went on to explain that “accurate and complete reporting on Financial Disclosure Statements should be every filer’s goal and is necessary to be in compliance with House Rules and federal law. All filers are encouraged to promptly file amendments whenever they learn of errors or omissions. Failure to do so may constitute a knowing and willful violation.”<sup>124</sup>*

ii. FEC Disclosure Requirements for Campaign Committees

85. Federal Law

*Pursuant to the Federal Election Campaign Act, 52 U.S.C. § 30104, “[e]ach treasurer of a political committee shall file reports of receipts and disbursements in accordance with the provisions of this subsection.”*

86. House Ethics Manual

*According to the House Ethics Manual, “a Member or employee must take reasonable steps to ensure that any outside organization over which he or she exercises control – including the individual’s own authorized campaign committee or, for example, a ‘leadership PAC’ – operates in compliance with applicable law.”<sup>125</sup>*

*The House Ethics Manual further states: “While [the Federal Election Campaign Act (‘FECA’)] and other statutes on campaign activity are not rules of the House, Members and employees must also bear in mind that the House Rules require that they conduct themselves ‘at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House’ (House Rule 23, clause 1). In addition, the Code of Ethics for Government Service, which applies to House Members and staff, provides in ¶ 2 that government officials should ‘[u]phold the Constitution, laws and legal regulations of the United States and of all governments therein and never be a party to their evasion.’ Accordingly, in violating FECA or another provision of statutory law, a Member or employee may also violate these provisions of the House rules and standards of conduct.”<sup>126</sup>*

87. FEC Regulations<sup>127</sup>

Reporting Campaign Committee Receipts and Disbursements

*Pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a)(3), which addresses how to report receipts of a campaign committee on Schedule A of an FEC report, “[a]n authorized committee of a candidate for Federal office shall report the total amount of receipts received during the reporting period and,*

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<sup>123</sup> *Id.*

<sup>124</sup> *Id.* at 6.

<sup>125</sup> House Ethics Manual at 123.

<sup>126</sup> *Id.* at 122 (footnote omitted).

<sup>127</sup> As noted in the footnotes below, the FEC’s Campaign Guide for Congressional Candidates and Committees (2014) (hereafter, “FEC Guide”) provides detailed guidance on how to properly report all information required in various candidate committee reports.

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*except for itemized and unitemized breakdowns, during the election cycle in each of the following categories:*

- (i) Contributions from persons other than any committees; . . .*
- (ii) Contributions from the candidate, excluding loans which are reported under 11 CFR 104.3(a)(3)(vii); . . .*
- (vi) Transfers from other authorized committee(s) of the same candidate[;] . . .*
- (vii)(B) Loans made, guaranteed, or endorsed by a candidate to his or her authorized committee including loans derived from a bank loan to the candidate or from an advance on a candidate's brokerage account, credit card, home equity line of credit, or other lines of credit described in 11 CFR 100.83 and 100.143.”<sup>128</sup>*

*Additionally, 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a)(4) explains that receipts in the following categories must be itemized:*

- (i) Each person, other than any political committee, who makes a contribution to the reporting political committee during the reporting period, whose contribution or contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 per calendar year (or per election cycle in the case of an authorized committee), together with the date of receipt and amount of any such contributions[;] . . .*
- (iii)(A) For authorized committees of a candidate for Federal office, each authorized committee which makes a transfer to the reporting committee, together with the date and amount of such transfer; . . .*
- (iv) Each person who makes a loan to the reporting committee or to the candidate acting as an agent of the committee, during the reporting period, together with the identification of any endorser or guarantor of such loan, the date such loan was made and the amount or value of such loan[.]”<sup>129</sup>*

*Pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)(2), which addresses how to report disbursements of a campaign committee on Schedule B of an FEC report, “[a]n authorized committee of a candidate for Federal office shall report the total amount of disbursements made during the reporting period and, except for itemized and unitemized breakdowns, during the election cycle in each of the following categories:*

- (i) operating expenditures; . . .*
- (ii) transfers to other committees authorized by the same candidate;*
- (iii)(A) Repayment of loans made, guaranteed, or endorsed by the candidate to his or her authorized committee including loans derived from a bank loan to the candidate or from an advance on a candidate's brokerage account, credit card, home equity line of credit, or other lines of credit described in 11 CFR 100.83 and 100.143; . . .*
- (vi) Other disbursements; . . .*
- (vii) Total disbursements.”<sup>130</sup>*

*Additionally, 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)(4), explains that disbursements in the following categories must be itemized:*

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<sup>128</sup> See FEC Guide at 88.

<sup>129</sup> See *id.* at 88-90.

<sup>130</sup> See *id.* at 102-03.

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(i) *Each person to whom an expenditure in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$200 within the election cycle is made by the reporting authorized committee to meet the authorized committee's operating expenses, together with the date, amount and purpose of each expenditure[;] . . .*

(ii) *Each authorized committee of the same candidate to which a transfer is made by the reporting committee during the reporting period, together with the date and amount of such transfer;*

(iii) *Each person who receives a loan repayment, including a repayment of a loan of money derived from an advance on a candidate's brokerage account, credit card, home equity line of credit, or other lines of credit described in 11 CFR 100.83 and 100.143, from the reporting committee during the reporting period, together with the date and amount of such loan repayment; . . .*

(vi) *Each person who has received any disbursement(s) not otherwise disclosed under paragraph (b)(4) of this section to whom the aggregate amount or value of such disbursements exceeds \$200 within the election cycle, together with the date, amount, and purpose of any such disbursement.*"<sup>131</sup>

#### Reporting Debts of a Campaign Committee

*According to 11 C.F.R. § 100.83(e), "[l]oans derived from an advance on a candidate's brokerage account, credit card, home equity line of credit, or other line of credit available to the candidate shall be reported by the candidate's principal campaign committee in accordance with 11 CFR part 104."*<sup>132</sup>

*According to 11 CFR § 102.7(d), "[a]ny candidate who receives a contribution, as defined at 11 CFR part 100, subparts B and D, obtains any loan or makes any disbursement in connection with his or her campaign, shall be considered as having received the contribution, obtained the loan or made the disbursement as an agent of such authorized committee(s)."*<sup>133</sup>

*Pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(d), which addresses how to report debts and obligations on an FEC report, "[e]ach report filed under 11 CFR 104.1 shall, on Schedule C or D, as appropriate, disclose the amount and nature of outstanding debts and obligations owed by or to the reporting committee."*<sup>134</sup> *Additionally, pursuant to 11 CFR § 104.3(d)(4) "[w]hen a candidate obtains a bank loan or loan of money derived from an advance on the candidate's brokerage account, credit card, home equity line of credit, or other line of credit described in 11 CFR 100.83 and 100.143 for use in connection with the candidate's campaign, the candidate's principal campaign committee shall disclose in the report covering the period when the loan was obtained, the following information on Schedule C-1 or C-P-1: (i) The date, amount, and interest rate of the loan, advance, or line of credit; (ii) The name and address of the lending institution; and*

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<sup>131</sup> *See id.* at 102-104.

<sup>132</sup> The FEC Guide provides detailed guidance on how to properly report lines of credit on the various schedules of an FEC candidate committee report. *See id.* at 91; 110-12.

<sup>133</sup> "When a candidate obtains a bank loan for use in connection with his or her campaign, the loan is considered to be from the bank and not from the candidate's personal funds. The candidate is acting as the agent of the campaign." *See id.* at 29; *see also* FEC Advisory Opinion 1985-33; 11 C.F.R. § 101.2.

<sup>134</sup> *See* FEC Guide at 105 ("Debts and obligations must be reported continuously until repaid."); *see also* 11 C.F.R. 104.11.

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(iii) *The types and value of collateral or other sources of repayment that secure the loan, advance, or line of credit, if any.*<sup>135</sup>

#### Contributions from Single Member LLCs

*Pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 110.1(g)(4), “[a] contribution by an LLC with a single natural person member that does not elect to be treated as a corporation by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to 26 CFR 301.7701-3 shall be attributed only to that single member.”*<sup>136</sup>

#### Contribution Limits

*Pursuant to 11 CFR § 110.1(b), “[n]o person shall make contributions to any candidate, his or her authorized political committees or agents with respect to any election for Federal office that, in the aggregate, exceed \$2,000.”*<sup>137</sup> *This limit applies to family members, including spouses.*<sup>138</sup>

*According to 11 CFR § 110.9, “[n]o candidate or political committee shall knowingly accept any contribution or make any expenditure in violation of the provisions of 11 CFR part 110. No officer or employee of a political committee shall knowingly accept a contribution made for the benefit or use of a candidate, or make any expenditure on behalf of a candidate, in violation of any limitation imposed on contributions and expenditures under this part 110.”*

### **B. Rep. Schweikert May Have Omitted Required Information from His Personal Financial Disclosure Statements and from FEC Candidate Committee Reports**

88. In this review, the OCE found that Rep. Schweikert’s annual financial disclosure statements filed with the United States House of Representatives, and campaign committee reports filed with the FEC, contained a variety of unexplained reporting errors and omissions.

89. Initially, the OCE reviewed Rep. Schweikert’s personal financial disclosure statements to understand the source of certain personal loans that he made to his campaign committee. The

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<sup>135</sup> “All loans received by a committee must be itemized and continuously reported until extinguished.” FEC Guide at 108. “[B]oth the original loan and payments to reduce principal must be reported on Schedule C each reporting period . . . until the loan is repaid.” *Id.* “Bank loans to candidates and loans derived from advances on a candidate’s brokerage accounts, credit cards, home equity line of credit, or other lines of credit obtained for use in connection with his or her campaign must be reported by the committee. 100.83. The committee must report the loan from the candidate as a receipt and repayment of the loan to the candidate as a disbursement.” *Id.* at 110. Further “[a] new Schedule C-1 must also be filed with the next report if the terms of the loan or line of credit are restructured. Additionally, in the case of a committee that has obtained a line of credit, a new Schedule C-1 must be filed with the next report whenever the committee draws on the line of credit. 104.3(d)(1) and (3).” *Id.* at 109.

<sup>136</sup> *Id.* at 28.

<sup>137</sup> This limit applies to each election the candidate participates in (e.g., primary, general, run-off, etc) and is adjusted for inflation every two years. See 11 C.F.R. § 110.1(b). In 2011, contribution limits for individuals were set at \$2,500. See Federal Election Commission, *Contribution limits for 2011-2012*, <https://www.fec.gov/updates/contribution-limits-for-2011-2012/> (last visited Aug. 3, 2018). Currently contributions for individuals are limited to \$2,700.00 per election. See Federal Election Commission, *Contribution limits for 2017-2018 federal elections*, <https://www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/candidate-taking-receipts/contribution-limits/> (last visited Aug. 3, 2018).

<sup>138</sup> See FEC Guide at 17 (“[T]his limit applies to contributions from the members of a candidate’s family (e.g., spouse, parent”).

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information reported in these public financial disclosures, in addition to third-party financial evidence obtained by the OCE, raised further questions about the source of these personal loans. It also allowed the OCE to identify discrepancies between financial information that was being publicly reported by Rep. Schweikert and his campaign committees and what should have been reported based on the financial transactions evidenced in Rep. Schweikert's and his campaign committees' bank accounts.

90. Rep. Schweikert and his campaign committees' refusal to provide documents in response to the OCE's Request for Information ("RFI"), or to interview with the OCE, prevented the OCE from determining whether Rep. Schweikert's had an explanation for these reporting errors and omissions.

i. Annual Financial Disclosure Statement Omissions and Irregularities

91. Rep. Schweikert filed a United States House of Representatives candidate disclosure statement on May 24, 2010, and he filed annual financial disclosures statements between 2010 and 2017.<sup>139</sup> The OCE's review of these financial disclosure statements revealed various reporting omissions, including Rep. Schweikert's failure to properly disclose several real estate-related investments as well as his failure to reveal the existence of certain interest-bearing bank accounts and credit card debt.<sup>140</sup> Additionally, the OCE identified discrepancies between Rep. Schweikert's financial disclosures statements and representations he made to the IRS.

92. The OCE initially raised the issue of potential financial disclosure omissions in its April 11, 2018 correspondence to Rep. Schweikert.<sup>141</sup> As of the date of this report, Rep. Schweikert has not publicly amended any of his financial disclosure statements to address the issues discussed below.<sup>142</sup>

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<sup>139</sup> Rep. Schweikert's 2017 financial disclosure statement was not publicly available during the course of this review. Therefore, this report only addresses potential errors or omissions between 2010 and 2016.

<sup>140</sup> Rep. Schweikert's financial disclosures statements also raise concerns about outside earned income violations. Specifically, his disclosures routinely suggest that he was earning over the outside earned income limit with respect to his real estate holding companies, Sheridan Equities LLC and Sheridan Equities Holdings LLC. *See* Schweikert Financial Disclosures 2010-17 (Exhibit 10 at 18-2234\_0316-417). In a July 11, 2014 letter to the Committee, Rep. Schweikert indicates that he has been inadvertently disclosing unearned income from Sheridan Equities LLC and Sheridan Equities Holdings LLC as earned income. *See id.* (Exhibit 10 at 18-2234\_0369). While the OCE finds it concerning that this issue was not addressed in prior disclosures and continues to be a problem in subsequent disclosures, *see e.g.*, (Exhibit 10 at 18-2234\_0374), the OCE assumes that income associated with Rep. Schweikert's business is appropriately classified as *unearned income*, and therefore would not qualify as a violation of outside earned income limitations.

<sup>141</sup> On this day, the OCE sent Rep. Schweikert a letter noting that the Board was considering whether he "omitted required information from his annual House financial disclosure statements." Letter from Omar S. Ashmawy, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, OCE, to Rep. Schweikert, April 11, 2018. The OCE also sent Rep. Schweikert a RFI that sought documents in connection with potential reporting violations. Request for Information from Omar S. Ashmawy, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, OCE, to Rep. Schweikert, April 11, 2018.

<sup>142</sup> No publically available amendments have been posted by the Office of the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives between April 11, 2018 and the date of this report.

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a. *Real Estate-Related Omissions*

93. Rep. Schweikert is the owner and sole managing member of two real estate holding companies, Sheridan Equities Holdings LLC (“Sheridan Holdings”) and Sheridan Equities LLC (“Sheridan Equities”).<sup>143</sup> Publicly available Arizona Corporation Commission documents indicate that these entities are single member LLCs, formed in March 2009 and August 2006 respectively, that Rep. Schweikert manages up through the present date.<sup>144</sup> Rep. Schweikert also appears to have an interest in a business called Sheridan Rentals, which he valued between \$100,001.00 and \$500,000.00 in his 2013-2105 financial disclosure statements.<sup>145</sup>
94. Rep. Schweikert, through Sheridan Equities, purchased and sold the following rental properties between March 2009 and August 2015:
- *6413 W. Lamar Road, Glendale, Arizona:* This property was purchased on March 26, 2009 for \$36,550.00 and sold on July 24, 2014 for \$105,000.00.<sup>146</sup>
  - *3031 N. 64th Drive, Phoenix, Arizona:* This property was purchased March 27, 2009 for \$36,000.00 and sold for \$109,950.00 on January 29, 2015.<sup>147</sup>
  - *3338 E. Willetta Street, Phoenix, Arizona:* This property was purchased on April 2, 2009 for \$27,000.00 and sold on July 29, 2014 for \$108,000.00.<sup>148</sup>
  - *5920 W. State Avenue, Glendale, Arizona:* This property was purchased on December 29, 2010 for \$78,000.00 and sold on August 21, 2013 for \$95,000.00.<sup>149</sup>
95. Under federal law and House rules, Rep. Schweikert had various reporting obligations associated with the above-identified rental properties.
96. First, Rep. Schweikert was required to disclose the existence of these rental properties as assets and identify how they are affiliated with either Sheridan Equities, Sheridan Holdings, or Sheridan Rentals.<sup>150</sup> He failed to do this.<sup>151</sup>

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<sup>143</sup> Sheridan Holdings Exhibit (Exhibit 11 at 18-2234\_0419-23); Sheridan Equities Exhibit (Exhibit 12 at 18-2234\_0425-29); *see also* Schweikert Financial Disclosures 2010-17 (Exhibit 10 at 18-2234\_0316-417).

<sup>144</sup> Sheridan Holdings Exhibit (Exhibit 11 at 18-2234\_0419-23); Sheridan Equities Exhibit (Exhibit 12 at 18-2234\_0425-29); *see also* Schweikert Financial Disclosures 2010-17 (Exhibit 10 at 18-2234\_0316-417).

<sup>145</sup> Schweikert Financial Disclosures 2010-17 (Exhibit 10 at 18-2234\_0359-90). The Arizona Corporation Commission has no record of this entity, and it is possible that Rep. Schweikert is using this name to generically refer to rental properties associated with either Sheridan Equities or Sheridan Holdings.

<sup>146</sup> MPB Revolving Line of Credit (Exhibit 13 at 18-2234\_0430-626); Sheridan Property Purchase and Sale History (Exhibit 14 at 18-2234\_0628).

<sup>147</sup> MPB Revolving Line of Credit (Exhibit 13 at 18-2234\_0430-626); Sheridan Property Purchase and Sale History (Exhibit 14 at 18-2234\_0631).

<sup>148</sup> MPB Revolving Line of Credit (Exhibit 13 at 18-2234\_0430-626); Sheridan Property Purchase and Sale History (Exhibit 14 at 18-2234\_0634).

<sup>149</sup> MPB Revolving Line of Credit (Exhibit 13 at 18-2234\_0430-626); Sheridan Property Purchase and Sale History (Exhibit 14 at 18-2234\_0637).

<sup>150</sup> *See supra* Section VII.A.i.

<sup>151</sup> *See* Schweikert Financial Disclosures 2010-17 (Exhibit 10 at 18-2234\_0316-91). Between 2010 and 2015 – the calendar years during which these four rental properties were held by Sheridan Equities and Rep. Schweikert was required to submit annual Financial Disclosure Statements – none of the four properties were disclosed as a “Asset”

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97. Second, he was required to disclose the purchase of these properties, to the extent that the purchases occurred after January 1, 2010.<sup>152</sup> Rep. Schweikert's 2010 financial disclosure statement fails to disclose the purchase of the 5920 W. State Avenue property, which occurred in December 2010.<sup>153</sup>
98. Additionally, Rep. Schweikert was required to disclose liabilities associated with these rental properties.<sup>154</sup> While his financial disclosure statements reveal a 2010 bank note with Metro Phoenix Bank ("MPB"), Rep. Schweikert did not disclose the manner in which this liability was connected to each of these four rental properties.<sup>155</sup> As discussed more fully below, in July 2010, Rep. Schweikert secured a \$75,000.00 line of credit from MPB and used three of Sheridan Equities' rental properties as collateral for the loan.<sup>156</sup> Later, he increased the line of credit to \$154,000.00 and added the fourth property as collateral.<sup>157</sup> None of these details were disclosed.<sup>158</sup>

*b. Real Estate Income Discrepancies*

99. In addition to the above-described omissions, the OCE also identified discrepancies between the business income reported in Rep. Schweikert's tax returns and the business income he reported on his financial disclosure statements.<sup>159</sup>
100. For example, in 2009, Rep. Schweikert reported earning between \$100,001.00 and \$1,000,000.00 in unearned income from Sheridan Equities;<sup>160</sup> however, in his 2009 tax return, Rep. Schweikert discloses gross income of only \$18,700.00.<sup>161</sup> He also reported

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under Schedule III / A. The only reference to these properties occurs after they are sold, although the OCE notes that not all these sales were properly disclosed. *Id.*

<sup>152</sup> See *supra* Section VII.A.i.

<sup>153</sup> With respect to transactions, Schedule IV says "N/A." See Schweikert Financial Disclosures 2010-17 (Exhibit 10 at 18-2234\_0330).

<sup>154</sup> See *supra* Section VII.A.i.

<sup>155</sup> See Schweikert Financial Disclosures 2010-17 (Exhibit 10 at 18-2234\_0316-91).

<sup>156</sup> See *infra*, Section VII.B.ii.a.

<sup>157</sup> See *infra*, Section VII.B.ii.a.

<sup>158</sup> See Schweikert Financial Disclosures 2010-17 (Exhibit 10 at 18-2234\_0316-91).

<sup>159</sup> "Unearned income," as reported on Schedule III / A of an annual financial disclosure statement, is defined as "income received by you, your spouse, or dependent children as a return on investment." See House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2010 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements at 12; see also House Committee on Ethics, Calendar Year 2017 Instruction Guide for Financial Disclosure Statements and Periodic Transaction Reports at 16 (providing same guidance); House Ethics Manual at 254 (defining "unearned income" as "income derived from property held for investment for the production of income."). The IRS – in its instruction guide on how to report profit and loss from a business – defines gross income as "income from whatever source derived." See IRS 2009 Instruction Guide for Schedule C Reporting at C-4; IRS 2010 Instruction Guide for Schedule C Reporting at C-4; IRS 2011 Instruction Guide for Schedule C Reporting at C-4.

<sup>160</sup> See Schweikert Financial Disclosures 2010-17 (Exhibit 10 at 18-2234\_0318). These figures are from Rep. Schweikert's candidate report, which he filed on May 24, 2010, and which includes disclosure of assets and liabilities between January 1, 2009 and April 30, 2010.

<sup>161</sup> Compare Schweikert Financial Disclosures 2010-17 (Exhibit 10 at 18-2234\_0318) with 2009 Schweikert Tax Return, Form 1040, Schedule C (on file with OCE).

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earning zero income from Sheridan Holdings in 2009, but his tax returns disclose gross income of \$167,000.00.<sup>162</sup>

101. Additionally, in his 2010 financial disclosure statement, Rep. Schweikert reported earning between \$15,001.00 and \$50,000.00 in unearned income from Sheridan Equities; however, his 2010 tax return discloses gross income of only \$10,988.00.<sup>163</sup>
102. Further, in 2011, Rep. Schweikert reported earning between \$15,001.00 and \$50,000.00 in unearned income from Sheridan Equities and between \$100,001.00 and \$1,000,000.00 in unearned income from Sheridan Holdings; however, his 2011 tax return discloses no income for either entity.<sup>164</sup>
103. Because Rep. Schweikert refused to interview, the OCE could not address these discrepancies with him.

*c. Bank Account Omissions*

104. Rep. Schweikert's financial disclosure statements also omit required bank account information.
105. In his 2010 candidate disclosure statement, Rep. Schweikert identified three separate interest-bearing bank accounts. Specifically, he disclosed "checking / savings" accounts with Washington Mutual, Canyon State Credit Union, and Bank of America, all which earned between \$1.00 and \$1,000.00 of interest during the reporting period.<sup>165</sup>
106. Despite disclosing the existence of these three accounts in his 2010 candidate statement, Rep. Schweikert neglected to identify these accounts, or any other interest-bearing accounts, on his 2010 – 2016 annual financial disclosure forms.<sup>166</sup> If these or other interest-bearing accounts were maintained by Rep. Schweikert or his wife between 2010 and the present, and they had a combined balance exceeding \$5,000.00 on December 31st, or accrued more than \$200.00/year in interest, then Rep. Schweikert would have been required to disclose them on his annual financial disclosure statements.<sup>167</sup>
107. The OCE is aware of at least one other interest-bearing checking account that should have been disclosed by Rep. Schweikert in 2012. Specifically, Rep. Schweikert and his wife maintained an interest-bearing account with JPMorgan Chase Bank ("Chase Bank") between September 2006 and the present, and this account held over \$5,000.00 on December 31,

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<sup>162</sup> Compare Schweikert Financial Disclosures 2010-17 (Exhibit 10 at 18-2234\_0318) with 2009 Schweikert Tax Returns, Form 1040, Schedule C (on file with OCE).

<sup>163</sup> Compare Schweikert Financial Disclosures 2010-17 (Exhibit 10 at 18-2234\_0326; 335) with 2010 Schweikert Tax Return, Form 1040, Schedule C (on file with OCE).

<sup>164</sup> Compare Schweikert Financial Disclosures 2010-17 (Exhibit 10 at 18-2234\_0344) with 2011 Schweikert Tax Return, Form 1040, Schedule C (on file with OCE).

<sup>165</sup> Schweikert Financial Disclosures 2010-17 (Exhibit 10 at 18-2234\_0320-21).

<sup>166</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 10 at 18-2234\_0324-412).

<sup>167</sup> See *supra* Section VII.A.i.

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2012.<sup>168</sup> Rep. Schweikert failed to disclose this account on his 2012 annual financial disclosure statement as required.<sup>169</sup>

108. Additionally, the OCE also found evidence of a Bank of America account that appears to have been held in Joyce Schweikert's name between (at least) April 2012 and May 2018.<sup>170</sup> This account was not reported on any annual financial disclosure statement between 2010 and 2016.
109. Because the OCE did not review bank statements from Joyce Schweikert's Bank of America account, the OCE was unable to determine whether Rep. Schweikert failed to properly disclose the existence of this account during any other time periods. The OCE also could not determine whether, when adding the balance of this Bank of America account with the Chase Bank account on December 31st of a given reporting period, their balances would have exceeded \$5,000.00, and thus been reportable.
110. Without Rep. Schweikert's cooperation, the OCE was unable to determine whether he failed to properly disclose bank accounts during any other time periods or with respect to any other financial institutions.

*d. Credit Card Omissions*

111. Rep. Schweikert was required to report credit card debt if the balance on a card exceeded \$10,000.00 on December 31st of a given reporting year. He was also required to do this for his businesses if he was personally liable for the debt. Despite these obligations, it appears that Rep. Schweikert neglected to disclose this information on at least three occasions.<sup>171</sup>
112. On December 31, 2010, Rep. Schweikert maintained, but failed to disclose, a credit card with Chase Bank that had a balance exceeding \$10,000.00.<sup>172</sup> This card was in the name of Rep. Schweikert and his business (Sheridan Holdings), which suggests Rep. Schweikert would be liable for the debt and was therefore obligated to report it.

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<sup>168</sup> Schweikert Personal Chase Bank Account Excerpts (Exhibit 15 at 18-2234\_0649-51).

<sup>169</sup> Schweikert Financial Disclosures 2010-17 (Exhibit 10 at 18-2234\_0351-58). In order to secure his line of credit from MPB, Rep. Schweikert was required to provide personal financial statements to the bank which disclosed his assets and liabilities. Notably, he discloses having between \$60,000.00 and \$20,000.00 with Chase Bank between July 2010 and April 2014 respectively. MPB Revolving Line of Credit (Exhibit 13 at 18-2234\_0607-26). This is inconsistent with evidence obtained by the OCE and inconsistent with what he reported on his financial disclosures. Since Rep. Schweikert did not cooperate, the OCE was unable to address these discrepancies with him.

<sup>170</sup> Schweikert Personal Chase Bank Account Excerpts (Exhibit 13 at 18-2234\_0654; 668); *see also* MPB Revolving Line of Credit (Exhibit 13 at 18-2234\_0607-26). If, however, this is the same Bank of America account referenced in Rep. Schweikert's 2010 candidate report, then this account would have been maintained between 2009 and (at least) May 2018.

<sup>171</sup> The OCE only reviewed a limited number of credit card statements associated with Rep. Schweikert or his business. Accordingly, there may be debt associated with other credit card accounts that should have been disclosed. For instance, the Personal Financial Statements Rep. Schweikert submitted to MPB between 2010 and 2014 suggest that he had credit cards with Barclays and Canyon State Credit Union, in addition to Chase Bank. *See* MPB Revolving Line of Credit (Exhibit 13 at 18-2234\_0607-26).

<sup>172</sup> *See* Chase Credit Card Excerpts (Exhibit 16 at 18-2234\_0674-81); Schweikert Financial Disclosures 2010-17 (Exhibit 10 at 18-2234\_0328; 337).

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113. On December 31, 2014, Rep. Schweikert maintained a personal credit card with Chase Bank with a balance that exceeded \$10,000.00.<sup>173</sup> He did not report this liability on his 2014 financial disclosure statement.<sup>174</sup>
114. On December 31, 2014, Rep. Schweikert maintained, but failed to disclose, a second credit card with Chase Bank that had a balance exceeding \$10,000.00.<sup>175</sup> This card was in the name of Rep. Schweikert and his business (Sheridan Holdings), which suggests Rep. Schweikert would be liable for the debt and was therefore obligated to report it. He did not do so.

ii. FEC Omissions & Irregularities

115. In addition to the annual personal financial disclosure statement omissions and irregularities described above, the OCE found that Rep. Schweikert's campaign committees repeatedly failed to disclose information about receipts, disbursements, and loans made to the committees. The OCE identified disclosure omissions and irregularities associated with the following committees: Schweikert for Congress and David Schweikert for Congress. Findings with respect to each committee are discussed below.
116. At the outset, the OCE notes heightened concern about these reporting omissions and irregularities due to statements made by a former staff member regarding potential campaign impropriety. Former Deputy Chief of Staff told the OCE that Oliver Schwab, Rep. Schweikert's longtime Chief of Staff and campaign fundraiser, made statements to him about "go[ing] to the FEC and tell[ing] them where the bodies [are] buried."<sup>176</sup> When asked to elaborate on this statement, Deputy Chief of Staff told the OCE that Mr. Schwab would say things like "I'm going to go to the FEC and get [Rep. Schweikert] thrown in jail for campaign fraud. . . . I know where the bodies are buried."<sup>177</sup> Deputy Chief of Staff did not know what sort of specific violations Mr. Schwab was referring to when he made these types of statements.<sup>178</sup>

a. *Schweikert for Congress*

117. The OCE found evidence that Schweikert for Congress, Rep. Schweikert's principal campaign committee between January 2011 and October 2013, neglected to disclose a \$75,000.00 line of credit that Rep. Schweikert secured in support of his November 2010 congressional election campaign. The OCE also found reporting irregularities associated with \$100,000.00 and \$130,000.00 personal loans that Rep. Schweikert allegedly made in support of his 2011 reelection campaign.

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<sup>173</sup> See Chase Credit Card Excerpts (Exhibit 16 at 18-2234\_0682-89).

<sup>174</sup> Schweikert Financial Disclosures 2010-17 (Exhibit 10 at 18-2234\_0375).

<sup>175</sup> Chase Credit Card Excerpts (Exhibit 16 at 18-2234\_0700-07); Schweikert Financial Disclosures 2010-17 (Exhibit 10 at 18-2234\_0375).

<sup>176</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 2 (Exhibit 4 at 18-2234\_0146-47)

<sup>177</sup> *Id.*

<sup>178</sup> *Id.*

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Omission of Line of Credit from Metro Phoenix Bank

118. On July 30, 2010, Rep. Schweikert secured a \$75,000.00 revolving line of credit from MPB.<sup>179</sup> The credit was extended to Rep. Schweikert, his wife Joyce, and Sheridan Equities.<sup>180</sup> As collateral, MPB received a first priority deed of trust on three Sheridan Equities rental properties, including 6413 W. Lamar Road, 3031 N. 64th Drive, and 3338 E. Willetta Street.<sup>181</sup>
119. MPB loan documentation reveals that Rep. Schweikert advised MPB that the revolving line of credit would be “used for marketing [his] political campaign.”<sup>182</sup> The OCE also obtained evidence that Rep. Schweikert used the funds in August 2010 for that purpose.<sup>183</sup>
120. Between February 2011 and October 2014, Rep. Schweikert increased the line of credit to \$154,000.00, provided an additional rental property as collateral for the loan, and modified the terms of the loan on eight separate occasions.<sup>184</sup> He ultimately paid off the line of credit in February 2015.<sup>185</sup>
121. Because this line of credit was secured in connection with his campaign, Rep. Schweikert’s principal campaign committee was required to disclose certain information about the loan to the FEC.<sup>186</sup> On Schedule C-1 of an FEC report covering the time period in which the loan was obtained, Rep. Schweikert was required to disclose (a) the date, amount, and interest rate of the line of credit; (b) the name and address of the lending institution; and (c) the types and value of collateral or other sources of repayment that secure the line of credit.<sup>187</sup> Further, the line of credit must be itemized and continuously reported on FEC reports until extinguished, and a new C-1 must be filed each time the committee drew on the line of credit or restructured any of its terms.<sup>188</sup>

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<sup>179</sup> MPB Revolving Line of Credit (Exhibit 13 at 18-2234\_0431-443).

<sup>180</sup> *Id.*

<sup>181</sup> *Id.*

<sup>182</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 13 at 18-2234\_0430-31).

<sup>183</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 13 at 18-2234\_0501-517; 604-06). For example, funds from the line of credit paid for campaign services provided by Blue Point, LLC (“Blue Point”) and Anthem Media, Inc. (“Anthem”). *Id.* Blue Point is a political consulting company run by Chris Baker, Rep. Schweikert’s campaign consultant. MPB documents reveal that Blue Point was paid \$26,000.00 and \$11,577.00 for campaign services in August 2010. *Id.* FEC reports also indicate that Blue Point was paid \$26,000.00 and \$11,577.00 by David Schweikert for Congress on August 4, 2010 and August 2, 2010 respectively. *See* David Schweikert for Congress, FEC Report of Receipts and Disbursements, 12-Day Pre-Election Report, at 45, filed Aug. 12, 2010; David Schweikert for Congress, FEC Report of Receipts and Disbursements, 12-Day Pre-Election Report, at 43, filed Aug. 12, 2010. Anthem is political consulting company utilized by Rep. Schweikert’s campaigns. MPB documents reveal that Anthem was paid \$24,589.00 by David Schweikert for Congress in early August 2010 for television and radio advertisements. *See* MPB Revolving Line of Credit (Exhibit 13 at 18-2234\_0501-517; 604-06). FEC reports also indicate that Anthem was paid \$24,589.00 by David Schweikert for Congress on July 30, 2010. *See* David Schweikert for Congress, FEC Report of Receipts and Disbursements, 12-Day Pre-Election Report, at 41, filed Aug. 12, 2010.

<sup>184</sup> MPB Revolving Line of Credit (Exhibit 13 at 18-2234\_0518-603). The \$79,000.00 increase was not made for campaign purposes. *Id.* at (Exhibit 13 at 18-2234\_0518-19).

<sup>185</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 13 at 18-2234\_0604-06).

<sup>186</sup> *See supra* Section VII.A.ii.

<sup>187</sup> *See supra* Section VII.A.ii.

<sup>188</sup> *See supra* Section VII.A.ii.

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122. Rep. Schweikert's then-principal campaign committee, David Schweikert for Congress, did not comply with any of these requirements.<sup>189</sup> Despite specifically securing this loan from MPB for campaign purposes, and then using it to pay campaign expenses incurred by David Schweikert for Congress, Rep. Schweikert did not disclose this line of credit on any FEC report between July 2010 and February 2015.<sup>190</sup>

December 25, 2011 Personal Loan by Rep. Schweikert

123. The OCE also found irregularities regarding a \$100,000.00 personal loan from Rep. Schweikert, which was disclosed by Schweikert for Congress in a 2011 Year End FEC Report. Specifically, the OCE could not identify any campaign bank statements showing that the campaign actually received the \$100,000.00.
124. According to FEC records, Rep. Schweikert made a \$100,000.00 personal loan to Schweikert for Congress on December 25, 2011.<sup>191</sup>
125. The OCE reviewed Schweikert for Congress FEC filings to identify where the campaign committee had bank accounts. As of December 25, 2011, Schweikert for Congress had campaign bank accounts with MPB and Chase Bank.<sup>192</sup> The OCE reviewed both MPB and Chase Bank statements from this time period and found no evidence of a \$100,000.00 deposit in either the Chase Bank<sup>193</sup> or MPB statements.<sup>194, 195</sup>

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<sup>189</sup> There is not a single reference to MPB on Schedule C of any FEC report filed by David Schweikert for Congress (Rep. Schweikert's then-principal campaign committee) between July 2010 and February 2015 (the dates between which Rep. Schweikert secured, modified, and eventually paid off the line of credit obtained from MPB). While his only operational principal campaign committee on July 30, 2010 (the date the line of credit as extended by MPB) was David Schweikert for Congress, the OCE also reviewed FEC filings associated with Schweikert for Congress and Friends of David Schweikert since both of these committees operated as a principal campaign committee during the life of the line of credit at issue. The OCE found no disclosure of any line of credit from MPB on Schedule C of either of these other two campaign committees.

<sup>190</sup> See *supra*, note 189.

<sup>191</sup> Schweikert for Congress, FEC Report of Receipts and Disbursements, 2011 Year End Report, at 73, 94, filed Jan. 31, 2012.

<sup>192</sup> See Schweikert for Congress, FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization, Amendment, filed Nov. 9, 2011 (identifying Chase Bank and MPB accounts); See Schweikert for Congress, FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization, Amendment, filed Jan. 13, 2012 (identifying Chase Bank and MPB accounts). Both financial institutions certified to the OCE that they provided all documents associated with these campaign accounts.

<sup>193</sup> Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank Statements (Exhibit 17 at 18-2234\_0783-85).

<sup>194</sup> Schweikert for Congress MPB Statements (Exhibit 18 at 18-2234\_0911-43). MPB statements reveal that \$200,000.00 was transferred from the Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank account on October 24, 2011 into a MPB account in Rep. Schweikert name. *Id.* On November 7, 2011, that \$200,000.00, plus accrued interest, was withdrawn and closed. *Id.* That money was deposited into a new MPB account opened in the name of Schweikert for Congress. *Id.* Between November 2011 and August 2012, that money remained in the Schweikert for Congress MPB account and accrued interest. *Id.* On August 2, 2012, a \$100,000.00 check was written from the Schweikert for Congress MPB account to Joyce Schweikert. *Id.* On August 8, 2011, a check for the remaining balance in that account, \$101,134.47, was written to Schweikert for Congress. *Id.* After August 2012, the MPB account maintained a zero balance. *Id.* It appears that both the \$100,000.00 check made out to Joyce Schweikert and the \$101,134.47 made out to Schweikert for Congress were both deposited into the Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank account in August 2012. See Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank Statements (Exhibit 17 at 18-2234\_0845).

<sup>195</sup> Both banks certified to the OCE that they provided all documents associated with these campaign accounts.

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126. According to FEC records, Rep. Schweikert forgave the \$100,000.00 personal loan on September 30, 2013.<sup>196</sup>
127. Because Rep. Schweikert and his campaign committees did not cooperate with this review, the OCE was unable to address this discrepancy with him.

August 22, 2012 Personal Loan by Rep. Schweikert

128. The OCE also found irregularities regarding a \$130,000.00 personal loan from Rep. Schweikert, which was reported by Schweikert for Congress in an October 2012 Quarterly FEC Report. Specifically, the OCE found evidence suggesting that Rep. Schweikert's wife may have made a contribution to his campaign in excess of statutory limits, and the OCE also determined that almost \$100,000.00 of the \$130,000.00 personal loan may not have been repaid to Rep. Schweikert, despite representations to the contrary made in FEC reports.
129. According to FEC records, Rep. Schweikert made a \$130,000.00 personal loan to Schweikert for Congress on August 22, 2012.<sup>197</sup>
130. Chase Bank records confirm that \$130,000.00 was transferred to Schweikert for Congress in August 2012, although the entire \$130,000.00 was not all transferred on August 22, 2012.<sup>198</sup> Chase Bank records evidence the following transfers:
- August 16, 2012 deposit of \$5,000.00: This \$5,000.00 was transferred to the Schweikert for Congress account from a Sheridan Holdings Chase Bank account.<sup>199</sup>
  - August 17, 2012 deposit of \$8,000.00: This \$8,000.00 was transferred to the Schweikert for Congress account from a Sheridan Holdings Chase Bank account.<sup>200</sup>
  - August 21, 2012 deposit of \$17,000.00: This \$17,000.00 was transferred to the Schweikert for Congress account from an account titled "Joyce's B of A."<sup>201</sup>
  - August 22, 2012 deposit of \$100,000.00. This \$100,000.00 was transferred to the Schweikert for Congress account from a Sheridan Holdings Chase Bank account.<sup>202</sup>
131. The August 21, 2012 transfer of \$17,000.00 from "Joyce's B of A" account raises concerns about Rep. Schweikert's wife making an excessive contribution to his campaign.<sup>203</sup> Because

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<sup>196</sup> See Schweikert for Congress, FEC Report of Receipts and Disbursements, Termination Report, at 5-6, filed Oct. 11, 2013; Schweikert for Congress, Miscellaneous Report to FEC, filed Oct. 12, 2013.

<sup>197</sup> Schweikert for Congress, FEC Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements (Q3), at 49, 71, filed Oct. 15, 2012.

<sup>198</sup> Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank Statements (Exhibit 17 at 18-2234\_0846).

<sup>199</sup> *Id.*; Sheridan Holdings Chase Bank Statement Excerpts (Exhibit 19 at 18-2234\_0947).

<sup>200</sup> Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank Statements (Exhibit 17 at 18-2234\_0846); Sheridan Holdings Chase Bank Statement Excerpts (Exhibit 19 at 18-2234\_0947).

<sup>201</sup> Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank Statements (Exhibit 17 at 18-2234\_0846).

<sup>202</sup> *Id.*; Sheridan Holdings Chase Bank Statement Excerpts (Exhibit 19 at 18-2234\_0947).

<sup>203</sup> See *supra* Section VII.A.ii (noting that a spouse's contribution is limited under FEC regulations). The OCE notes that candidates may use assets jointly held with a spouse, see FEC Guide at 29, but since Rep. Schweikert refused to cooperate, the OCE could not determine whether funds from "Joyce's B of A" account could be considered joint assets.

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Rep. Schweikert refused to cooperate with this review, the OCE could not determine whether this \$17,000.00 was a permissible contribution.

132. The August 22, 2012 transfer may also be problematic. On August 21, 2012, the day before Sheridan Holdings transferred \$100,000.00 to Schweikert for Congress, Sheridan Holdings received a \$100,000.00 cashier's check from Robert Cooper.<sup>204</sup> The size and timing of this payment, coupled with the repayment issues discussed below, raises questions about whether this was an unreported contribution to Rep. Schweikert's campaign. Because Rep. Schweikert did not cooperate with this review, the OCE was unable to determine whether the \$100,000.00 transfer was part of a legitimate personal loan to the campaign.
133. Additionally, the eventual repayment of this \$130,000.00 may be problematic. Although the campaign committee reported to the FEC that the \$130,000.00 personal loan was fully repaid to Rep. Schweikert in installments between February and August of 2013, the OCE found that the campaign committee's bank account only disbursed \$30,062.00 of the \$130,000.00 loan back to Rep. Schweikert. In other words, Schweikert for Congress bank records do not correlate with FEC records; instead, these statements suggest that almost \$100,000.00 of the loan was never repaid.<sup>205</sup>

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<sup>204</sup> Sheridan Holdings Chase Bank Statement Excerpts (Exhibit 19 at 18-2234\_0947); Robert Cooper Cashier's Check (Exhibit 20 at 18-2234\_0969-70). Without Rep. Schweikert's cooperation, the OCE was unable to determine Robert Cooper's connection to Rep. Schweikert.

<sup>205</sup> According to FEC records, \$30,000.00 of the original \$130,000.00 loan was repaid to Rep. Schweikert on December 27, 2012. *See* Schweikert for Congress, FEC Report of Receipts and Disbursements, 2012 Year End Report at 13, 15, filed Jan. 31, 2013. While Chase Bank records do not reflect a \$30,000.00 transfer to Rep. Schweikert on December 27, 2012, the \$30,000.00 repayment appears to coincide with a November 27, 2012 \$15,000 transfer from Schweikert for Congress to Sheridan Holdings and a January 2, 2013 \$15,000 transfer from Schweikert for Congress to Sheridan Holdings. *See* Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank Statements (Exhibit 17 at 18-2234\_0867; 881); Sheridan Holdings Chase Bank Statement Excerpts (Exhibit 19 at 18-2234\_0950-51; 0954-55).

Schweikert for Congress FEC reports also evidence the following loan repayments to Rep. Schweikert, which total \$100,000.00:

- February 28, 2013: \$5,488.54 "Loan Repayment." *See* Schweikert for Congress, FEC Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements (Q1), at 6, filed Apr. 14, 2013.
- February 28, 2013: \$30,000.00 "Loan Repayment." *See* Schweikert for Congress, FEC Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements (Q1), at 6, filed Apr. 14, 2013.
- March 22, 2013: \$62.00 "Loan Repayment." *See* Schweikert for Congress, FEC Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements (Q1), at 6, filed Apr. 14, 2013.
- April 1, 2013: \$30,000.00 "Loan Repayment." *See* Schweikert for Congress, FEC Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements (Q2), at 6, filed July 15, 2013.
- August 20, 2013: \$34,449.46 "Loan Repayment." *See* Schweikert for Congress, FEC Report of Receipts and Disbursements, Termination Report, at 8, 10, filed Oct. 11, 2013.

Schweikert for Congress bank account records do not reflect these same series of repayment transactions. Instead, the following transactions to Rep. Schweikert are evidenced in the Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank statements:

- February 28, 2013: \$5,488.54 disbursement to Sheridan Holdings. *See* Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank Statements (Exhibit 17 at 18-2234\_0886); Sheridan Holdings Chase Bank Statement Excerpts (Exhibit 19 at 18-2234\_0959). While this disbursement exists in the Chase Bank records (as well as the FEC reports), it is offset by a deposit that occurred on that same day and for that same amount from Rep. Schweikert's personal checking account. *See* Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank Statements

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134. Schweikert for Congress filed a termination report on October 11, 2013, and the termination filing was accepted by the FEC on November 5, 2013.<sup>206</sup> At no point in time did Schweikert for Congress disclose the existence of any bank accounts aside from those it held with Chase Bank and MPB.<sup>207</sup>
135. Because Rep. Schweikert did not cooperate with this review, the OCE was unable to address these discrepancies with him.<sup>208</sup>

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(Exhibit 17 at 18-2234\_0885); Schweikert Personal Checking (Exhibit 15 at 18-2234\_0663). Thus the \$100,000.00 loan is still outstanding as of this date.

- March 13, 2013: \$4.00 disbursement to Rep. Schweikert's personal checking account. *See* Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank Statements (Exhibit 17 at 18-2234\_0890). While this disbursement exists in the Chase Bank records, it is offset by a deposit that occurred for that same amount from Rep. Schweikert's personal checking account. *See* Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank Statements (Exhibit 17 at 18-2234\_0889); Schweikert Personal Checking (Exhibit 15 at 18-2234\_0663). Thus the \$100,000.00 loan is still outstanding as of this date.
- March 26, 2013: \$62.00 disbursement to Sheridan Holdings. *See* Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank Statements (Exhibit 17 at 18-2234\_0890); Sheridan Holdings Chase Bank Statement Excerpts (Exhibit 19 at 18-2234\_0963). This disbursement zeros out the Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank account, and the account is no longer actively used between this date and its June 2013 closure. *See* Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank Statements (Exhibit 17 at 18-2234\_0889-906); *see also id.* (Exhibit 17 at 18-2234\_0907-09) (noting the account is closed on June 17, 2013).

In summary, Schweikert for Congress bank records do not correlate with FEC records; instead, Chase Bank statements suggest that \$99,938.00 was never repaid to Rep. Schweikert. This figure represents the \$100,000.00 that remained outstanding as of March 26, 2013, minus the \$62.00 payment to Sheridan Holdings that was used to zero out the Schweikert for Congress account in March of 2013. As discussed above, the MPB account remained inactive, with a zero balance, as of mid-August 2012. *See supra*, note 194.

<sup>206</sup> Schweikert for Congress, FEC Report of Receipts and Disbursements, 2013 Termination Report, filed Oct. 11, 2013; Schweikert for Congress, 2013 Termination Approval, filed Nov. 5, 2013.

<sup>207</sup> *See* Schweikert for Congress, FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization, filed Jan. 20, 2011 (identifying a Chase Bank account); Schweikert for Congress, FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization, filed Mar. 18, 2011 (identifying a Chase Bank account); Schweikert for Congress, FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization, filed May 11, 2011 (identifying a Chase Bank account); Schweikert for Congress, FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization, filed Oct. 11, 2011 (identifying Chase Bank and MPB accounts); Schweikert for Congress, FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization, filed Jan. 13, 2012 (identifying Chase Bank and MPB accounts); Schweikert for Congress, FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization, filed Jan. 30, 2012 (identifying Chase Bank and MPB accounts); Schweikert for Congress, FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization, filed June 12, 2012 (identifying Chase Bank and MPB accounts); Schweikert for Congress, FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization, filed Aug. 1, 2012 (identifying Chase Bank and MPB accounts); Schweikert for Congress, FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization, filed May 29, 2013 (identifying Chase Bank and MPB accounts). Both banks certified to the OCE that they provided all documents associated with these campaign accounts.

<sup>208</sup> In addition to the above omissions and irregularities, the OCE also identified two transfers between committees that were not reported to the FEC. Pursuant to FEC regulations, transfers between committees must be reported by both the disbursing and receiving committees. *See supra* Section VII.A.ii. On March 26, 2012, Schweikert for Congress transferred \$1,000.00 to David Schweikert for Congress. *See* Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank Statements (Exhibit 17 at 18-2234\_0807); David Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank Statements (Exhibit 21 at 18-2234\_1096). This transaction was not reported on the Schweikert for Congress or David Schweikert for Congress 2012 Quarterly (Q1) Reports of Receipts and Disbursements. *See* Schweikert for Congress, FEC Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements (Q1), at 4, filed April 15, 2012; David Schweikert for Congress, FEC Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements (Q1), at 3, filed April 15, 2012. On July 30, 2012, Schweikert for Congress transferred another \$1,000.00 to David Schweikert for Congress. *See* Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank Statements (Exhibit 17 at 18-2234\_0840); David Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank Statements (Exhibit 21 at 18-2234\_1106). This transaction was not reported on the Schweikert for Congress or David Schweikert for Congress

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*b. David Schweikert for Congress*

136. Like the Schweikert for Congress campaign committee, David Schweikert for Congress also failed to disclosure a variety of reportable transactions. While the OCE was unable to determine the extent of the campaign's reporting violations without cooperation from Rep. Schweikert and a complete set of financial records from the campaign committee, the OCE nevertheless identified unreported receipts and disbursements.
137. Between August 2007 and April 2013, David Schweikert for Congress maintained a campaign account with Chase Bank.<sup>209</sup> A review of Chase Bank statements reveals a variety of reporting omissions. As shown in Exhibit 22, David Schweikert for Congress failed to disclose twelve separate receipts between January 2010 and January 2013, totaling \$142,155.63.<sup>210</sup>
138. Likewise, the campaign committee also neglected to report disbursements. For example, between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011, FEC reports only identify ten total disbursements.<sup>211</sup> However, Chase Bank statements during this same timeframe reveal many more disbursements.<sup>212</sup>
139. Because Rep. Schweikert did not cooperate with this review, the OCE was unable to address these discrepancies with him.

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140. Based on the foregoing information, the Board finds that there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Schweikert omitted required information from his annual House financial disclosure statements and FEC candidate committee reports.

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2012 Quarterly (Q3) Reports of Receipts and Disbursements. *See* Schweikert for Congress, FEC Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements (Q3), at 4, filed Oct. 15, 2012; David Schweikert for Congress, FEC Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements (Q3), at 3, filed Oct. 15, 2012. Because Rep. Schweikert did not cooperate with this review, the OCE was unable to address these discrepancies with him.

<sup>209</sup> *See* David Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank Statements (Exhibit 21 at 18-2234\_0972-1134); *see also* David Schweikert for Congress, FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization, filed Nov. 5, 2007 at 4 (identifying Washington Mutual, whose assets were subsequently purchased by Chase Bank, as a depository bank).

<sup>210</sup> David Schweikert for Congress Omitted Transfers Chart (Exhibit 22 at 18-2234\_1136). The figures identified in this exhibit exclude the transfers from Schweikert for Congress to David Schweikert for Congress identified above in footnote 208.

<sup>211</sup> David Schweikert for Congress, FEC Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements (Q1), at 9-11, filed April 15, 2011 (identifying seven disbursements); David Schweikert for Congress, FEC Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements (Q2), at 6, filed July 15, 2011 (identifying three disbursements); David Schweikert for Congress, FEC Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements (Q3), at 4, filed Oct. 15, 2011 (identifying zero disbursements); David Schweikert for Congress, FEC Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements (Q3), at 4, filed Jan. 31, 2012 (identifying zero disbursements).

<sup>212</sup> David Schweikert for Congress Chase Bank Statements (Exhibit 21 at 18-2234\_1056-93). While some of these disbursements can be matched to FEC disbursement records from late December 2011, others cannot.

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**VIII. CONCLUSION**

141. Based on the foregoing information, the Board finds that there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Schweikert used official resources, including staff time, for political purposes and pressured congressional staff to perform political activity.
142. Accordingly, the Board recommends that the Committee further review the above allegation that Rep. Schweikert used official resources, including staff time, for political purposes and pressured congressional staff to perform political activity.
143. Based on the foregoing information, the Board finds that 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.
144. Accordingly, the Board recommends that the Committee further review the above allegation that Rep. Schweikert authorized compensation to an employee who did not perform duties commensurate with the compensation the employee received.
145. Based on the foregoing information, the Board finds that there is not substantial reason to believe that Rep. Schweikert improperly linked official activities to campaign or political support.
146. Accordingly, the Board recommends that the Committee dismiss the above allegation that Rep. Schweikert improperly linked official activities to campaign or political support.
147. Based on the foregoing information, the Board finds that there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Schweikert solicited or accepted a loan, gift, or other contribution from a congressional employee.
148. Accordingly, the Board recommends that the Committee further review the above allegation that Rep. Schweikert solicited or accepted a loan, gift, or other contribution from a congressional employee.
149. Based on the foregoing information, the Board finds that there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Schweikert omitted required information from his annual House financial disclosure statements and FEC candidate committee reports.
150. Accordingly, the Board recommends that the Committee further review the above allegation that Rep. Schweikert omitted required information from his annual House financial disclosure statements and FEC candidate committee reports.

**IX. INFORMATION THE OCE WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN AND RECOMMENDATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS**

151. As discussed below, twenty individuals or entities refused to cooperate with this review. The Board recommends the issuance of subpoenas to the following non-cooperative individuals and entities:

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Rep. Schweikert

152. The OCE requested information from Rep. Schweikert personally, in his official capacity, from his businesses, and from his affiliated campaign and political action committees. The OCE also requested the opportunity to interview Rep. Schweikert. Rep. Schweikert, through counsel, declined to provide full and complete responses to the OCE's RFI and declined to interview with the OCE.

Oliver Schwab

153. The OCE requested information from and the opportunity to interview Mr. Schwab. Mr. Schwab, through counsel, declined to produce any information in response to the OCE's RFI and refused to interview with the OCE. Mr. Schwab resigned from Rep. Schweikert's congressional office during the course of this review, and he is no longer employed with the United States House of Representatives as of the date of this report.

Current Congressional Staff Members<sup>213</sup>

154. Katherina Dimenstein is Rep. Schweikert's current Chief of Staff and former Legislative Director, Legislative Assistant, Legislative Correspondent and Staff Assistant. Ms. Dimenstein, through counsel, declined to interview with the OCE.
155. Kevin Knight is Rep. Schweikert's current Deputy Chief of Staff and former District Director. Mr. Knight declined to interview with the OCE.
156. Ernestina Borquez-Smith is Rep. Schweikert's Director of Constituent Services and Office Manager. Ms. Borquez-Smith, through counsel, declined to interview with the OCE.
157. Katherine Duvencek is Rep. Schweikert's current Legislative Assistant and former Researcher. Ms. Duvencek, through counsel, declined to interview with the OCE.
158. Camille Lepire is Rep. Schweikert's current Legislative Aide and former Legislative Correspondent. Ms. Lepire, through counsel, declined to interview with the OCE.
159. Ashley Sylvester is Rep. Schweikert's Officer Manager and Press Secretary. Ms. Sylvester, through counsel, declined to interview with the OCE.
160. Molly Gartland is Rep. Schweikert's current Coalitions Director and former Staff Assistant. On June 8, 2018, Ms. Gartland agreed, during a telephone call, to interview with the OCE on June 22, 2018. She confirmed her availability for this interview on June 14, 2018. Later, the OCE was informed that Ms. Gartland had retained counsel and was no longer willing to speak with the OCE.<sup>214</sup>

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<sup>213</sup> As discussed *supra*, note 15, Rep. Schweikert, through his campaign committee, appears to have hired counsel to represent current and former staff members in connection with the OCE's review.

<sup>214</sup> As discussed *supra*, note 15, Holland & Knight is representing Ms. Gartland. Her decision not to cooperate came after she was connected with Holland & Knight.

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Former Congressional Staff Members

161. Matt Tully was a Legislative Director and then Chief of Staff in Rep. Schweikert's congressional office between January 2011 and May 2013. Mr. Tully voluntarily interviewed with the OCE on June 27, 2018; however, OCE staff found Mr. Tully's testimony to lack credibility at times. For example, Mr. Tully frequently could not recall details from recent conversations he had with current and former Rep. Schweikert staff members regarding the OCE's investigation or press reports concerning Oliver Schwab's misuse of congressional resources.<sup>215</sup> When pressed by OCE investigators on what was discussed during these communications, Mr. Tully was less than forthcoming.<sup>216</sup> The OCE believes Mr. Tully's lack of candor stems, at least in part, from his relationship with Mr. Schwab. Mr. Tully initially described their relationship as a "friendly" and said they "haven't hung out socially in a number of years;" however, he later told the OCE that he and Mr. Schwab played squash together "every week [or] every other week" during the four months leading up to his interview with the OCE, and he also estimated that he had seen Oliver Schwab approximately five to ten times between November 2017 and June 2018.<sup>217</sup> Additionally, Mr. Tully's decision not to provide the OCE with requested documentary evidence calls into question his candor. During his interview with the OCE, Mr. Tully informed the OCE that he communicated with Oliver Schwab and Katherina Dimenstein regarding the OCE's investigation or news articles concerning Oliver Schwab misusing congressional funds.<sup>218</sup> At the conclusion of the interview, the OCE asked that Mr. Tully save and produce communications discussed during the interview. He agreed to do so, and at his counsel's request, the OCE sent Mr. Tully a formal RFI seeking all communications he had with Mr. Schwab and Ms. Dimenstein between October 1, 2017 and June 28, 2018. Despite previously indicating that he would produce these materials, Mr. Tully subsequently refused to provide documents in response to the OCE's RFI.
162. Kelly Roberson was an Intern, District Aide, Director of Operations, and Policy Advisor in Rep. Schweikert's office between September 2011 and December 2016. Ms. Roberson did not respond to OCE requests for an interview. The OCE was informed that on January 19, 2018, Mr. Schwab and Ms. Roberson had lunch together at Mr. Schwab's invitation.<sup>219</sup>
163. Thomas Leander was an Intern, Fellow, Staff Assistant, Legislative Correspondent, Legislative Aide, and Legislative Assistant in Rep. Schweikert's office between May 2014 and August 2017. Mr. Leander did not respond to OCE requests for an interview.
164. Michelle Stoika was an Intern, Staff Assistant, Legislative Correspondent, Legislative Aide, and Legislative Assistant in Rep. Schweikert's office between June 2013 and February 2015. Ms. Stoika initially agreed to interview with the OCE, but later decided not to cooperate with the review.

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<sup>215</sup> See e.g., Tully Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 18-2234\_0014-15).

<sup>216</sup> *Id.*

<sup>217</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 1 at 18-2234\_0008-9; 16; 21).

<sup>218</sup> *Id.* at (Exhibit 1 at 18-2234\_0013-20).

<sup>219</sup> Former Deputy Chief of Staff Transcript, Part 2 (Exhibit 4 at 18-2234\_0145-46).

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Current and Former Treasurers

165. Campaign Financial Services (“CFS”) is an FEC compliance firm handling FEC compliance matters for various Rep. Schweikert-affiliated campaign and political action committees. While Valerie Giramberk appears to be the current treasurer signing FEC reports (see below), CFS appears to play some role. Notably, CFS is listed as a point of contact on recent FEC Form 1 Statements of Organizations filed by Friends of David Schweikert,<sup>220</sup> David Schweikert for Congress,<sup>221</sup> Defending America’s Values Everywhere PAC,<sup>222</sup> and the Schweikert Victory Committee.<sup>223</sup> Rep. Schweikert also advised the OCE that CFS was hired to correct errors and irregularities associated with its prior FEC filings and FEC reporting practices. CFS declined to cooperate with this review and specifically refused to provide documents in response to an OCE RFI.
166. Valerie Giramberk is currently the treasurer for several Rep. Schweikert-affiliated campaign and political action committees, including Friends of David Schweikert,<sup>224</sup> David Schweikert for Congress,<sup>225</sup> the Schweikert Victory Committee<sup>226</sup> and the Defending America’s Values Everywhere PAC.<sup>227</sup> She was formerly a treasurer for Schweikert for Congress.<sup>228</sup> She also previously did accounting work for Rep. Schweikert’s real estate company, Sheridan Holdings.<sup>229</sup> Ms. Giramberk declined to cooperate with the OCE’s review.<sup>230</sup>

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<sup>220</sup> See e.g., Friends of David Schweikert, FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization, Amendment, filed Apr. 13, 2018 at 1, 3 (identifying CFS as the custodian of records and providing a CFS email address as the point of contact for the campaign committee).

<sup>221</sup> See e.g., David Schweikert for Congress, FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization, Amendment, filed Apr. 13, 2018 at 1, 3 (identifying CFS as the custodian of records and providing a CFS email address and P.O. Box as the relevant points of contact for the campaign committee).

<sup>222</sup> See e.g., Defending America’s Values Everywhere (Team Dave), FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization, Amendment, filed Apr. 13, 2018 at 1, 3 (identifying CFS as the custodian of records and providing a CFS email address and P.O. Box as the relevant points of contact for the campaign committee).

<sup>223</sup> See e.g., Schweikert Victory Committee, FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization, Amendment, filed Apr. 13, 2018 at 1, 3 (identifying CFS as the custodian of records and providing a CFS email address and P.O. Box as the relevant points of contact for the campaign committee).

<sup>224</sup> See e.g., Friends of David Schweikert, FEC Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements (Q2), at 1, filed July 13, 2018.

<sup>225</sup> See e.g., David Schweikert for Congress, FEC Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements (Q2), at 1, filed July 13, 2018.

<sup>226</sup> See e.g., Schweikert Victory Committee, FEC Report of Receipts and Disbursements (Q2), at 1, filed July 13, 2018.

<sup>227</sup> See e.g., Defending America’s Values Everywhere, FEC Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements (Q2), at 1, filed July 13, 2018.

<sup>228</sup> See e.g., Schweikert for Congress, FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization, Amendment, filed Jan. 13, 2012; Schweikert for Congress, FEC Report of Receipts and Disbursements (Q1), at 1, filed April 14, 2017.

<sup>229</sup> See V. Giramberk LinkedIn (Exhibit 23 at 18-2234\_1138).

<sup>230</sup> The OCE requested interviews from Ms. Giramberk and Ms. Garrett on June 5, 2018 and received nearly identical responses from them around the same time that evening. Both women responded to the OCE’s request via email by telling the OCE that they “decline[d] to participate” in the review and then asked that the OCE “not contact [them] again.”

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167. Karen Garrett is a former Schweikert for Congress treasurer.<sup>231</sup> She has also volunteered for other organizations working to reelect Rep. Schweikert. Ms. Garrett declined to cooperate with the OCE's review.<sup>232</sup>

Firetrace

168. Firetrace provided the OCE with documents in response to its RFI; however, Firetrace refused to sign and return a certification, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001, that it did not knowingly or willfully withhold materials requested by the OCE.
169. Mark Cavanaugh was a former senior executive and then CEO of Firetrace. Mr. Cavanaugh did not respond to OCE requests for an interview.<sup>233</sup>
170. Teddy Eynon was a lobbyist for Firetrace and friend of Mr. Cavanaugh's. The OCE sought documents from and an opportunity to interview Mr. Eynon. Mr. Eynon did not respond to the OCE's communications.

Ana Schwab

171. Ana Schwab, Mr. Schwab's wife, declined, through counsel, to interview with the OCE.

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<sup>231</sup> See e.g., Schweikert for Congress, FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization, filed Jan. 20, 2011; Schweikert for Congress, FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization, Amendment, filed Nov. 9, 2011.

<sup>232</sup> See *supra*, note 230.

<sup>233</sup> Former Firetrace Executive advised the OCE that Mr. Cavanaugh received copies of the OCE's requests and purposefully declined to respond to those communications. Former Firetrace Executive Transcript (Exhibit 8 at 18-2234\_274-76).

# **EXHIBIT 1**

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**Transcript of Interview of Matthew Tully  
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1 Jeffrey Brown: With that, we will begin. For the record, this is Jeff Brown from the Office  
2 of Congressional Ethics. With me is Chief Counsel Omar Ashmawy.  
3 Before us, we have Matt Tully. We are at the Offices of Venable with his  
4 counsel Jim Tyrrell, and it is June 27<sup>th</sup>. It is about 3:20 PM. Mr. Tully's  
5 been given a copy of the false statements warning and signed the  
6 acknowledgement, and with that, we'll get started. Do you prefer Matt,  
7 Mr. Tully?

8 Matt Tully: Matt's fine.

9 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. Where are you currently employed?

10 Matt Tully: I work for Essent US Holdings. It's a U.S. holding company of Essent  
11 Group. We do mortgage insurance and reinsurance.

12 Jeffrey Brown: Okay, and your specific role at Essent?

13 Matt Tully: My title's Vice President, Government and Industry Relations, so I'm a  
14 registered lobbyist for the company. That's the majority of what I do,  
15 although over the last few years, it has evolved a couple different ways.  
16 Less so now the last couple years, spent a lot of time with clients, business  
17 development side, talking to senior level clients, C-Suite types, speaking  
18 at MBA-stake conventions about what's going on with GSE reform, Dodd-  
19 Frank, things of that nature.

20 The gentleman who originally hired me retired a few years ago, and I now  
21 work in the corporate development investor relations department for our  
22 head of corporate development and investor relations. I have some more  
23 communications responsibility, both just general media inquiries, but also  
24 crisis communications. Then most recently, in the last three, four months,  
25 I've taken on some additional responsibility with respect to our earnings  
26 process. Actually participating in that, helping craft our earning script,  
27 Q&A, preparing our CEO for questions on our earnings call, actually  
28 sitting physically in the room during the earnings call, so that's been kind  
29 of a new thing my job has evolved to.

30 Jeffrey Brown: And you've been there since when?

31 Matt Tully: Since I left the Hill in May of 2013.

32 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. Did you handle mortgage-related matters while you were on the  
33 Hill?

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- 1 Matt Tully: Yeah, for every member that ... I worked for three members. I worked for  
2 David Dreier initially, then John Shaddegg, and then Congressman  
3 Schweikert. Always had that in my portfolio. I was hired as the  
4 congressman's Legislative Director, and I was the staff designee for House  
5 of Financial Services Committee.
- 6 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. At Essent, you said you do some lobbying, who are you lobbying?
- 7 Matt Tully: It's primarily House of Financial Services and Senate banking, those are  
8 kind of the two key ones. A little bit of Ways and Means and Senate  
9 Finance, but it's primarily House of Financial Services and Senate  
10 Banking.
- 11 Jeffrey Brown: And specifically, former members you used to work for?
- 12 Matt Tully: I have been into the Schweikert office before on a couple tax-related  
13 things and some GSE-related things, but in terms of other former  
14 members, I mean, Mr. Drier, Mr. Shaddegg, both gone by the time I left.
- 15 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. When was the last time you were in the Schweikert office?
- 16 Matt Tully: It would have been probably early April.
- 17 Jeffrey Brown: Okay, meeting with who?
- 18 Matt Tully: Katherine. I always butcher her last name. I hired her. I think I hired her.  
19 Duveneck
- 20 Jeffrey Brown: Duveneck? Okay.
- 21 Matt Tully: I may have stopped by one other time, I may pop in every once in a while,  
22 but for a formal meeting, it was probably early April. It was this quarter, I  
23 know, because for the LDA-
- 24 Jeffrey Brown: How frequently are you back in the Schweikert office?
- 25 Matt Tully: Not that often, maybe once or twice a quarter. Usually just to stop by. I  
26 typically don't lobby them very much.
- 27 Jeffrey Brown: Because you're on the Hill and you're connecting with-
- 28 Matt Tully: Yeah, just to say hey, yeah.

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- 1 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. You mentioned previous employment on the Hill, can you just walk  
2 me through who you're with, what years, and what responsibilities?
- 3 Matt Tully: All three members?
- 4 Jeffrey Brown: Yeah.
- 5 Matt Tully: I joined Mr. Drier's office in December of 2006, and I left there April,  
6 May of 2009 to go work for Congressman Shaddegg. Stopped on a Friday,  
7 started on a Monday with the Shaddegg office. Mr. Shaddegg retired in, I  
8 guess technically speaking, would have been January of '11, at the end of  
9 that Congress. And then I was with Mr. Schweikert from January of '11  
10 until May of '13.
- 11 Jeffrey Brown: And I take it at the end of 2010, you're looking for other employment-
- 12 Matt Tully: Yes.
- 13 Jeffrey Brown: Because your member's retiring?
- 14 Matt Tully: Yes.
- 15 Jeffrey Brown: Okay, so how did it come about that you get hired in Representative  
16 Schweikert's office?
- 17 Matt Tully: I met him at freshman orientation.
- 18 Jeffrey Brown: Okay.
- 19 Matt Tully: Yeah. Some advice I had been given and some networking I was  
20 doing...that, go volunteer at freshman orientation, you can meet a lot of  
21 people. Actually put my name on the list, it was fairly enterprising, I want  
22 to think, but I put my name on the list early on. I had a friend who's  
23 actually still on House Admin, "Hey, can you just add my name to the  
24 list?" So, I met him there.
- 25 Then he came by the Shaddegg office a couple times, and I met him and  
26 his wife and showed them around, met Oliver, and kind of told them what  
27 I was looking to do, wanting to be an LD, and that's how I ended up  
28 getting hired there.
- 29 Jeffrey Brown: Who interviews you? Representative Schweikert and Oliver?

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1 Matt Tully: Yeah. Interview, informal conversation, kind of laying out my experience,  
2 and what I was looking to do.

3 Jeffrey Brown: You didn't know either of them before ...

4 Matt Tully: No.

5 Jeffrey Brown: I guess in late 2010?

6 Matt Tully: No.

7 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. And you're hired into as Legislative Director role?

8 Matt Tully: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

9 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. And you're in that role for about how long?

10 Matt Tully: Through the time when Oliver left, so that would have been April-ish ...  
11 April, May of '12.

12 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. You're Legislative Director- who are you reporting to, who's  
13 reporting to you?

14 Matt Tully: Who I'm reporting to is Oliver and the congressman. We had a pretty flat  
15 structure in terms of reporting, just because I did a lot of the work in the  
16 Financial Services Committee, which is his only committee. And then the  
17 LAs and the LC reported up to me.

18 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. At some point this changes because Oliver departs.

19 Matt Tully: Correct.

20 Jeffrey Brown: Walk me through how that transition occurs.

21 Matt Tully: He basically said, "I'm leaving. I'm going to go run this Super PAC for the  
22 primary." I don't remember how he said ... We had a discussion with  
23 David, that piece of it maybe a little foggy in my mind. But he  
24 recommends that, "Matt become Chief of Staff," and that was it.

25 Jeffrey Brown: Okay, so Oliver says to the congressman, "I think Matt should take over  
26 Chief of Staff?"

27 Matt Tully: To the best of recollection. I don't really remember the formal  
28 conversation in vivid color.

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1 Jeffrey Brown: It looks to me like this is sort of a brief departure for Oliver, just a couple  
2 months. Was that what was expected on the front end? Did you expect  
3 Oliver to come back?

4 Matt Tully: I don't think we knew what to expect, just because we didn't know what  
5 was going to happen in the primary, so that was ... You kind of got to  
6 cross over that Rubicon and get to the other side. Obviously, if the  
7 congressman lost, then it's a moot point, and if he had won, then we would  
8 kind of assess it from there. I don't remember there being kind of a formal  
9 plan one way or the other.

10 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. When the congressman wins the primary, does Oliver come back to  
11 you, come back to the Representative? Are there discussions about him  
12 wanting to come back on?

13 Matt Tully: I don't remember exact discussions. I knew he ... I recall him expressing a  
14 desire to come back, and talking about the role he would come back in. I  
15 think it was Senior Adviser role that we ended up bringing him back on,  
16 but I don't remember the formal discussion of how that happened.

17 Jeffrey Brown: And what was the reporting structure like once he rejoined the team?

18 Matt Tully: To me and to David. It wasn't necessarily ... I wasn't overly formal about  
19 it. We had worked together, obviously, previously, so there wasn't a  
20 formal, "You have to run things through me."

21 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. I'm going back up just a little bit and just talk a little bit more  
22 generally about working relationships in the office. So what sort of boss is  
23 Representative Schweikert?

24 Matt Tully: He was very hardworking, was very interested in policy and understanding  
25 policy, wanted to be known as a wonk, as an expert. They came to quickly  
26 rely on him pretty heavily at the Financial Services Committee to help  
27 with markups and hearings. As had been recounted to me, pretty extensive  
28 experience in the Arizona State House, so he knew process well, and he  
29 was the Vice Chairman of, I guess what was then, the Capital Markets and  
30 GSE subcommittee. There's been some reorganization since. We thought  
31 of ourselves as policy orientated office, and really delved deep on things  
32 related to, really, that subcommittee, which was GSE Reform, Housing  
33 Finance Reform and Capital Markets.

34 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. Travel. Did you travel with the congressman with any degree of  
35 frequency when you were there?

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1 Matt Tully: We had a couple trips to New York, which was not uncommon to go up  
2 and meet with people who had interest before the campaign. Travel with  
3 him, do you mean directly or just-

4 Jeffrey Brown: Yeah, are you going back to the district with him?

5 Matt Tully: No. I went back to the district ... I don't think I went back to the district for  
6 the first time until March, April of 2012.

7 Jeffrey Brown: You mentioned New York. Those were campaign related?

8 Matt Tully: No, no, those were official visits.

9 Jeffrey Brown: So, Oliver. We've said the name before. By Oliver were referring to  
10 Oliver Schwab. Let me back up. Who is Oliver Schwab? Who is he to  
11 you?

12 Matt Tully: I mean, we're friendly. We see each other once in a while, play squash  
13 every once in a while. We got along well, we were colleagues in the  
14 office, and we had a good working relationship.

15 Jeffrey Brown: What sort of Chief of Staff is he? Is he hands on, hands off?

16 Matt Tully: He was pretty hands off. He was very differential around policy, because it  
17 wasn't really his background. I think the reason I was hired was my  
18 experience, obviously, having been on the Hill for a few years previously.

19 Jeffrey Brown: Right, because he was working on the campaign before he came to work  
20 for Representative Schweikert.

21 Matt Tully: That's correct.

22 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. Can you describe their relationship for me?

23 Matt Tully: Oliver's and the congressman?

24 Jeffrey Brown: Oliver and Representative Schweikert.

25 Matt Tully: They seemed to be pretty close from what I understand. They had spent,  
26 obviously, a lot of time together during the race, and, I guess that was  
27 2010. So, they seemed to be pretty close. The congressman seemed to  
28 have a lot of trust in Oliver.

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- 1 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. You said Oliver's not ... policy isn't his background. Oliver's doing  
2 both political and official-side work for the congressman, right?
- 3 Matt Tully: Yes.
- 4 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. Do you know how they initially connected, the congressman and  
5 Oliver?
- 6 Matt Tully: My understanding, my recollection is ... Oliver had worked previously for  
7 the Club for Growth, and I think someone had recommended him, as a job,  
8 to be campaign manager.
- 9 Jeffrey Brown: Okay, and he's campaign manager on Representative Schweikert's first,  
10 well not first round but first successful round.
- 11 Matt Tully: I think, yeah, it was the 2010 campaign.
- 12 Jeffrey Brown: You described your relationship as friendly with Oliver. Can you tell me a  
13 little bit more-
- 14 Matt Tully: We get together every once in a while. We haven't hung out socially in a  
15 couple of years, it's more of a function of kids, and life and being busy ...
- 16 Jeffrey Brown: Okay.
- 17 Matt Tully: But like I said, we play squash every once in a while. Haven't played since  
18 this issue came up, but we see each other and chat every once in a while,  
19 see him if I stop by the office or something like that. I'd say, friendly but  
20 not necessarily close, close friends.
- 21 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. And you didn't know him before you ended up in Representative  
22 Schweikert's office?
- 23 Matt Tully: No.
- 24 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. Who's Beau Brunson?
- 25 Matt Tully: Beau was a legislative assistant we hired when we were getting the team  
26 ready in the end of 2010. When I became Chief of Staff, I elevated Beau  
27 to Legislative Director.
- 28 Jeffrey Brown: Did he do any work on the campaign side of things?
- 29 Matt Tully: No.

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1 Jeffrey Brown: Okay.

2 Matt Tully: That's my recollection.

3 Jeffrey Brown: How about Ryan White? Who's Ryan White?

4 Matt Tully: Ryan was an LC at some point. I think ... He started as Staff Assistant, but  
5 bear in mind, I'm going back a long way. I think he started as a Staff  
6 Assistant, was promoted to LC somewhere along the way, but I couldn't  
7 remember the date. I know he was an LA. He may have become LA when  
8 Beau was moved up to LD. We tried to bring people that were with us,  
9 and promote from within. LC, LA kind of in that leg shop world.

10 Jeffrey Brown: How closely did you work with Beau and Ryan?

11 Matt Tully: Beau pretty closely. Beau was obviously a direct report, so talked to him a  
12 lot. Just in terms of obviously early on, guidance in terms of expectations  
13 of how the leg shop was supposed to run. Over time, we would try to be  
14 hands off so that LA's would have their portfolios, and they had their  
15 responsibilities. So, as long as they were doing what they needed to do, let  
16 them have the opportunity to, obviously, interact with the member, but  
17 give guidance as necessary.

18 Ryan, I didn't work as closely with. He was ... I'm pretty sure he would  
19 have been LC, so it was mostly the mail, kind of QC-ing the mail, making  
20 sure we were responding in a timely fashion, editing letters, things of that  
21 nature.

22 Jeffrey Brown: You, at some point, leave Representative Schweikert's office. Can you  
23 walk me through the decision to depart?

24 Matt Tully: Sure, I guess kind of important context outside of just the office was I had  
25 gone to business school at night. So I had a desire to put that degree to use.

26 Jeffrey Brown: You had gone to business school at night while working for-

27 Matt Tully: For Congressman Shaddag and Congressman Schweikert. So I had a  
28 desire to put that degree to some use, and I had different people approach  
29 me over the years, and ... over years I was with the congressman as well.  
30 The gentleman that hired me at Essent had reached out sometime in the  
31 spring of '11, I'm sorry '12, to talk about the opportunity and kind of had  
32 stayed in touch with him through the fall, went up to the office in  
33 Pennsylvania, and interviewed with the CEO and a number of other  
34 people. Went up again the following February, and ultimately got a job

1 offer. There were we a couple of different things that had been percolating  
2 out there that I had been looking at, but at that point, if felt like I had a  
3 good run, had enjoyed my time in the House, but wanted something that  
4 was a little more stable.

5 Having looked back at the '08 cycle, Mr Dreier was okay, but we were  
6 nervous. No one really knew what was going to happen there. In '10, six  
7 months after I got to Congressman Shaddag's office, he announced he was  
8 retiring, so that kid of threw everything into a tizzy, and there was some  
9 stress there and obviously the primary in '12 was fairly stressful. So, it felt  
10 like, "Okay, I've had a good run. I got some things signed into law which  
11 was pretty cool. I have this degree and would like to go do something with  
12 it in the corporate world." This just felt like the right opportunity for me.

13 Jeffrey Brown: Did the departure have anything to do with the fact that Oliver was Chief  
14 of Staff, and then he came back in that Senior Advisor role?

15 Matt Tully: No, no. Like I said, it was time for me. I felt like I had had my fun and my  
16 run. I didn't necessarily feel like I was being challenged as much. The job  
17 that I have now, this function didn't exist previously at the company. It's  
18 still a relatively young company, so it's the opportunity to go and build  
19 something, and also grow into other things in the corporate structure like I  
20 described earlier, and that was what I desired to do.

21 Jeffrey Brown: From Congressman Schweikert's office, just curious who you keep up  
22 with. You mentioned Oliver, how about Beau?

23 Matt Tully: I saw Beau, may have been a year ago. I actually saw him ... I was driving  
24 in one morning. I saw him on the street, and I emailed him was like, "Hey,  
25 what's going on? We should catch up." Again, I can't give you exact dates,  
26 it was a while ago. We had lunch. Kat Dimenstein, I've kept up with. I  
27 hired Kat. I think very highly of her. I think she is very smart. I actually  
28 encouraged her to come back from the Senate to take the LD job. I meet  
29 with her every once in a while.

30 Cami, I will butcher her last name, Lepire, reached out at one point just for  
31 career advice... was looking for a new job. And given my tenure on the  
32 Hill, and when Mr. Shaddag announced he was retiring, went out on a lot  
33 of informational interviews, learned a lot from that process, and I always  
34 tried to mentor younger staff. So, she came to me for some advice about a  
35 specific job she was looking at, but in general just about how she should  
36 think about her career development and things like that.

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1                    Again, every once in a while. Katherine, probably informally, yeah a  
2                    couple of times here and there, a few formal office visits, either with our  
3                    trade group or individually, and a couple of coffees outside the office  
4                    every once in a while. Just again, career development, how are things  
5                    going. That kind of thing.

6    Jeffrey Brown:        Ryan?

7    Matt Tully:            Didn't really keep in touch with him. Wasn't really that close to him.

8    Jeffrey Brown:        How about Dan Caldwell?

9    Matt Tully:            Dan, I actually saw him at a Starbucks. He was in his car. I didn't realize  
10                   he had moved here. After the campaign ended, and I went home, I maybe  
11                   went back to Phoenix one or two more times, and left after that. Then I  
12                   found out after because I sent Oliver, I texted him, and said, "Is Dan out  
13                   here now?" and he said, "Yeah, he is." But didn't really keep in close touch  
14                   with him.

15   Jeffrey Brown:        So, it sounds like Oliver, Beau, Kat, Cami are the individuals that you  
16                   keep up with some more frequency?

17   Matt Tully:            Yeah, and Katherine.

18   Jeffrey Brown:        Katherine, excuse me.

19   Matt Tully:            Kat and Katherine.

20   Jeffrey Brown:        Okay, right.

21   Matt Tully:            It was Katherina Dimenstein and Katherine Duvneck.

22   Jeffrey Brown:        Right, right, right. I don't want ask you the last time you talked to every  
23                   one of those people, because I'm sure it would be difficult to remember,  
24                   but have you talked to any of those folks since November of 2017?

25   Matt Tully:            Yeah, yeah.

26   Jeffrey Brown:        Okay. Have you talked to any of those individuals about the OCE's  
27                   investigation?

28   Matt Tully:            I got together with Kat. Just reached out and said, "Hey, how are you  
29                   doing? Is everything okay? Do you need anything?" That kind of thing,

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1                    didn't really get into specifics about, as I can recall, about the  
2                    investigation, just, "You doing okay?" That kind of thing.

3    Jeffrey Brown:        Well, let me back up then for a second. How did you first become aware  
4                    that the OCE was investigating either Representative Schweikert or Oliver  
5                    Schwab?

6    Matt Tully:            In the press. Someone forwarded it to me.

7    Jeffrey Brown:        When you say, "Someone forwarded it to me," what are you referring to?

8    Matt Tully:            A friend of mine said, "Hey, what's going on in the Schweikert office?" It  
9                    was a Roll Call article or something, that's how I first learned about it.

10   Jeffrey Brown:        And what was that article?

11   Matt Tully:            The article ... I think it was the article about Oliver and the  
12                    reimbursements, and the travel, and some of those things.

13   Jeffrey Brown:        Is it this article that I'm going to hand you a copy of? There's one for you.  
14                    Jim-

15   Matt Tully:            Yeah, I think this is the one.

16   Jeffrey Brown:        Okay.

17   Matt Tully:            I said Roll Call, the Examiner.

18   Jeffrey Brown:        This is roughly then November 2017?

19   Matt Tully:            Yeah, probably-

20   Jeffrey Brown:        Just going off the date of this article.

21   Matt Tully:            Yeah, yeah.

22   Jeffrey Brown:        Okay. Do you remember who forwarded that along to you?

23   Matt Tully:            I think it was either Greg Mesack or Travis Johnson, two lobbyists at the  
24                    Eris Group that my trade association uses as an outside lobbying  
25                    consultant. Again, I could be wrong about that.

26   Jeffrey Brown:        I guess ... aside from your attorney, because we don't want to get into  
27                    anything attorney-client privileged, who are the individuals who have

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- 1                   some affiliation with your office, with Representative Schweikert's office  
2                   that you have had discussions with about OCE investigations?
- 3   Matt Tully:           I mean, I talked to-
- 4   Jeffrey Brown:        You said Kat.
- 5   Matt Tully:           Yeah, I mean I wasn't ... My recollection of the discussion wasn't about the  
6                   OCE investigation so much as it was just like, "Hey, how are you doing?"  
7                   I had encouraged her to go and be an LD, because I thought she was LD  
8                   material. I just wanted to check in and see is everything okay, "How are  
9                   you, personally?"
- 10   Jeffrey Brown:       And that's shortly after you saw the-
- 11   Matt Tully:           I think so, but I can't remember specifically. We would get together every  
12                   once in a while for coffee. I saw Oliver after this came out, we had lunch,  
13                   and speculation, "Where did this come from? Who was the source of the  
14                   complaint?" That sort of thing.
- 15   Jeffrey Brown:       So, let me stop you there. Tell me more about that conversation.
- 16   Matt Tully:           It was basically, I had speculations about who was the source of the  
17                   complaint. Was it a former staffer? He speculated, I believe if my  
18                   recollection is, it was Beau. I thought maybe the Communications or the  
19                   former Communications Director, but I didn't know.
- 20   Jeffrey Brown:       Who's that?
- 21   Matt Tully:           Rachel Semmel.
- 22   Jeffrey Brown:       Okay. So there's speculation about who's having conversations with Philip  
23                   Wegmann, who's the author of this article.
- 24   Matt Tully:           Yeah, either this article or OCE, I didn't really know where ... I assumed  
25                   this was the first thing, but I had no way of knowing.
- 26   Jeffrey Brown:       When you and Oliver discussed this article, some of the allegations in the  
27                   article, what were his comments to you?
- 28   Matt Tully:           I don't remember specifics. I think he speculated that it had been Beau,  
29                   and I really don't remember specifics beyond that.
- 30   Jeffrey Brown:       Did he defend himself with respect to anything that was said in here?

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1 Matt Tully: I don't remember.

2 Jeffrey Brown: So, there's discussion about a trip out to Arizona and using MRA funds,  
3 did you talk about that?

4 Matt Tully: No.

5 Jeffrey Brown: Okay.

6 Matt Tully: No.

7 Jeffrey Brown: No discussions about use of the MRA during Super Bowl weekend?

8 Matt Tully: No, there may have been ... Trying to think again, goes back a couple of  
9 months now. I think the receipts or that the office supplies, things like that.  
10 I remember a subsequent conversation I had with him, just said, "Hey,  
11 how's everything going?" He said, "Well, I submitted all of my receipts."  
12 This was probably two or three months ago.

13 Jeffrey Brown: Well, let's talk about that. Let's get the time frame down here. When's the  
14 first time you talked to Oliver about any of this?

15 Matt Tully: Probably November, December of last year.

16 Jeffrey Brown: It's sometimes shortly after this article comes out?

17 Matt Tully: Correct.

18 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. You have lunch?

19 Matt Tully: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

20 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. You don't discuss any of the specifics of this article?

21 Matt Tully: Not to my recollection, no.

22 Jeffrey Brown: Okay, and he doesn't attempt to defend himself?

23 Matt Tully: I don't remember.

24 Jeffrey Brown: What do you remember about that conversation?

25 Matt Tully: We hadn't seen each other in a while, so it was catching up, "Hey, how's  
26 life?" Very informal lunch.

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1 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. I suspect he had some feelings generally about how life was going  
2 in light of-

3 Matt Tully: Yeah, it was like whatever it is what it is kind of reaction. He didn't seem  
4 overly concerned about it.

5 Jeffrey Brown: Did you guys discuss cooperating with the OCE?

6 Matt Tully: No.

7 Jeffrey Brown: Did you-

8 Matt Tully: Not to my recollection. I don't remember anything about OCE in that  
9 discussion.

10 Jeffrey Brown: Did he talk about hiring counsel or Representative Schweikert hiring  
11 counsel?

12 Matt Tully: I don't remember specifically, no.

13 Jeffrey Brown: So this is the first conversation, that's November, December time period.  
14 You discussed the matter again at some point?

15 Matt Tully: We would play squash every once in a while, we started playing again  
16 three or four months ago, every week, every other week. Just, "Hey, how's  
17 it going? How you doing?" That kind of thing. He mentioned, "I submitted  
18 my receipts or paperwork.", whatever it was related to some of the  
19 allegations around the spending.

20 Jeffrey Brown: Okay.

21 Matt Tully: At least, that was my interpretation of it.

22 Jeffrey Brown: Who did he submit those to?

23 Matt Tully: He didn't say, my assumption was OCE, but I don't know. We didn't get  
24 into detail, and I didn't really want to be in detail. It was more of a "Hey,  
25 how are you doing?" kind of a thing.

26 Jeffrey Brown: Does he know that you're here today?

27 Matt Tully: He does, he reached out to play squash, and he shot me a text. I texted him  
28 back and said, "Based on the advice of counsel, it's best that we not be in  
29 touch right now. I've been contacted by the OCE." I left it at that.

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1 Jeffrey Brown: Did he have a reaction to that?

2 Matt Tully: He sent me the information for Chris DeLacy at Holland. I think the first  
3 text was, "Oh no, that's too bad," that kind of a thing. Then he sent me a  
4 subsequent text that said, "You know current and former staff can use  
5 Chris DeLacy at Holland."

6 Jeffrey Brown: What did he mean, current and former staff can use them?

7 Matt Tully: They had contracted with Holland and Knight to ... if you wanted counsel  
8 for these discussions, that you could reach out to them. By that point, I  
9 already knew that. Holland and Knight represents my company for LDA  
10 PAC work. Chris DeLacy actually handles our account. The account was  
11 being handed off right around the time you called actually, because Doug  
12 Dziak previously did that work, went back to Capitol Hill, so I already  
13 knew that.

14 Jeffrey Brown: Oh, okay.

15 Omar Ashmawy: Just to clarify, you already knew what? That Schweikert's office had  
16 contracted with Holland and Knight?

17 Matt Tully: That's correct.

18 Omar Ashmawy: About this this issue.

19 Matt Tully: Yes.

20 Omar Ashmawy: How did that come to your attention?

21 Matt Tully: Chris DeLacy told us, it was the same day that you called me. We were  
22 actually going to meet with Holland and Knight.

23 Jeffrey Brown: And you said, "they are representing" ... Holland and Knight is  
24 representing current staff. Who does Holland and Knight have their  
25 relationship with, the congressman or Oliver?

26 Matt Tully: I don't think it is with either is my understanding. I think it was set up for  
27 staffers.

28 Jeffrey Brown: That's sort of what I'm trying to get at. Set up for staffers by who?

29 Matt Tully: Again, my assumption is by the congressman or the campaign, but I don't  
30 know.

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1 Jeffrey Brown: Okay.

2 Jim Tyrrell: I think there was a ... I think you mean that you don't know specifically,  
3 and I've been trying to discuss with them. It's really about payment of  
4 legal fees. Who's going to cover legal fees.

5 Jeffrey Brown: You, and again, I'm not trying to get into attorney-client issues here, but  
6 you opted not to work with Holland and Knight.

7 Matt Tully: That's correct.

8 Jeffrey Brown: Why? Why is that?

9 Matt Tully: Because, they represent my company. If at some point, this became a  
10 reputational issue or some other issues, the discussion was ... What you  
11 don't want to do is get into a legal representation relationship, find out  
12 there's a conflict down the line, and then have to find new counsel. It'd be  
13 better to have your own attorney from the get-go, and we just felt that the  
14 smarter approach was establish relationship with someone outside Holland  
15 and Knight given Holland and Knight's relationship with my company.

16 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. Let me back up a little. Oliver contacts you, and interrupt me at any  
17 time if I get this wrong but, Oliver contacts you to play squash, or to try to  
18 set up squash. You say to him, "I don't think we should be in contact on  
19 advice of counsel." He then responds, and informs you about Holland and  
20 Knight...is representing current and former staffers, is that-

21 Matt Tully: Correct.

22 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. These are written communications of some kind?

23 Matt Tully: Text message.

24 Jeffrey Brown: Text messages, okay. Do you still have those?

25 Matt Tully: I do.

26 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. Do you have any further conversations with Oliver after he advised  
27 you Holland and Knight is representing-

28 Matt Tully: No, I think he texted me one other time after that and said that the OCE  
29 deadline either had expired or was expiring soon. I hope we can play  
30 squash again. I didn't respond to it.

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- 1 Jeffrey Brown: Okay, did he ever say anything about cooperating or not cooperating with  
2 the OCE?
- 3 Matt Tully: Not to my recollection, no.
- 4 Jeffrey Brown: So, he never... you never had any sort of conversation or discussion about  
5 the voluntary nature of the OCE's interview process.
- 6 Matt Tully: Not to my recollection, no.
- 7 Jeffrey Brown: When you ... Let me jump back to the first time you met with Oliver after  
8 this article comes out. You said that's maybe like November, December  
9 2017?
- 10 Matt Tully: Mm-hmm (affirmative).
- 11 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. Did Oliver mention anything about an OCE investigation?
- 12 Matt Tully: I don't recall.
- 13 Jeffrey Brown: At some point between these text messages that occurred fairly recently,  
14 and that November, December meeting, did Oliver mention an OCE  
15 investigation?
- 16 Matt Tully: Say that again, I'm sorry.
- 17 Jeffrey Brown: So, I'm trying to get the timeframe down here. We've got November,  
18 December lunch meeting with Oliver. That happens after allegations  
19 started swirling about improper use of MRA. Then there's a series of text  
20 messages that are exchanged more recently. Do you have a rough time  
21 frame on when those were exchanged?
- 22 Matt Tully: The ones that I just described? That was within the last month.
- 23 Jeffrey Brown: Okay, in between those two time frames, did Oliver ever mention anything  
24 about an OCE investigation?
- 25 Matt Tully: Not to my recollection, no. He may have, but I don't recall. I think one of  
26 the articles talked about an OCE investigation.
- 27 Jeffrey Brown: So, we talked about Oliver. We talked about Kat briefly. You said you  
28 reached out to Kat to see how she was doing. What sort of conversations  
29 did you have with Kat?

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- 1 Matt Tully: I had been in touch with her a lot over the years, just giving her advice,  
2 managing her own career, how I found success legislatively, and kind of  
3 managing the congressman and how he likes to get information, that kind  
4 of thing. She's getting married, so I know she's stressed about that too. So  
5 yeah, just kind of informal checking in. "Hey, how are you?"
- 6 Jeffrey Brown: Did she have a reaction to this article?
- 7 Matt Tully: I think she felt stressed, would be my recollection of it. I don't recall  
8 discussing this specifically.
- 9 Jeffrey Brown: Did she mention whether or not she believed or didn't believe any of the  
10 allegations in the article?
- 11 Matt Tully: I don't recall.
- 12 Jeffrey Brown: What kind of relationship does Kat have with Oliver?
- 13 Matt Tully: I ... Seems fine. I didn't see them interact all that much. So, hard for me to  
14 really know beyond just speculating.
- 15 Jeffrey Brown: Aside from Oliver and Kat, who else, aside from counsel, have you had  
16 discussions with about either the Examiner article or the allegations in it,  
17 or OCE's investigation?
- 18 Matt Tully: There's been people, friends that I know, people, "Hey, what's going on  
19 with your old boss?" When this was, there was this, and I think there may  
20 have been another article or two about that.
- 21 Jeffrey Brown: Let me limit it to current or former members of Representative  
22 Schweikert's office, congressional office.
- 23 Matt Tully: That I had talked to about the article?
- 24 Jeffrey Brown: That have either approached you, or you have approached them to discuss  
25 either the article or the OCE investigation.
- 26 Matt Tully: I can't think of anyone.
- 27 Jeffrey Brown: Have you talked to Beau?
- 28 Matt Tully: No.
- 29 Jeffrey Brown: Ryan?

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1 Matt Tully: No.

2 Jeffrey Brown: Dan?

3 Matt Tully: No.

4 Jeffrey Brown: Katherine?

5 Matt Tully: I've seen Katherine. I don't recall discussing the article with her. It was a  
6 formal office visit.

7 Jeffrey Brown: Let's just make sure we're covering both bases. We've talked about the  
8 article, but the OCE investigation, who have you talked to about the fact  
9 that I, or the OCE, has reached out to you besides counsel?

10 Matt Tully: My parents, my wife, my in-laws, and a good friend of mine.

11 Jeffrey Brown: Who's the good friend?

12 Matt Tully: He's a friend of mine from college that lives in New York.

13 Jeffrey Brown: Unaffiliated with the Schweikert campaign?

14 Matt Tully: Yes.

15 Jeffrey Brown: Or office? Okay. Have you talked to ...

16 How many times did you say you met with Oliver between November and  
17 today?

18 Matt Tully: Between that lunch, and squash and maybe stopping by the House office,  
19 five on the low side, 10 on the high side.

20 Jeffrey Brown: Okay.

21 Matt Tully: Somewhere in there.

22 Jeffrey Brown: How would you, if you had to describe your and Oliver's relationship  
23 today, how would you describe it?

24 Matt Tully: I think I said earlier, we're friendly, we're not close friends. We see each  
25 other every once in a while for squash, but we don't talk that much beyond  
26 seeing each other when we play.

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- 1 Jeffrey Brown: I'm going to switch gears a little bit. Were you ever employed by any  
2 campaign or PAC affiliated with Representative Schweikert?
- 3 Matt Tully: No.
- 4 Jeffrey Brown: Did you ever volunteer?
- 5 Matt Tully: For the campaign?
- 6 Jeffrey Brown: Yeah.
- 7 Matt Tully: Yeah, in my capacity as Chief of Staff, typical of what you see with most  
8 Chiefs, obviously, you liaise between the campaign, mostly for  
9 administrative things. Obviously, there's a lot of fundraising that comes  
10 along with that type of position, so help with fundraising activities, both  
11 here and Washington, and in Arizona during the campaign.
- 12 Jeffrey Brown: Why'd you say, in relation to your Chief of Staff responsibilities?
- 13 Matt Tully: Well, typical role for Chief of Staff on the Hill is to have some type of  
14 liaison relationship with the campaign-
- 15 Jeffrey Brown: Who are you liaising with on the campaign?
- 16 Matt Tully: Well, Dan Caldwell was the Campaign Manager. We had a Washington-  
17 based fundraiser, Erica Crocker, and a Arizona-based fundraiser, Lauren  
18 Pemberton.
- 19 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. I'm just looking at your LinkedIn. It says "managed Washington  
20 and Arizona fundraising efforts through solicitations of political action  
21 committees and individual donors." Is that an accurate representation of  
22 what you were doing for the campaign?
- 23 Matt Tully: Mm-hmm (affirmative).
- 24 Jeffrey Brown: Okay.
- 25 Matt Tully: Obviously in my free time.
- 26 Jeffrey Brown: And, you're a volunteer?
- 27 Matt Tully: Correct.
- 28 Jeffrey Brown: You were never compensated for this work?

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1 Matt Tully: No.

2 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. These fundraising efforts occurred during what time frame?

3 Matt Tully: I would say through the better part of 2012. Through the campaign and  
4 after, through when I left.

5 Jeffrey Brown: Okay, so-

6 Matt Tully: I would say beginning of 2012 until when I left would probably be an  
7 accurate time frame.

8 Jeffrey Brown: Beginning of 2012, and that ... I think I'm correct in saying, you're still  
9 deputy Chief of Staff-

10 Matt Tully: Legislative Director.

11 Jeffrey Brown: ... sorry, Legislative Director.

12 Matt Tully: Yeah.

13 Jeffrey Brown: So, some of these fundraising efforts begin while you're still LD?

14 Matt Tully: Correct.

15 Jeffrey Brown: Did you have a title on the campaign side of things?

16 Matt Tully: I did not.

17 Jeffrey Brown: What PACs are you involved with? Let me put it this way, are you  
18 involved with a Representative Schweikert affiliated-PAC or are you  
19 soliciting contributions-

20 Matt Tully: Soliciting contributions from PACs.

21 Jeffrey Brown: Who else did you liaise with on the campaign side of things? You said  
22 Dan Caldwell, who else?

23 Matt Tully: There was one of the guys, Garrett Archer, came over from the official  
24 office and helped out on the campaign. Obviously the congressman, and  
25 his wife, because they monitor the accounts. The campaign treasurer,  
26 Valerie Giramberk, I butcher her last name. Those are the ones that  
27 immediately come to mind.

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- 1 Jeffrey Brown: How successful are these fundraising efforts?
- 2 Matt Tully: Well, I mean, I was a kid from New Jersey out in Arizona, so I didn't  
3 know a lot of people. We did our best to raise individual dollars. I was  
4 probably more successful on the PAC side, because it's more DC based,  
5 and knew more people here.
- 6 Jeffrey Brown: How much time are you spending out in Arizona?
- 7 Matt Tully: I came back and forth. Through, mostly I would say April, May through  
8 the primary, on again, off again.
- 9 Jeffrey Brown: Are you out there solely for campaign work, are you out there for  
10 campaign and official activity?
- 11 Matt Tully: Campaign and official, yes, put in, obviously, the minimum required  
12 hours. Often times, more than the minimum, obviously I was familiar with  
13 the rules and regs around that, but then be the, again, the liaison to the  
14 campaign. There were debates, there were fundraising efforts, managing  
15 the schedule, trying to keep morale up on the team, things like that.
- 16 Jeffrey Brown: I think you mentioned Garrett, Valerie, Dan ... So, Dan and Garrett are  
17 both congressional ... they had official side congressional duties.
- 18 Matt Tully: Correct.
- 19 Jeffrey Brown: Was there anybody else that was besides yourself, Dan, Garrett, Oliver,  
20 who are congressional employees, or former congressional employees that  
21 are working on the campaign?
- 22 Matt Tully: I can't think of anyone. I think I mentioned earlier Rachel Semmel was out  
23 towards the end. She was our Communications Director.
- 24 Jeffrey Brown: Okay.
- 25 Matt Tully: But again, that was on the official side ... I guess your question is people  
26 that-
- 27 Jeffrey Brown: People who are affiliated with the official and the campaign.
- 28 Matt Tully: Not that I can think of. Dan, we put him on...my recollection is, we put  
29 him on leave. May have done the same with Garrett, although it's going  
30 back so far, I don't remember specifically. We were pretty clear, we,

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1 obviously, wanted to follow the letter of the law as it came to the  
2 interaction and separation between the two.

3 Jeffrey Brown: Let's talk about Oliver's decision to separate from the congressional office,  
4 how did that come about?

5 Matt Tully: I recall him saying, "I want to do a Super PAC to come out on the  
6 congressman's behalf. I have to take leave to go do that." That was it. I  
7 don't remember a lot of discussion about it.

8 Jeffrey Brown: How did he get connected ... What's the Super PAC?

9 Matt Tully: What's a Super PAC?

10 Jeffrey Brown: What's the Super PAC that he connected with?

11 Matt Tully: Oh. I think it was called National Horizon.

12 Jeffrey Brown: How does he get connected with National Horizon?

13 Matt Tully: I thought he started it.

14 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. Do you know anyone else who was involved with-

15 Matt Tully: No.

16 Jeffrey Brown: Can you tell me anything about what National Horizon is, besides it's a  
17 Super PAC?

18 Matt Tully: That was probably the extent of my knowledge.

19 Jeffrey Brown: Is it formed in 2012?

20 Matt Tully: I believe so.

21 Jeffrey Brown: Okay, do you know what Oliver's role was there?

22 Matt Tully: He ran it.

23 Jeffrey Brown: He ran it. Do you know who David Satterfield is?

24 Matt Tully: David who?

25 Jeffrey Brown: Satterfield.

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- 1 Matt Tully: Name's not familiar. I do not recall that name.
- 2 Jeffrey Brown: In the time leading up to Oliver's departure as Chief of Staff to go work at  
3 National Horizon, what sort of campaign or fundraising role is he playing?
- 4 Matt Tully: He was doing similar things as I described earlier, the PAC fundraising  
5 and individual fundraising back in Phoenix.
- 6 Jeffrey Brown: How much time is he spending on that?
- 7 Matt Tully: I don't know.
- 8 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. Is he... Just to be clear, I'm talking about the 2012, I guess May  
9 2012 and earlier. Is he full-time in the congressional office?
- 10 Matt Tully: Yeah, he was in the office, and then he would leave to go do calls.
- 11 Jeffrey Brown: Okay.
- 12 Matt Tully: As is typically the case.
- 13 Jeffrey Brown: How much time did he spend in Arizona leading up to May 2012?
- 14 Matt Tully: It would only be speculation, I think he was back and forth, but I couldn't  
15 put kind of a hard parameter on it.
- 16 Jeffrey Brown: Why does Oliver decide to go to work with National Horizon as opposed  
17 to joining the Schweikert campaign?
- 18 Matt Tully: I don't know.
- 19 Jeffrey Brown: You guys never had any conversations about that?
- 20 Matt Tully: I mean ... I think he felt like that's how he could most help David be  
21 successful in the race, is my recollection.
- 22 Jeffrey Brown: While he's at National Horizon - so during this three month or so period  
23 that he takes leave from the congressional office - how frequently are you  
24 in contact with Oliver?
- 25 Matt Tully: Not very frequently at all. Maybe saw him once or twice when we were ...  
26 if our paths crossed in Phoenix, but not that frequently.
- 27 Jeffrey Brown: And where's he working from when he's working at National Horizon?

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- 1 Matt Tully: I don't know.
- 2 Jeffrey Brown: Is he in Arizona?
- 3 Matt Tully: I believe so, but I don't know.
- 4 Jeffrey Brown: Did you ever see him in the district office?
- 5 Matt Tully: No.
- 6 Jeffrey Brown: I think at this point, we've probably established there's some individuals  
7 who worked on the official congressional side - yourself, Dan, Garrett,  
8 Oliver - who then also had some affiliation with, if not the campaign,  
9 Representative Schweikert's re-election activities. So I'm curious what  
10 sort of controls are in place to make sure that official side work stays  
11 official and campaign work stays with the campaign?
- 12 Matt Tully: I was very clear when I became Chief that to the extent that people wanted  
13 to help, they were welcome to, but it was not mandatory, and we should  
14 remain focused on the official duties, both in Washington and in the  
15 district, and deliberately tried to limit the number of people who were  
16 even out in Phoenix from the official office. So, Rachel came out. I recall  
17 Cassi was one of our LAs, came out for a little while. She had family in  
18 Phoenix, so she was out for that and would work out of the district office,  
19 then come over to the campaign on her free time. To this extent I had  
20 control, to me, I made it very clear, official, we need to be focused  
21 whether it was case work, whether it was legislative issues, responding to  
22 mail, things like that. The work still needs to go on.
- 23 Jeffrey Brown: Did that same sort of clarity exist when Oliver was Chief of Staff?
- 24 Matt Tully: In terms of the-
- 25 Jeffrey Brown: Separation between campaign and official work.
- 26 Matt Tully: I think so. I mean, in some sense, it's hard because there wasn't a real  
27 campaign while he was there. I mean, the campaign got up and running in  
28 2012.
- 29 Jeffrey Brown: Well, so, then let's talk about that, 2012.
- 30 Matt Tully: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

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- 1 Jeffrey Brown: There's campaign activity occurring from the start of 2012, is that fair to  
2 say?
- 3 Matt Tully: My recollection, it picked up, probably, March time frame.
- 4 Jeffrey Brown: So, between March and May, he's Chief of Staff, and he's also handling  
5 campaign responsibilities.
- 6 Matt Tully: I don't know what he was doing on the campaign up and to that point.
- 7 Jeffrey Brown: Let's go there. You said Oliver was involved in fundraiser activities, much  
8 like you were. Can you elaborate on what Oliver is doing between March  
9 and his decision in May 2012 to go to the Super PAC?
- 10 Matt Tully: He was doing his job as Chief of Staff.
- 11 Jeffrey Brown: On the campaign side. What's he doing on the campaign side?
- 12 Matt Tully: I don't know.
- 13 Jeffrey Brown: Are you guys coordinating at all? You and Oliver, are you doing the same  
14 sort of fundraising work?
- 15 Matt Tully: I was, again, occasionally helping with fundraisers here in Washington,  
16 mostly attending, sometimes making calls.
- 17 Jeffrey Brown: Is he doing those same things?
- 18 Matt Tully: Yes.
- 19 Jeffrey Brown: Does he have any added or additional responsibilities as Chief of Staff?  
20 Well, let me rephrase that. Does he have any added or additional  
21 responsibilities on the campaign side?
- 22 Matt Tully: Not as far as I know.
- 23 Jeffrey Brown: Did anyone on Representative Schweikert's staff ever perform any  
24 campaign work in the congressional office?
- 25 Matt Tully: Not to my recollection, no.
- 26 Jeffrey Brown: You never saw anybody doing anything campaign related?
- 27 Matt Tully: I don't think so, no.

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- 1 Jeffrey Brown: So, where are congressional staffers like you or Oliver or Dan, where are  
2 you performing the campaign duties?
- 3 Matt Tully: There was a campaign office in Phoenix.
- 4 Jeffrey Brown: How about when you're in DC?
- 5 Matt Tully: Typically, if I was making phone calls, I'd go over to the Capitol Hill Club  
6 or the NRCC, or sometimes from my home.
- 7 Jeffrey Brown: So, we've spoken to some other individuals who've indicated that Oliver  
8 would perform campaign or fundraising activities in the congressional  
9 office, be that DC or the district office. Did you ever see Oliver  
10 performing any campaign actives?
- 11 Matt Tully: I don't recall witnessing any, no.
- 12 Jeffrey Brown: Okay, you ever see him make or receive any fundraising calls in the  
13 congressional office?
- 14 Matt Tully: It's hard to know, right? Someone's on the phone, how would you know?
- 15 Jeffrey Brown: Do you have any specific recollections of him doing that?
- 16 Matt Tully: No.
- 17 Jeffrey Brown: No?
- 18 Matt Tully: Of him making or receiving ... do you mean like get on the phone and say,  
19 "Come to this event or give us money."
- 20 Jeffrey Brown: Sure.
- 21 Matt Tully: I don't have any specific recollection, no.
- 22 Jeffrey Brown: How about writing or sending fundraising-related emails in the  
23 congressional office?
- 24 Matt Tully: How would I know what he's ... unless I was standing over his shoulder  
25 looking at-
- 26 Jeffrey Brown: Did he ever ask you to proofread, or take a look at any campaign-related  
27 materials that he's working on?

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- 1 Matt Tully: Not to my recollection, no.
- 2 Jeffrey Brown: How about meetings? Ever have any meetings with anyone about  
3 fundraising issues or campaign issues while he's in the congressional  
4 office?
- 5 Matt Tully: Not to my recollection. I think at one point, I recall, the congressman's  
6 pollster came to the office and talked to some poll things, just some results  
7 they had gotten from being in the field. That's probably the closest.
- 8 Jeffrey Brown: And those are ... the pollster is a campaign employee?
- 9 Matt Tully: Employee or vendor.
- 10 Jeffrey Brown: Okay, but Oliver and this pollster, are they discussing something in their  
11 official capacity or campaign related?
- 12 Matt Tully: They would have been in the political capacity.
- 13 Jeffrey Brown: This is happening where in the House?
- 14 Matt Tully: In the congressman's office.
- 15 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. Any other meetings you recall Oliver having with anybody in either  
16 the congressional office or the district office about anything political?
- 17 Matt Tully: Not that I can recall, no.
- 18 Jeffrey Brown: How frequently is he, Oliver, leaving ... scratch that. I'm just going to  
19 quote an individual who we spoke to, and I'd just like to get your reaction  
20 to the quote. This individual said, that the majority of his time, meaning  
21 Oliver's time, as Chief of Staff, Oliver was focused on campaign work.  
22 I'm just curious if you have a reaction to that statement.
- 23 Matt Tully: It's hard to qualify what is majority and ... I didn't keep tabs on his  
24 calendar.
- 25 Jeffrey Brown: Okay.
- 26 Matt Tully: I think he did a lot phone calls. He was gone a fair amount.
- 27 Jeffrey Brown: What do you mean gone a fair amount?
- 28 Matt Tully: Off making political phone calls outside the office.

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- 1 Jeffrey Brown: Let me read you one other thing. This is a quote, "He (Oliver), was  
2 relatively open about what he was doing, and would come back to the  
3 office saying, 'I just got a donation from this person' or 'was just at the  
4 Capitol Hill and met with these folks who committed to donate X amount.'  
5 Then there was times when we were asked to proofread campaign emails  
6 that were going out. So Oliver, in my opinion, didn't try to hide what he  
7 was doing. He was pretty open about his activities." Do you have a  
8 reaction to that?
- 9 Matt Tully: I don't recall being asked to proofread campaign emails.
- 10 Jeffrey Brown: Was he pretty open about-
- 11 Matt Tully: He was open about fundraising and what he had been up to, and who he  
12 had raised money from.
- 13 Jeffrey Brown: And those were conversations that you would have with Oliver or Oliver  
14 would have with other staffers in the congressional office?
- 15 Matt Tully: I mean, he and I, obviously, spent time outside the office together, so I  
16 recall some of it happening there. It could have happened in the official  
17 office, I don't have specific recollections.
- 18 Jeffrey Brown: You don't have recollections about Oliver making any campaign or  
19 fundraising-related comments in the congressional office?
- 20 Matt Tully: Not specifically, no.
- 21 Jeffrey Brown: Would he ever gather individuals from the congressional office, in the  
22 congressional office, who were also working on the campaign, and meet  
23 with them? Talk to them about fundraising or campaign-related activity?
- 24 Matt Tully: I don't think so, but I don't know how that would have happened. You  
25 mean like in the DC office or-
- 26 Jeffrey Brown: Yeah, or the district office.
- 27 Matt Tully: I don't see ... If it was in the district, he and I weren't out there, really, ever  
28 together to my recollection, so I wouldn't be aware of it. Beyond the  
29 official thing at the DC fundraiser, there was no one else, really, from the  
30 campaign here in Washington.
- 31 Jeffrey Brown: Did you ever see Oliver or Representative Schweikert direct any  
32 congressional staffers to perform any sort of campaign work?

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- 1 Matt Tully: No, not to my recollection.
- 2 Jeffrey Brown: Do you remember any congressional staffers preparing memos, or talking  
3 points, or reports of any kind in the congressional office in anticipation of  
4 a fundraiser or some sort of campaign-related activity?
- 5 Matt Tully: I think we had questionnaires and different things, how did you vote on  
6 this, or what's your view on that, and I believe that was permissible under  
7 the rules.
- 8 Jeffrey Brown: How about more specifically, congressman's going to a fundraiser,  
9 congressman's going to a meet and greet with industry later in the day and  
10 a staffer asked to prepare talking points in anticipation of that meeting. A  
11 congressional staffer, I should say.
- 12 Matt Tully: Yeah, I don't recall any of that. The congressman was fairly independent  
13 when it came to stuff like that. So, I don't recall him ever asking for  
14 anything like that.
- 15 Jeffrey Brown: Do you recall any congressional staffers being asked to prepare any  
16 policy- related research or talking points in anticipation of the Schweikert-  
17 Quayle, I guess debate, or quasi-debate? That would have been around  
18 March 2013.
- 19 Matt Tully: There may have been, but I don't have specific recollection.
- 20 Jeffrey Brown: Why do you say there may have been?
- 21 Matt Tully: Well, I mean, there may have been, back ... I remember there was a  
22 debate, again I'm going back a far way, there was a debate, it was at the  
23 Scottsdale Plaza. It was a company. The Central Arizona Project or  
24 something where there, I think it was a natural resources issue or  
25 something, it could have come up, but I don't have specific recollection.
- 26 Jeffrey Brown: You remember a policy memo that was prepared in advanced of the  
27 Quayle debate on the NDAA?
- 28 Matt Tully: Yeah, that rings a bell. Maybe Beau did something.
- 29 Jeffrey Brown: Yeah, why does that ring a bell?
- 30 Matt Tully: Just Beau, I remember him sending different vote...things, how the  
31 congressman had voted on something or how congressman Quayle had  
32 voted on something. I don't know why it rings a bell. It rings a bell.

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- 1 Jeffrey Brown: And this would have been information and materials in preparation for the  
2 Quayle- Schweikert debate?
- 3 Matt Tully: Yeah, I think that sounds right.
- 4 Jeffrey Brown: Do you know, did Beau volunteer to do that stuff? Was Beau a volunteer  
5 on the campaign?
- 6 Matt Tully: I don't believe he was ... He wasn't volunteering on the campaign. He  
7 wasn't out there during the primary. To the best of my recollection, he  
8 liked pulling information together and doing research. I think it was  
9 voluntary, but I can't know for sure.
- 10 Jeffrey Brown: I just want to get your reaction to, we spoke with a staffer who described it  
11 as sort of a wink and a nod scenarios where they're asked to prepare  
12 materials in their official congressional capacity, but everybody knew it  
13 was going to be used later for fundraising or campaign activities. Did you  
14 ever see that happening?
- 15 Matt Tully: Not to my recollection, no.
- 16 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. If a staffer told us that they had spent approximately, maybe 20% of  
17 their time in an election cycle, this is an official congressional staffer,  
18 handling campaign work, would you have a reaction to that?
- 19 Matt Tully: Twenty percent of their official time?
- 20 Jeffrey Brown: Yeah.
- 21 Matt Tully: That sounds like a lot.
- 22 Jeffrey Brown: Did you ever see, again, have you seen that happen in any way? An  
23 official congressional staffer asked to do research for campaign or  
24 fundraising activities?
- 25 Matt Tully: Not to my recollection, no, and as I said earlier I tried to draw a pretty firm  
26 line between, at least when I was Chief, between the two activities.
- 27 Jeffrey Brown: Along those lines, could staffers decline to work on the campaign if they  
28 chose?
- 29 Matt Tully: Of course.
- 30 Jeffrey Brown: When you were Chief of Staff?

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- 1 Matt Tully: Yes.
- 2 Jeffrey Brown: What about when Oliver was Chief of Staff?
- 3 Matt Tully: I don't know. There wasn't really much of a campaign apparatus, at least  
4 until we knew about the primary was sometime in the beginning of 2012.
- 5 Jeffrey Brown: Would Oliver or Representative Schweikert looked unfavorably on  
6 somebody who didn't assist with campaign activities if they asked?
- 7 Matt Tully: That would be speculation on my part.
- 8 Jeffrey Brown: Okay, you never saw that?
- 9 Matt Tully: I didn't, no.
- 10 Jeffrey Brown: We've talked about how you were involved in the campaign, and that's  
11 2011. Well, we've talked about how you were in Representative  
12 Schweikert's congressional office, that started in January 2011.
- 13 Matt Tully: Correct.
- 14 Jeffrey Brown: You also assisted with campaign-related activities. It sounds like that  
15 didn't really start until a couple of months into 2012.
- 16 Matt Tully: Yeah, some point in 2012.
- 17 Jeffrey Brown: Did you have any familiarity with the congressman's prior runs for  
18 Congress?
- 19 Matt Tully: Just what I had read about, when I was talking to him initially.
- 20 Jeffrey Brown: Yeah. Were you aware that he, personally, loaned his campaigns over  
21 \$500,000?
- 22 Matt Tully: Yes.
- 23 Jeffrey Brown: How did you become aware of that?
- 24 Matt Tully: I think Oliver had mentioned it.
- 25 Jeffrey Brown: In what context?

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- 1 Matt Tully: Just that David had loaned himself money, and may or may not do it again  
2 depending on how the primary played itself out.
- 3 Jeffrey Brown: So, this is a conversation you're having at some point in the 2012 election  
4 cycle?
- 5 Matt Tully: Yeah.
- 6 Jeffrey Brown: Let me put it this way, that's a lot of money it seems like.
- 7 Matt Tully: Mm-hmm (affirmative).
- 8 Jeffrey Brown: You understood these to be personal loans that the congressman had made  
9 to his campaign?
- 10 Matt Tully: Yeah, at a very high level, I wouldn't say that I knew details.
- 11 Jeffrey Brown: Did you understand where those moneys came from?
- 12 Matt Tully: I knew he had funds from what he had done before he came to Congress,  
13 from some of his work in the real estate world, but I didn't know specifics.
- 14 Jeffrey Brown: Well, walk me through that a little bit, because he's an elected official in  
15 Arizona, I believe, up until 2007, but then between 2007 and his ultimate  
16 election in 2010, starting 2011, what are you understand him to be doing?
- 17 Matt Tully: He had run, as far as I knew, and he was very open about what he had  
18 done, he ran funds, where he raised money from different investors to buy  
19 homes that were in foreclosure, fix the homes up and rent them out. Single  
20 family rental business.
- 21 Jeffrey Brown: Do you know what the companies were that he was doing this work  
22 through?
- 23 Matt Tully: I knew there was some company he had that was called Sheridan Equities.
- 24 Jeffrey Brown: Okay, what-
- 25 Matt Tully: It was on his door at his former home, but that's really the extent of what I  
26 knew about it.
- 27 Jeffrey Brown: And did you understand that to be a profitable business for him?

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- 1 Matt Tully: He described it as profitable. It came up, obviously, in the context of being  
2 on the Financial Services Committee, and understanding real estate and  
3 real estate markets.
- 4 Jeffrey Brown: Okay, at some point he does loan his campaign more money.
- 5 Matt Tully: Mm-hmm (affirmative).
- 6 Jeffrey Brown: What's your recollection of that?
- 7 Matt Tully: It was towards the end of the campaign. My recollection is surprise. I  
8 thought we were up in the polls and didn't necessarily know why it needed  
9 to be done, but I was not really ... We weren't looped into those decisions.
- 10 Jeffrey Brown: And you say we weren't looped into those decisions-
- 11 Matt Tully: I mean myself, I don't know how others on the campaign knew about it, I  
12 don't recall being consulted in any way.
- 13 Jeffrey Brown: I can show you these, but I'm also just happy to explain that in December,  
14 it's December 25th of 2011, Representative Schweikert makes a \$100,000  
15 personal loan to his campaign. What's going on in the campaign in  
16 December 2011 that prompts that.
- 17 Matt Tully: I don't know.
- 18 Jeffrey Brown: You don't know? You're involved in the campaign in December of 2011,  
19 right?
- 20 Matt Tully: You say involved in the campaign. I'm in Washington, I may help with  
21 fundraising or go to fundraising events, but-
- 22 Jeffrey Brown: But you're not...you don't have any awareness of this donation, or this,  
23 excuse me, loan?
- 24 Matt Tully: I may have been aware that it happened, but not awareness of the decision.
- 25 Jeffrey Brown: Did you and Representative Schweikert ever discuss it?
- 26 Matt Tully: Not to my recollection, no.
- 27 Jeffrey Brown: Did you and Oliver ever discuss it?

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1 Matt Tully: Again, not beyond Oliver saying that the congressman may loan himself  
2 money.

3 Jeffrey Brown: Okay, and why did he say he may loan himself money? Was there some  
4 concern that the campaign wasn't going to have sufficient funds?

5 Matt Tully: Probably, my assumption would be optics to make it look like you have a  
6 lot of money in the bank, but that's speculation.

7 Jeffrey Brown: How about late August 2012, what's the financial state of the campaign at  
8 that point?

9 Matt Tully: I know we were going through money quickly. There's a lot of ads, and we  
10 were kind of close to the end.

11 Jeffrey Brown: So, we're talking about an August 22, 2012 \$130,000 loan. Did you ever  
12 have any discussions with the representative about that loan?

13 Matt Tully: Not to my recollection, no. That was pretty much kind of walled off from  
14 my world.

15 Jeffrey Brown: Walled off, who's on the other side of that wall?

16 Matt Tully: I mean, that was the congressman's personal finances, and we didn't really  
17 discuss it to my recollection.

18 Jeffrey Brown: The \$130,000 donation gets them traction in the press, do you remember  
19 that?

20 Matt Tully: I didn't at the time. But Chris DeLacy had mentioned when we were  
21 talking to him that there was some speculation this may be related to a  
22 blog post, he shared the blog post with me.

23 Jeffrey Brown: Is he talking about the Political Mafioso?

24 Matt Tully: Yes. I'm sure when I saw it, I read it when it came out, but it didn't  
25 immediately jog any memories.

26 Jeffrey Brown: Are you aware of Representative Schweikert to ever taking out loans from  
27 a bank to fund his campaign?

28 Matt Tully: Not to my recollection.

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- 1 Jeffrey Brown: Okay, well let me go back to the \$130,000 loan. Actually before I do that,  
2 what else did Chris mention about the investigation?
- 3 Jim Tyrrell: I'm not sure, kind of in anticipation of he being your counsel maybe,  
4 covered under attorney-client privilege.
- 5 Matt Tully: Yeah.
- 6 Jeffrey Brown: Was this ... I don't want to get into something if it is privileged, but had  
7 you been discussing with Chris at this point of time, whether or not he  
8 would be your counsel?
- 9 Matt Tully: Yes.
- 10 Jeffrey Brown: So this is a conversation you had with Chris about whether or not he  
11 would represent you?
- 12 Matt Tully: Correct.
- 13 Jeffrey Brown: The \$130,000 donation, this occurs in August... August 22, 2012. That's  
14 right before the primary, am I correct?
- 15 Matt Tully: Yes.
- 16 Jeffrey Brown: You mentioned that these decisions are sort of walled off, the  
17 congressman is involved in this decision, his wife is involved in this  
18 decision, anyone else?
- 19 Matt Tully: I don't know.
- 20 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. Was there ever any discussion amongst campaign employees about  
21 why he's deciding to loan the campaign \$130,000?
- 22 Matt Tully: Not to my recollection, no.
- 23 Jeffrey Brown: Do you remember any media or Quayle pieces about, you know, this is the  
24 \$130,000 question, why is Representative Schweikert loaning himself all  
25 this money if he's saying he's so far up in the polls?
- 26 Matt Tully: Yeah, I mean, that vaguely sounds familiar.
- 27 Jeffrey Brown: Did you have any understanding or any speculation about where this  
28 \$230,000 that he contributes, or loans to the campaign in less than nine  
29 months, do you have any idea where that money's coming from?

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1 Matt Tully: Again, knew he had various funds that he, from the private sector and how  
2 he had made money in the single family rental business, but no real depth  
3 of knowledge.

4 Jeffrey Brown: Did anybody ever tell you that this was money he'd earned in relation to  
5 Sheridan, or one of the businesses that he ran?

6 Matt Tully: Did anyone tell me?

7 Jeffrey Brown: Right, or is that speculation?

8 Matt Tully: Speculation on my part... he's said that's how he made his money.

9 Jeffrey Brown: In real estate?

10 Matt Tully: Yeah.

11 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. So you don't know if this money's coming from savings, or sale of a  
12 property or liquidation of some sort of retirement fund?

13 Matt Tully: No.

14 Jeffrey Brown: Did Oliver Schwab, did he ever loan Representative Schweikert or his  
15 campaign any amount of money?

16 Matt Tully: I don't know.

17 Jeffrey Brown: Do you ever recall ever hearing anything about Oliver loaning any money  
18 to Representative Schweikert or the campaign?

19 Matt Tully: No, I don't recall that.

20 Jeffrey Brown: Did you and Oliver ever discuss moneys that he gave to Representative  
21 Schweikert or the campaign that he was not paid back?

22 Matt Tully: I'm trying to remember. I don't think so, but I don't recall. Like  
23 reimbursement money?

24 Jeffrey Brown: Well, let me see if I can jog your memory a little bit. One staffer explained  
25 to us that, "Oliver expressed on several occasions that he did things for the  
26 campaign, and David owed him thousands of dollars that he had  
27 personally put out for different things." Another person said, "At one  
28 point, I was told that he, Oliver, donated or he'd loaned the campaign a  
29 relatively significant amount." And we were told by another, "Oliver did

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- 1 occasionally complain that David owed him money. I do remember a  
2 couple of times he brought up in excess of \$30,000." Does that jog your  
3 memory at all?
- 4 Matt Tully: I know Oliver was employed by the campaign, obviously, previously. I  
5 don't know if there was a dispute about payment. I remember Oliver  
6 saying he worked really hard in 2010, and felt like he was owed a lot for  
7 the efforts, and how much he raised, but the \$30,000 number doesn't  
8 sound familiar.
- 9 Omar Ashmawy: Well, let's not focus so much on the number 30,000, but have you heard  
10 from anybody that the congressman owed Oliver money?
- 11 Matt Tully: Not to my recollection, no.
- 12 Jeffrey Brown: You never had a discussion with any staffer, either while you were in the  
13 office or since you've left, about Oliver loaning or being owed money by  
14 Representative Schweikert or his campaign?
- 15 Matt Tully: Not to my recollection, no.
- 16 Jeffrey Brown: Do you recall any campaign donors being given favorable treatment by  
17 either Oliver or Representative Schweikert?
- 18 Matt Tully: You mean favorable treatment in what way?
- 19 Jeffrey Brown: Any way. Oliver and/or Representative Schweikert do anything special for  
20 campaign donors?
- 21 Matt Tully: People would come for Dome tours and things like that, I think the  
22 assumption was some of those people were helpful.
- 23 Jeffrey Brown: How about this, do you ever recall an individual seeking grant funding for  
24 research in Africa?
- 25 Matt Tully: I do not recall that, no.
- 26 Jeffrey Brown: He made a donation, and then he was brought in for a meeting, then the  
27 congressman sent letters in support?
- 28 Matt Tully: I don't recall that. I didn't handle foreign affairs, so-
- 29 Jeffrey Brown: Whose portfolio was foreign affairs?

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- 1 Matt Tully: Cassi's maybe?
- 2 Jeffrey Brown: Okay.
- 3 Matt Tully: That's going back a ways.
- 4 Jeffrey Brown: Do you know...who's Ana Schwab?
- 5 Matt Tully: Oliver's wife.
- 6 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. What sort of relationship did she have with Congressman  
7 Schweikert's office?
- 8 Matt Tully: She came by on occasion. She worked at ... I believe she was working for  
9 Congressman Gossar for a while. Then she was working at the NRCC,  
10 so...
- 11 Jeffrey Brown: Was she a lobbyist at some point? Did she ever work for Fox Rothschild  
12 or Best Best & Krueger, does that ring a bell?
- 13 Matt Tully: Yeah, that was after my time.
- 14 Jeffrey Brown: Okay. So when you're in Representative Schweikert's office, she's not  
15 engaged in any lobbying activities?
- 16 Matt Tully: No, I'm fairly certain that she was at the NRCC.
- 17 Jeffrey Brown: Are you familiar with a company called Firetrace?
- 18 Matt Tully: Yes, I've heard that name.
- 19 Jeffrey Brown: What's Firetrace?
- 20 Matt Tully: This defense company. I think their technology was something that went  
21 on military vehicles like Humvees and tanks, that if there was an IED  
22 explosion or something, it was like a rapid extinguisher. It would detect it,  
23 and put it out.
- 24 Jeffrey Brown: Fire suppressant systems?
- 25 Matt Tully: Yeah.
- 26 Jeffrey Brown: Did you ever meet anybody at that company?

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- 1 Matt Tully: Perhaps in passing. I didn't handle defense issues.
- 2 Jeffrey Brown: Whose responsibility was that?
- 3 Matt Tully: I think Beau did defense.
- 4 Jeffrey Brown: Anybody else?
- 5 Matt Tully: Ryan, actually Ryan may have been the foreign ... Well, Ryan was the LC.  
6 Trying to remember who did, I think Defense and Foreign Affairs, well,  
7 defense was Beau. I think Foreign Affairs was Cassi. Yeah, I...
- 8 Jeffrey Brown: Do you know if anybody at Firetrace was a donor to Representative  
9 Schweikert?
- 10 Matt Tully: I think so, Teddy Eynon, I believe was their lobbyist coming by the office.  
11 I wouldn't be surprised to learn that they were donors.
- 12 Jeffrey Brown: Did Teddy and Oliver have a relationship?
- 13 Matt Tully: Yeah, I think they were friendly, but hard for me to know.
- 14 Jeffrey Brown: Do you know how they knew each other?
- 15 Matt Tully: I do not know.
- 16 Jeffrey Brown: Financial disclosures. Did you ever assist Representative Schweikert with  
17 his financial disclosures?
- 18 Matt Tully: No, not to my recollection.
- 19 Jeffrey Brown: Who assisted the Representative in compiling those?
- 20 Matt Tully: I think he and his wife did it. I recall his Executive Assistant, his Deputy  
21 Chief of Staff, Susan Marshall, I remember her being very vigilant about  
22 getting everything filed on time, because when I was Chief of Staff I had  
23 to do one as well. But my recollection is that the Congressman and his  
24 wife handled that.
- 25 Jeffrey Brown: You don't remember any staffers being involved?
- 26 Matt Tully: I do not, no.

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1 Jeffrey Brown: Is there anything that we haven't talked about today that you thought we  
2 were going to talk about?

3 Matt Tully: No.

4 Jeffrey Brown: Okay.

5 Matt Tully: We covered a lot.

6 Jeffrey Brown: Is there anything that we haven't discussed that you feel like it would be  
7 appropriate to discuss before we end this session?

8 Matt Tully: No, obviously we're going pretty far back, and memory, feel like we've  
9 covered a lot of ground.

10 Jeffrey Brown: Omar, did you have any final questions?

11 Omar Ashmawy: Have you ever talked to Phil Wegmann?

12 Matt Tully: To who?

13 Omar Ashmawy: Phillip Wegmann?

14 Matt Tully: I don't think I know who that is. That's this guy?

15 Omar Ashmawy: Right.

16 Matt Tully: No.

17 Omar Ashmawy: Sort of a very minor question, when you were assisting with fundraising  
18 for Congressman Schweikert, did you have a quota that you had to reach?

19 Matt Tully: No, not that I recall, no.

20 Omar Ashmawy: There wasn't sort of a set amount of money that you were expected to  
21 raise?

22 Matt Tully: We were just trying to raise as much as we possibly could.

23 Omar Ashmawy: I figured.

24 Matt Tully: Yeah.

25 Omar Ashmawy: Is Congressman Schweikert or Mr. Schwab paying your legal fees?

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- 1 Matt Tully: It sounds like, I believe they are, but I don't-
- 2 Jim Tyrrell: My understanding is the campaign is in agreement to handle current staff  
3 and former staff. That's my understanding, but I'm still trying to figure that  
4 out exactly.
- 5 Omar Ashmawy: That's all I have.
- 6 Jeffrey Brown: Anything else before we close?
- 7 Matt Tully: Not that I can-
- 8 Omar Ashmawy: The question we always ask is, knowing everything you know, if you were  
9 on this side of the table, is there anything we haven't asked you about that  
10 you think would be relevant to our discussion tonight?
- 11 Matt Tully: Yes, it was a long time ago, so memories fade. We've covered a lot of  
12 ground. I can't think of anything else.
- 13 Omar Ashmawy: Okay.
- 14 Jeffrey Brown: Okay, thank you for your time Matt.
- 15 Matt Tully: Okay.



Tully Errata Sheet

Page	Line	Correction	Reason
2	10	Redact "Essent U.S. Holdings" and "Essent"	Confidentiality
2	11	Redact "Group"	Confidentiality
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2	16	Strike "spend", replace with "spent"	Misspelling
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3	1	Strike "or"	Extra word
3	6	Redact "Essent"	Confidentiality
3	23	Strike "LBA" replace with "LDA"	Misspelling
7	2	Strike "campaign" replace with "committee"	Incorrect verbiage
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15	27	Strike "does" and repace with "doesn't"	Misspelling
16	12	Strike "Ziak" and replace with "Dziak"	Misspelling
17	9	Strike "this" and replace with "it"	Incorrect verbiage
26	15	Strike "try" and replace with "tried"	Incorrect tense
26	20	Strike "official" and replace with "officially"	Incorrect verbiage
31	23	Strike "Ventral" and replace with "Central"	Misspelling
31	30	Strike "vote" and replace with "votes"	Misspelling
31	31	Strike "who" and replace with "how"	Incorrect verbiage
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# **EXHIBIT 2**

**Transcript of Interview of  
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1 Jeff Brown: All right. I've got the recorder on here. This is Jeff Brown with the Office  
2 of Congressional Ethics. With me is Paul Solis. We are in the Office of  
3 Congressional Ethics conference room. Before us is "Former Legislative  
4 Director". It is January 31st, 2018. It's about 2:55 P.M. "Former  
5 Legislative Director" has been provided with a copy of the false  
6 statements warning and signed the acknowledgement form, and with that,  
7 we will get started.

8 All right, "Former Legislative Director", you were previously employed in  
9 Representative Schweikert's office, is that correct?

10 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.

11 Jeff Brown: Okay. In what roles were you employed by Representative Schweikert?

12 Former Leg. Dir.: I started in 2011 as a legislative assistant, and then over the course of  
13 approximately six years I was with him, I served as a legislative assistant,  
14 senior legislative assistant, and legislative director.

15 Jeff Brown: Okay. Can you just walk us through roughly when those promotions  
16 occurred?

17 Former Leg. Dir.: Let's see. Legislative director position, I took off that role on in, I want to  
18 say June 2016. From May, June timeframe of 2013 to 2016 I was a senior  
19 LA. Then prior to that, I'm having trouble remembering the time frame,  
20 when I went from LC to legislative assistant, but it was about a three-year  
21 span from when I first joined the office, or I guess two years from when I  
22 joined the office and then became senior LA. Over that two years, I went  
23 from LC to LA.

24 Jeff Brown: Okay. Do you remember roughly when you joined the office?

25 Former Leg. Dir.: When David took office after being elected in November of 2010, I joined  
26 his staff officially in January 2011.

27 Jeff Brown: You're no longer with Representative Schweikert's office?

28 Former Leg. Dir.: Correct.

29 Jeff Brown: Where are you now?

30 Former Leg. Dir.: I'm a consultant with IBM on an Air Force contract.

31 Jeff Brown: Did you work anywhere in between IBM and Representative Schweikert's  
32 office?

33 Former Leg. Dir.: I began talks with the Mick Mulvaney office to move over there in the  
34 winter of, let's see, 2016. Prior to him receiving the nomination, and then  
35 officially joined the Mulvaney office for a brief tenure before he resigned

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1 to become budget director. Then I transitioned the office to the new  
2 member, and officially left the hill in July of 2017.

3 Jeff Brown: When you were in Representative Schweikert's office, did you work with  
4 Beau Brunson?

5 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.

6 Jeff Brown: Okay. Who was Beau Brunson?

7 Former Leg. Dir.: At the time when I first joined the office, Beau was a legislative assistant.  
8 Then, not sure what the time frame is, but then he became legislative  
9 director and then deputy chief of staff in the Schweikert office.

10 Jeff Brown: I should have asked you this first. Who did you report to while you were  
11 in Representative Schweikert's office?

12 Former Leg. Dir.: I don't think there was a true linear reporting path. But, if I was to say my  
13 direct supervisor, the majority of time I was in the office was Beau  
14 Brunson.

15 Jeff Brown: How about Oliver Schwab, what was his role in the office?

16 Former Leg. Dir.: Oliver was the majority of the time, Chief of Staff. He left for a brief  
17 period to focus solely on David's campaign work during the 2012 election  
18 cycle, I believe it was, when he was, had a primary with Ben Quayle who  
19 was also a sitting member of Congress at the time. He came back in, I  
20 believe a senior policy advisor role for a short time, and then regained the  
21 Chief of Staff role.

22 Jeff Brown: What . . . when you were in Representative Schweikert's office, what was  
23 your involvement with financial matters such as budgeting or MRA  
24 disbursement requests?

25 Former Leg. Dir.: Limited at best. Outside of submitting MRA reimbursements requests,  
26 Oliver almost overwhelmingly maintained full control over that process  
27 and then, also worked with Beau for a period of time near the end of the  
28 time Beau was in the office, when Beau was kind of the one overseeing  
29 that process.

30 Jeff Brown: When you say that process, what are you referring to?

31 Former Leg. Dir.: The reimbursement process.

32 Jeff Brown: Okay. How about budgeting?

33 Former Leg. Dir.: Again, that was overwhelmingly Oliver and then Beau maintained a  
34 portion of it for a short time near his tenure in the office.

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1 Jeff Brown: Aside from Beau and Oliver, was there anybody else who handled  
2 financial matters in the office?

3 Former Leg. Dir.: Over the six years I was there, I believe we've had a couple of different  
4 folks who were the financial administrators. I believe, let's see, Mary  
5 O'Connor was there for a time. I'm not sure what timeframe or when she  
6 was there. There was April Blankenship, I believe her name was, she was  
7 also one of the financial administrators. Then I also believe Kelly  
8 Roberson had some, at least fidelity on the issues, if not, when she was  
9 kind of in the administrative position, doing David's scheduling before  
10 taking over policy. I think she worked closely with Oliver in some of the  
11 budgetary matters.

12 Jeff Brown: What I'd like to do now, I just want to show you, just a couple documents.  
13 So you're aware, you may or may not have had anything to do with these  
14 documents, but I'm going to ask you some just very specific questions  
15 about them. First one I'm going to hand you is, just for the record, it's  
16 bates labeled CAO\_0005 and that runs through 0010. Just generally, what  
17 is this document?

18 Former Leg. Dir.: This looks like it is a reimbursement form for the travel credit card, for,  
19 trying to see ... was it plane tickets, reimbursements?

20 Jeff Brown: Yeah. I want to just draw your attention to the front page real quick.

21 Paul Solis: Just real quick, is this something you would see in your role, throughout  
22 your time, in your various roles, sorry, at Representative Schweikert's  
23 office, would you ever see these forms?

24 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes, but again, I didn't have any involvement as far as signing off or  
25 managing reimbursements outside of my own reimbursements which,  
26 when I would do reimbursements, is always for my own card, and then be  
27 reimbursed from that. I never used the government card for any of my  
28 travel or any of the, you know, events that we organized.

29 Paul Solis: When you would submit the reimbursement documents, would you submit  
30 that to someone else in the office or directly to payroll and finance?

31 Former Leg. Dir.: It depends. When we had a financial administrator, either April or Mary, I  
32 would fill out the forms and give the forms to them, or I'd give it to Oliver  
33 to manage.

34 Jeff Brown: Would there always be ... I should ask you like this. How many  
35 individuals would look at a travel reimbursement form that you submitted  
36 before it went over to the office of finance?

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- 1 Former Leg. Dir.: It would depend. If it was solely when Oliver was managing the office  
2 finances and we didn't have a financial administrator, it was usually just  
3 Oliver. If when we did have a financial administrator, it was usually them  
4 and with Oliver's acknowledgement or Oliver signing off on the member's  
5 signature on the reimbursement forms.
- 6 Jeff Brown: You sort of touched on my next question. Who are authorized signers in  
7 Representative Schweikert's office for a disbursement form like this?
- 8 Former Leg. Dir.: Oliver. I believe Beau was, at the end of his term, when he was managing  
9 it, and I believe Kelly was as well. I'm not certain on Kelly, but I believe  
10 when she was also in that administrative role, she had some authority to  
11 sign off as well.
- 12 Jeff Brown: Would Representative Schweikert ever have any involvement in MRA  
13 disbursement requests like this one?
- 14 Former Leg. Dir.: Not that I'm aware of. At least none that I've ever personally been  
15 involved with. It was always at the staff levels and never took it to the  
16 member directly.
- 17 Jeff Brown: Do you know whose signature that is on page five?
- 18 Former Leg. Dir.: I couldn't tell you.
- 19 Jeff Brown: Were there any specific policies and procedures in Representative  
20 Schweikert's office regarding MRA disbursements, be they for travel,  
21 office supplies, or whatever it might be?
- 22 Former Leg. Dir.: None formally that I was ever aware of. There were, more often than not,  
23 when we did have official functions or need to use MRA funds, we were  
24 told to put it on our personal card and submit the reimbursement. But  
25 outside of that, there was never any official policy directives that were  
26 pushed down from leadership down to staff.
- 27 Jeff Brown: Who in the office would you say would've been the most knowledgeable  
28 about the spending practices of Mr. Schwab?
- 29 Former Leg. Dir.: Outside of our financial administrators, when they were on board, I don't  
30 think there was anyone who ever had true fidelity over his use of the  
31 MRA. Perhaps Beau and Kelly had some insight onto that when they were  
32 working those issues, but I don't think there was anyone who would  
33 provide kind of a check and balance.
- 34 Jeff Brown: Okay.
- 35 Paul Solis: Why do you say that?

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- 1 Former Leg. Dir.: Well, as chief of staff, one, Oliver maintained pretty close hold over the  
2 budgetary matters. I don't think there was ever anyone who truly had a  
3 grasp over how money was being flowed or either payroll or MRA  
4 reimbursements. David certainly gave Oliver a lot of leeway to run the  
5 office as he saw fit. As long as issues weren't arising, David didn't really  
6 bring it up, at least not in my presence. And then other than that, it was a  
7 small portion of when Beau was managing the financials in connection  
8 with Oliver, I don't think, outside of the financial administrators, there was  
9 anyone who really were working with Oliver closely.
- 10 Jeff Brown: You mentioned a couple times that there was either a period or some  
11 periods of time where there was no financial administrator that would  
12 have been working with Oliver on financial reimbursement, MRA  
13 disbursement matters. Do you recall roughly what time periods those  
14 were?
- 15 Former Leg. Dir.: No, not off the top of my head.
- 16 Jeff Brown: Was that for the majority of your time in the office or for a more limited  
17 time?
- 18 Former Leg. Dir.: I think it was more limited near the later half of my time in the office.  
19 Trying to think over here. Yeah, I'm having trouble drawing a time frame  
20 and I wouldn't want to speculate, but it was certainly in the second half of  
21 my time in the office when there was more a financial administrator  
22 engagement.
- 23 Jeff Brown: At some point, did Mary O'Connor leave Representative Schweikert's  
24 office?
- 25 Former Leg. Dir.: I think she left the office similar to when I was leaving the office, if I  
26 remember correctly. It could've been slightly before that, but in that winter  
27 of 2016 if I recall correctly.
- 28 Jeff Brown: Do you know if anyone replaced Mary and took on the financial  
29 administrator role?
- 30 Former Leg. Dir.: Not that I'm aware of.
- 31 Jeff Brown: When you were working with Representative Schweikert's office, how  
32 frequently would you travel?
- 33 Former Leg. Dir.: I traveled a number of times on DOD-organized StaffDels, I would say a  
34 handful throughout the year. And then I believe there was a couple MIKA  
35 trips I went on in the later half of my time in the office and only one trip  
36 that was paid for with my personal card and then reimbursed to the office.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: Did you have occasion to travel out to the District?
- 2 Former Leg. Dir.: The few times I did go out in the District, usually the way we set it up is  
3 we'd have a DOD staffdel that went out to various installations and then I  
4 would stay in the District following, follow on. So there was no travel  
5 payments or anything of that nature. I'm also from the District, so I stayed  
6 at my home. I think I ... other than some gas receipts, there was no  
7 reimbursements I was submitted. There was no hotel and no flights.
- 8 Jeff Brown: Aside from yourself, who else would travel back and forth to the District  
9 with some frequency from the D.C. office?
- 10 Former Leg. Dir.: Oliver would go fairly frequently. I would say couple times a month. I  
11 believe Kelly went a number of times. Kat Dimenstein used to go out there  
12 when there were ... What was it? Some task force that they were part of,  
13 Valley Fever Task Force, and then Beau went a number of times. But as  
14 far as how often they would go, I couldn't really quantify that.
- 15 Jeff Brown: Can you generally explain to me the process by which a staffer like  
16 yourself or Beau or Kat would coordinate travel to and from the District?
- 17 Former Leg. Dir.: It was a fairly informal process. Essentially, if there was a need to be on  
18 the District or they had the authority to set up the necessary meetings with  
19 industry or with stake... global stakeholders, book the hotel, book the  
20 flights, rental car if needed. Again, the guidance we were given was  
21 overwhelmingly "Put it on your personal card and submit  
22 reimbursements."
- 23 Jeff Brown: So you're in the District, you're gathering receipts, what happens at that  
24 point?
- 25 Former Leg. Dir.: I can't speak for the others. The way I usually worked it, if ... For  
26 incidental funds, more often than not, I just ate that cost if it was \$10, \$5  
27 while getting something to eat or food at a gas station. But for gas and  
28 mileage, any other receipts, hotels, car rentals, once you had it, essentially  
29 fill out the MRA reimbursement forms and submit it to either Oliver or  
30 one of the financial administrators.
- 31 Jeff Brown: Were there any specific policies and procedures in Representative  
32 Schweikert's office regarding travel or reimbursements for travel?
- 33 Former Leg. Dir.: None. Not that I'm aware of, at least.
- 34 Jeff Brown: Okay. Who's providing approvals for staffers to travel to and from the  
35 District?

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- 1 Former Leg. Dir.: The majority of the time, it was Oliver. We would let the member know  
2 that, obviously, that the travel's taking place and provide context of why it  
3 was taking place. But ultimately the thumbs-up/thumbs-down, no-go/go,  
4 was on Oliver to make that decision unless David had objections for some  
5 other reason, which, at least when I would travel out there, he never did.
- 6 Jeff Brown: Okay. How involved was Representative Schweikert in the process of  
7 approving and disapproving ... I mean, we sort of touched on he may have  
8 been aware but can you talk a little bit more about his involvement in  
9 approving or disapproving travel?
- 10 Former Leg. Dir.: Certainly. We would certainly provide context of why we're going, who  
11 we're meeting with. If there were meetings that the member was having,  
12 sit in on those if they were within our purview, or provide at least context  
13 of why the meeting were taking place and why we're going out to District.  
14 But he never ... outside of acknowledging that we were taking the trip, he  
15 never objected to it or had concerns with staff travel.
- 16 Jeff Brown: When staff would go out to the District, would they generally stay in ...  
17 Was there a specific hotel that they would generally stay in that was close  
18 to the District office?
- 19 Former Leg. Dir.: Again, I don't know. I've always stayed at my parents' home. I'm not sure  
20 what hotels the other staff used.
- 21 Jeff Brown: Having said that, and I appreciate that, do you know if it was practice for  
22 staffers to rent cars when they went out to the District?
- 23 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes, I believe so.
- 24 Jeff Brown: Were you aware of any staffers ever traveling to the district, or to other  
25 destinations, and being accompanied by their spouse ... And when I ask  
26 that question I don't mean to suggest that official funds were being used  
27 for the spouse, but did anyone ever travel with their significant other?
- 28 Former Leg. Dir.: So, I know Oliver's wife, Ana, traveled with him pretty frequently.  
29 Outside of Oliver, I don't believe Beau's wife ever traveled with him when  
30 he went to the district, and I, as far as I am aware, no other staff took any  
31 partners with them on their travels.
- 32 Jeff Brown: You said that you were aware that Oliver's significant other traveled with  
33 him frequently. How were you aware of that?
- 34 Former Leg. Dir.: I mean, outside of just, kind of, office conversations taking place, Ana  
35 was, from her prior work when she was with Congressman Rothfus, and  
36 then her continued work lobbying, there was significant engagements with  
37 the office, and, so, she was ... Essentially she was around quite a bit, so

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1                   you knew when they were traveling that ... You know, they were very  
2                   friendly, would, you know, say, oh, we're going out to district, or we're  
3                   going to, you know, somewhere else. But I know they traveled together  
4                   very frequently, not just to the district but all over.

5   Jeff Brown:           Okay. What's "very frequently" to the district?

6   Former Leg. Dir.:    Again, I think it's probably relative, but Oliver was going out there, either  
7                   by himself or with Ana, at least a couple times a month from what I  
8                   remember, and, you know, obviously it ebbed and flowed, but I'd say at  
9                   least two, three times a month he was going out to the district. And then,  
10                  you know, they ... If the House wasn't in session he wasn't in town, he was  
11                  traveling somewhere else or back in the district.

12   Jeff Brown:           Okay. I realize it would be an estimate, but could you give us an estimate  
13                   for how frequently Mr. Schwab's partner would travel out to the district  
14                   with him?

15   Former Leg. Dir.:    It would be hard to quantify. You know, I would say ...

16   Jeff Brown:           More than five times a year?

17   Former Leg. Dir.:    I think that's an accurate statement.

18   Jeff Brown:           So, you think approximately five times a year is a reasonable estimate?

19   Former Leg. Dir.:    I think if you were to say five times a year I wouldn't be surprised with  
20                   that number, I just ... It doesn't seem high to me, so I ... But, again, I really  
21                   can't quantify how often they've traveled.

22   Jeff Brown:           You said that Oliver's partner was frequent ... I don't want to put words in  
23                   your mouth, but you said she was lobbying the office, can you tell me a  
24                   little bit more about who she is, what her role-

25   Former Leg. Dir.:    Right.

26   Jeff Brown:           ... was?

27   Former Leg. Dir.:    So, to clarify, she didn't lobby the office in the lobbyist sense. She was a  
28                   lobbyist.

29   Jeff Brown:           Okay.

30   Former Leg. Dir.:    Her ... The Firm she worked with had clients in the district. So, the folks  
31                   that she worked with would come and lobby the office. I don't believe Ana  
32                   ever personally did, but they were on the Hill often because of their work.  
33                   So, when they had downtime they would come into the office, they're ...  
34                   You know, the same functions, given the connection to Arizona industry.  
35                   So, they're ... So, she was around the office relatively significantly ...

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1 Significant amount of time. At least, much more than any other significant  
2 other or partner.

3 Jeff Brown: Was there a point in time that Ms. Schwab was working in Representative  
4 Schweikert's office?

5 Former Leg. Dir.: So, I don't believe she ever worked in the office. If I remember correctly  
6 there was a point in time where she was receiving campaign funds and  
7 doing some campaign scheduling, but I don't believe there was a time, that  
8 I recall, where she was ever a direct employee of the office, at least, not  
9 that I'm aware of.

10 Jeff Brown: Okay. Can you tell me more about what you know about her work for the  
11 campaign?

12 Former Leg. Dir.: So, very limited, outside of the fact that I was told she was doing  
13 campaign scheduling, I really don't have any other information outside of  
14 that. You know, if she was doing more than that I wasn't aware of it. I had  
15 limited involvement in the campaign.

16 Jeff Brown: Do you know if she was being compensated for that, or if that was on a  
17 volunteer basis?

18 Former Leg. Dir.: I believe she was being compensated.

19 Paul Solis: Okay, and you said you had limited involvement in the campaign?

20 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.

21 Paul Solis: What types of things did you do for the campaign?

22 Former Leg. Dir.: So, I'd provide policy support for David ahead of meetings, essentially.  
23 So, if he was going into a meeting with Boeing, and prior to that I'd be  
24 asked, you know, what's going on with Boeing's Apache multi-year  
25 funding, and just provide some basic background for the member prior to  
26 him going into those meetings.

27 Paul Solis: And that's related to the campaign, or his official office?

28 Former Leg. Dir.: So, it was asked of me, as an official staffer, knowing that they were to  
29 support campaign events, essentially. So, you know, official ... His official  
30 business, or official work wouldn't have those schedules, but he'd be  
31 holding a fundraiser, going to a tour of the facility out in Arizona, Oliver  
32 would ask, "get David smart on the issue before he goes out there," and I  
33 would provide that policy kind of background.

34 Paul Solis: Okay, and would you do that over here in his office, or in the  
35 congressional office?

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1 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.

2 Paul Solis: Or sorry, the district office?

3 Former Leg. Dir.: No, the DC office.

4 Paul Solis: Okay, and would Oliver say to you that, you know, you're going ... This is  
5 in your role now as a campaign volunteer or some other role with the  
6 campaign?

7 Former Leg. Dir.: No.

8 Paul Solis: No. Did you understand yourself, at that time, when you'd be briefing  
9 Representative Schweikert, that you're briefing him so that he'd be  
10 prepared for a campaign event?

11 Former Leg. Dir.: It probably was never explicitly said, but yes, that was understood.

12 Paul Solis: Why did you have that understanding?

13 Former Leg. Dir.: Well, he wasn't meeting with folks from Boeing in his capacity as a  
14 member of Congress, he was doing that as a ... In his capacity as a  
15 candidate for Congress. So while, you know, it was never laid out, hey,  
16 provide this for a campaign event, it was structured as, you know, David  
17 wants to know about issue X. So, the phrasing of the questions, it was  
18 always kind of that wink and nod that it was for the campaign, or for  
19 campaign event, but never explicitly said.

20 Paul Solis: Okay, but you would know that it was ... The event that you were  
21 preparing for was a campaign event.

22 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.

23 Paul Solis: You, personally, would know that?

24 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.

25 Paul Solis: Okay, how often would you say that would happen?

26 Former Leg. Dir.: It fluctuated, obviously, depending on the election cycle. You know, it  
27 was, I would say, in an on cycle it was 20% of my time.

28 Paul Solis: 20% of your congressional duties would be preparing Representative  
29 Schweikert for campaign events? Or meetings, campaign-

30 Former Leg. Dir.: Right, so ... It would probably be hard to say 20%, but it's less than 50,  
31 more than 10. I mean, it would all depend. There would be weeks where,  
32 and I'm sure you guys know, where there would be a number of things,  
33 and during that time there was a lot of buildup for those events, and then  
34 there was times where ... You know, it's feast or famine, so there would be

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- 1 no engagements that I supported that were within my portfolio. So, I think  
2 it depended upon the time of the year, as well as who he was meeting  
3 with, so it's hard to quantify, but, you know, when there were those  
4 meetings in my portfolio, I would say 20%, more than 10%.
- 5 Paul Solis: Okay. Would you ever attend any of these events?
- 6 Former Leg. Dir.: I've attended a number of fundraisers here off campus, none of the events  
7 outside in the district.
- 8 Paul Solis: And by events here in DC, off campus, you mean events for  
9 Representative Schweikert?
- 10 Former Leg. Dir.: Yeah, so fundraisers that industry or PACs were doing to support his  
11 campaign.
- 12 Paul Solis: Okay, and when you talked about those times where Mr. Schwab would  
13 task you with prepping Representative Schweikert prior to one of these  
14 events, or one of these meetings, would you then later go to that same  
15 event in DC?
- 16 Former Leg. Dir.: Not all the time. There were certainly times where that took place. I-
- 17 Paul Solis: What would be your role, then, at the event? Would you have any type of  
18 role? What would you do?
- 19 Former Leg. Dir.: My role was essentially to network, to provide support to David as he  
20 needed it, but also, one of Oliver's focus was showing a accessibility of  
21 staff to industry, to local stakeholders. It was much more just being there,  
22 being presented, being, supporting David and then being able to talk  
23 through any issues that were currently going on within that specific issue.
- 24 Paul Solis: At those events, did you understand your role to be with the campaign, or  
25 as an official, congressional staffer?
- 26 Former Leg. Dir.: I think it probably depended on the event. I think there was a number of  
27 events that were probably in a, at least perceived to be more of a gray zone  
28 in how David was going to be represented at that. If it was a true  
29 fundraiser or if it was an industry meeting that he was going with. I think  
30 Oliver usually, on the back end, had Oliver set up an industry meeting  
31 with the intention... knowing that there would be a donation coming from  
32 their PAC following the meeting. It'd really depend on how the meetings  
33 or how the engagements were structured as to what my role going into it  
34 was, or how I understood my role.
- 35 Paul Solis: Okay. Did you ever have a formal role with the campaign committee?
- 36 Former Leg. Dir.: No.

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1 Paul Solis: Were you ever paid for any work you did?  
2 Former Leg. Dir.: No.  
3 Paul Solis: Did you ever volunteer for the campaign committee?  
4 Former Leg. Dir.: No. It was always expected that we would be accessible to support as  
5 needed. But we, for the most part, never had any official engagements or  
6 roles with the campaign.  
7 Paul Solis: Okay, and when you say "we," who do you mean?  
8 Former Leg. Dir.: The majority of the staff.  
9 Paul Solis: The congressional staff?  
10 Former Leg. Dir.: The congressional staff, yes.  
11 Paul Solis: When you say "expected," that there was an expectation, who was setting  
12 that expectation?  
13 Former Leg. Dir.: I'm not sure if it stemmed from David down or Oliver down. If David  
14 didn't establish that expectation, he was certainly aware of it and allowed  
15 it to exist.  
16 Paul Solis: Why do you say that?  
17 Former Leg. Dir.: Because we were clearly providing him support for what he was going  
18 into as a campaign event. I think from my point of view, it would just be  
19 naïve to expect that a member of congress is unaware of where the support  
20 their staff is providing them supports.  
21 Paul Solis: Did Oliver or Representative Schweikert ever explicitly say to you or to  
22 anybody else who was a congressional employee, "There is an expectation  
23 that you do work for the campaign in some capacity," or something like  
24 that?  
25 Former Leg. Dir.: I don't believe it was ever explicitly laid out, but the expectation was there.  
26 Paul Solis: Okay. You mentioned there would be times you meet with an industry  
27 group, and prior to that meeting, it was an expectation you had, or an  
28 understanding you had that it was an official, officially related  
29 congressional meeting, based on official purposes, right?  
30 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.  
31 Paul Solis: Then later on, you mentioned that Oliver...it was your understanding that  
32 Oliver would have some connection to a potential fundraising event tied to  
33 the same group or organization later on.

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- 1 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.
- 2 Paul Solis: Could you give us an example, or does anything come to mind, of that  
3 circumstance in particular happening?
- 4 Former Leg. Dir.: The one example that comes to mind is, some aerospace industry  
5 representatives held a luncheon, with David in an official capacity when  
6 he was on the science and tech committee. Either a day or so after that,  
7 Oliver mentioned that the following, that he received a PAC contribution  
8 from the same representatives that we met with. That's kind of one  
9 example that shapes that narrative, where there were a number of events  
10 that were held to support David as an official member of Congress, in his  
11 capacity with the expectation that him attending those events would have a  
12 follow on contribution to the campaign.
- 13 Paul Solis: Did he ever talk to you about statements made by people? Not necessarily  
14 these aerospace people, but others "that give us a meeting, we're going to  
15 get a contribution," type of thing, or any statements that you can recall that  
16 would connect those two ideas?
- 17 Former Leg. Dir.: The one example, I forget the organization, the gentleman was advocating  
18 for grant funding in Africa. I can't remember the organization specifically,  
19 but he, the gentleman and his organization contributed to the campaign  
20 and following the contribution, Oliver asked me to set up a meeting with  
21 him to discuss their issues. Then following that meeting, we subsequently  
22 submitted letters in support of their initiatives.
- 23 Paul Solis: Okay. Did Oliver explain to you why you would submit those letters?
- 24 Former Leg. Dir.: What I was told is, that the gentleman ... donated to the campaign and that  
25 we want to be as friendly as we can and as helpful as we can because of  
26 those contributions. I don't think there was a direct quid pro quo, but  
27 Oliver clearly made it certain that we wanted to be helpful because he was  
28 a donor.
- 29 Paul Solis: Are there other instances besides this grant...organization that was  
30 requesting a grant for interest in Africa? Was there any other organization  
31 you can recall that had the similar circumstance?
- 32 Former Leg. Dir.: We did, or at least I did in my capacity, quite a bit of work for some  
33 industry in the district that essentially is a defense contractor, and they  
34 were large donors to David's campaign. Also tied to that is, they are also a  
35 client of the company that Ana worked for, when she was lobbying. It was  
36 clear that given the relationships that were built, their donations, we  
37 wanted to be as forward leaning as possible in advocating for their  
38 products with armed services and appropriations committee. That, from

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1                                    when I was handling those issues, it was at least a three year span where I  
2                                    was closely engaged with that. With the firm representing them as well as  
3                                    with the company to advocate for their issues.

4 Paul Solis:                    You said it was clear. I mean, Oliver's telling you that preference needs to  
5                                    be given to these people?

6 Former Leg. Dir.:            Yes.

7 Paul Solis:                    What's the name of the company?

8 Former Leg. Dir.:            FireTrace.

9 Paul Solis:                    FireTrace. And what's the name of Mr. Schwab's wife's lobbying  
10                                  company?

11 Former Leg. Dir.:            The client moved a couple of times with them. It was a Teddy Enyon. E-  
12                                  N-Y-O-N, I believe, Enyon, was their representative, and as he switched  
13                                  firms from I believe, was it Rothschild or Fox Rothschild, I forget the  
14                                  name of the firm, but they also moved with them. They're a Scottsdale  
15                                  based company that provides fire suppressant to DOD and throughout my  
16                                  time in the office, as one example, where there was a close linkage  
17                                  between our work supporting industry in the district, to the campaign  
18                                  contributions that David was receiving.

19 Paul Solis:                    Okay. What's your understanding of Representative Schweikert's  
20                                  knowledge of, let's break it into two categories. Preference given to Mrs.  
21                                  Schwab's clients, and also this preference towards campaign contributors?  
22                                  What's your awareness of his understanding those two?

23 Former Leg. Dir.:            At least in my presence, there was never any explicit conversations where  
24                                  David directed us – staff - to provide preferential treatment to Ana's  
25                                  clients or to campaign donors. There were some discussions based on  
26                                  donors as far as who was giving what in the office, but from my  
27                                  experience at least, to me, David never said, "these folks are giving  
28                                  money. Take care of them." It was usually driven from Oliver.

29 Paul Solis:                    Are other people in the office, Beau and you know, other staffers, is this  
30                                  something people were talking about?

31 Former Leg. Dir.:            I mean, everyone was certainly aware of it, and I think it ebbed and flowed  
32                                  based off of the amount of worked that was being asked to be done driven  
33                                  by the campaign compared to, you know, the work that was being asked to  
34                                  be done specifically to support David as a member of Congress.

35 Paul Solis:                    And when you were tasked with preparing him over in his congressional  
36                                  office on congressional time for these campaign events, how did you feel

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1 about it? Did you feel uncomfortable? Did you feel like it was an odd  
2 thing to ask you to do?

3 Former Leg. Dir.: So, I wasn't happy with it. I usually grumbled because usually these were  
4 issues that David didn't care about otherwise, but because he was going to  
5 a fundraiser, to some other campaign event, he wanted to pretend or act as,  
6 you know, that he was heavily engaged in these issues. So, it was  
7 redirecting my time and efforts to focus on an issue that Dave ... I knew  
8 David didn't care about outside of that meeting that was going to take  
9 place.

10 Paul Solis: And when you said you would grumble about it, is this to yourself, or to  
11 other staff, or to Oliver, or to Beau?

12 Former Leg. Dir.: All of the above.

13 Paul Solis: Would you bring your concerns to Representative Schweikert?

14 Former Leg. Dir.: No.

15 Jeff Brown: Oliver?

16 Former Leg. Dir.: I don't think I've ever explicitly directed concerns that I felt what I was  
17 being asked to do was inappropriate. I think there was an expectation as a  
18 member of the staff you were going to provide that level of support, that it  
19 was a 24-hour on call, you know, supporting the member as needed at the  
20 member's will in order to ensure that he was a successful member of  
21 Congress.

22 So, I think, at my time there, I probably felt ... Reflecting on it, I probably felt that had I initiated  
23 those concerns directly to Oliver that it would bring my employment into  
24 the office in question.

25 Jeff Brown: What do you mean by "in question"?

26 Former Leg. Dir.: I think if there was a question about either my commitment to support  
27 David or my commitment to support Oliver in these efforts that it would  
28 have swayed how I was viewed in the office, and either my promotion  
29 potential, salary increases, or bring into question my need to continue to  
30 be continually employed in the office.

31 Jeff Brown: And when you're talking about these efforts you mean these efforts to  
32 support Representative Schweikert on fundraising related activities?

33 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: Who are these other staffers that you mentioned that would have been  
2 working on the House campus to supply either research or support to  
3 Representative Schweikert for fundraising activities?
- 4 Former Leg. Dir.: So, I think Kat Dimenstein handling the healthcare portfolio did quite a bit  
5 of that work. Outside of that I think Beau and Kelly, for the majority of  
6 the time I was there, would probably have been the most engaged on those  
7 issues. I don't ... For a long time there was little staff turnover, and then  
8 there's somewhat of a core nucleus of Kelly, Beau, Kat, and myself, for a  
9 good number of years.
- 10 Jeff Brown: And like you, Kat, Kelly, Beau would be asked to provide this support, or  
11 provide this research while working in the House office complex?
- 12 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes. Again, I don't think it was ever explicitly asked or made clear that the  
13 efforts were going to support campaign, but, again, it was to support a ...  
14 You know, David's meeting with industry, or David's meetings with  
15 constituent groups that were known contributors to the campaign.
- 16 Paul Solis: Well, I just want to be clear about that, because I think, you know, when  
17 you first mentioned this you said that you would have an awareness that  
18 there was an actual campaign event that you're prepping him for. You  
19 know, that's different than, let's say, a meeting with constituents that, on  
20 its face, has an official purpose-
- 21 Former Leg. Dir.: Right.
- 22 Paul Solis: - which might then later be campaign related because those people made  
23 contributions to the campaign. To Jeff's question, then ... Just want to be  
24 clear about other staffers, including yourself, tasked to do research, tasked  
25 to prep the member for campaign events, just want to be clear that that  
26 occurred, not where you surmise that there might be a campaign tie-
- 27 Former Leg. Dir.: Right.
- 28 Paul Solis: - but there were actually events that you're prepping the member for that,  
29 that were for a campaign purpose.
- 30 Former Leg. Dir.: Specific events ... I'm not recalling a specific campaign event where that  
31 took place, but again, a lot of what we were asked to do was where there  
32 was going to be a campaign tie in, even if it wasn't explicit in that it was a  
33 campaign event. The one ... One event, I will mention that has come to  
34 mind is prior to the Ben Quayle debate, or, I guess, quasi-debate that  
35 David had, you know, I was asked to prepare information on the NDAA,  
36 because they were opposing votes on that, so that David was prepared to

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1 draw ... To use that as a wedge between the two if needed. Outside that I'm  
2 having trouble drawing specific events.

3 Paul Solis: You said NDA?

4 Former Leg. Dir.: National Defense Authorization Act.

5 Paul Solis: Okay, okay. And, so, you were asked to prepare for ... To prepare research  
6 on the act prior to this debate?

7 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes. The only reason I'm recalling that is I received a phone call, and I  
8 forget if it's Oliver or Beau that called me, but it was relatively late, after  
9 ten o'clock, the night before asking specific questions about the NDAA  
10 and about the write-up, or one pager, I provided the day before.

11 Jeff Brown: You mentioned, sometimes when you would be asked to do this support  
12 for fundraising events, or for a debate, that there might be some ... You  
13 might grumble about it a little bit, you might grumble about it to others.  
14 Did Kelly, or Beau, or Kat, or anybody else who was asked to do these  
15 same sort of things, did they ever grumble to you about it?

16 Former Leg. Dir.: I mean, there was a lot of grumbling, and so it's hard to determine, or  
17 delineate, which, you know, especially being a year removed now, what  
18 was specific to those issues and what was, you know, just general office  
19 disgruntledness.

20 Jeff Brown: If we're not talking about grumbling, do you remember having  
21 conversations with any of those other employees about these sorts of  
22 things, in other words, them being asked to do the same sorts of things.

23 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes. I'm not recalling a specific conversation, but I do recall that those  
24 conversations took place regarding, you know ... Kelly, if I remember  
25 correctly, when she was doing some of the campaign scheduling as well,  
26 used to, you know, used to voice those concerns to me regarding  
27 David's ... You know, the general frustration of dealing with David and  
28 trying to schedule events for him that Oliver is telling her to schedule that  
29 he doesn't want to attend.

30 Jeff Brown: Did you have anything else there? Switching gears a little bit, if you  
31 needed office supplies when you were in Representative Schweikert's  
32 office, how do you go about obtaining those?

33 Former Leg. Dir.: I just use the member supply card and go down to the office supply store  
34 and buy them.

35 Jeff Brown: Okay, so, was there anybody in the office who was specifically tasked  
36 with making sure the office had sufficient office supplies?

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1 Former Leg. Dir.: No, not that I recall.

2 Jeff Brown: Okay. Were there any office policies and procedures regarding the  
3 purchase of office supplies?

4 Former Leg. Dir.: No, not that I recall.

5 Jeff Brown: Okay. If you purchased ... If you or someone else on the staff purchased  
6 office supplies from somewhere other than the House office supply store,  
7 how do you go about getting reimbursed for that?

8 Former Leg. Dir.: I don't remember if I ever specifically did that, but the reimbursement  
9 process would essentially be the same, use your personal card for the  
10 purchases and then submit the reimbursement form with the receipts to  
11 either Oliver or to one of the financial administrators.

12 Jeff Brown: Did Representative Schweikert have any involvement in ensuring that the  
13 office had sufficient office supplies?

14 Former Leg. Dir.: Not that I am aware of.

15 Jeff Brown: How about, did Representative Schweikert have any involvement in  
16 signing off on MRA disbursement requests related to office supplies?

17 Former Leg. Dir.: Not that I'm aware of.

18 Jeff Brown: Are staffers in Representative Schweikert's office, are they reimbursed for  
19 educational coursework of any kind?

20 Former Leg. Dir.: When I was there I don't believe there was any of those, any staff engaged  
21 in those activities. As far as I'm aware, no.

22 Jeff Brown: Any policies and procedures that you can recall on taking training courses  
23 or educational courses?

24 Former Leg. Dir.: No.

25 Jeff Brown: Okay. It looks like several individuals in Representative Schweikert's  
26 office may have taken courses at the Naval War College. Does that ring a  
27 bell?

28 Former Leg. Dir.: Yeah. So I believe Kat did a full master's program through the Naval War  
29 College. And I remember Oliver expressing interest in it. At one point, I  
30 expressed interest and I ended up doing some of the Air War College  
31 programs instead, and then when I was on the Hill I started a program in  
32 the Army War College that I'm continuing now for my full Master's.

33 Jeff Brown: Do you know why these courses are popular with Kat and Oliver and  
34 others in the office?

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1 Former Leg. Dir.: So, I can't speak for them specifically. The distance education programs  
2 that, that at least I took part of, that were provided to congressional staff  
3 by the DoD, as someone who handled the Defense portfolio now working  
4 for/as a defense contractor, it was an ability to expand my knowledge base  
5 on those issues without actually serving in the military. As far as Kat and  
6 Oliver, I can't speak on why they chose to attend the Naval War College.

7 Jeff Brown: Do you know what the tuition was at the Naval War College?

8 Former Leg. Dir.: I do not.

9 Jeff Brown: Do you know if it was free?

10 Former Leg. Dir.: Again, I never did the Naval War College. The Army War College is free  
11 to congressional staffers outside of any travel they do up to Carlisle, but  
12 again, from my point of view, in my experience, that's only once a year, a  
13 three hour drive north. But as far as the Naval War College, I have no idea  
14 what the expense is to that. I believe it's free, but I'm not certain.

15 Jeff Brown: You mentioned, you're taking courses, I think you said, Air Force Air  
16 Command and Staff College?

17 Former Leg. Dir.: I did do that, yes.

18 Jeff Brown: You did, okay. And the US Army War College?

19 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.

20 Jeff Brown: Were any of those while in Representative Schweikert's office?

21 Former Leg. Dir.: The Air War College.

22 Jeff Brown: Did you seek or receive and kind of reimbursement for that?

23 Former Leg. Dir.: No.

24 Paul Solis: And was there any cost to the coursework?

25 Former Leg. Dir.: No. It was all online, distance education. There was no travel to Maxwell  
26 Air Force Base for it. So there was no cost incurred by me that I would  
27 request reimbursement for.

28 Jeff Brown: Currently -- What is your current relationship with Oliver Schwab?

29 Former Leg. Dir.: I don't really have a relationship with Oliver Schwab. When I see him, it's  
30 congenial, it's friendly, but it's certainly not someone I'm spending time  
31 with on the weekends.

32 Jeff Brown: When was the . . . or how frequently do you communicate with him since  
33 you left the office?

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- 1 Former Leg. Dir.: Relatively infrequently. When I see him at receptions, other events around  
2 town, a few times passing him in the hallways when I'm on the Hill, but  
3 it's not consistent and relatively infrequent.
- 4 Jeff Brown: You've mentioned that he was the Chief of Staff for most of the time that  
5 you were in Representative Schweikert's office.
- 6 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.
- 7 Jeff Brown: Just generally, what were his responsibilities as Chief of Staff in  
8 Representative Schweikert's office?
- 9 Former Leg. Dir.: So the majority of his time as Chief of Staff, he focused on campaign  
10 work and then also kind of the strategic direction of the office. Building  
11 David's relationships with industry, with members of - other members. I  
12 would say that as far as day to day office role, he was relatively hands off.  
13 He'd delegate a lot of authority. As long as there weren't issues coming up,  
14 he wasn't engaged with the office for the most part on the day to day  
15 operations.
- 16 Jeff Brown: Okay. So you said, when he was in the House office building, he'd be  
17 focused on campaign work.
- 18 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.
- 19 Jeff Brown: Okay. How much time did he spend on it?
- 20 Former Leg. Dir.: It's hard to say. Oliver was in and out of the office fairly frequently. I  
21 wouldn't want to quantify it and lead you down the wrong course here. So  
22 I really don't have a number to provide you but, I'm just saying that the  
23 majority of his focus was directed towards David's reelection.
- 24 Jeff Brown: And how have you come to this awareness?
- 25 Former Leg. Dir.: He was relatively open about what he was doing and would come back to  
26 the office and say, "I just got a donation from this person," or was just at  
27 the Capitol Hill Club and met with these folks who committed to donate  
28 "x" amount. Then, there was times where we've been asked to proofread  
29 campaign emails that were going to go out. So, Oliver, in my opinion,  
30 didn't try to hide what he was doing. He was pretty open about his  
31 activities.
- 32 Paul Solis: Would he ever make campaign phone calls in the office?
- 33 Former Leg. Dir.: I don't think ever directly in the office. He liked to call from his cell phone  
34 and pace back and forth in the hall. But I don't think he would ever sit in  
35 the office and make calls.

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- 1 Paul Solis: The proofreading of campaign emails. Will you talk to us about that?
- 2 Former Leg. Dir.: So Oliver would use a personal laptop. We were essentially, prior to the...  
3 and again it wasn't frequent, at least for me. He would ask, "Hey, come  
4 look over my shoulder and proofread this before it goes out."
- 5 Paul Solis: And he would do that in the congressional office?
- 6 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.
- 7 Paul Solis: On his personal computer? Would he ever send anything to you to  
8 proofread, either on your personal or house email address?
- 9 Former Leg. Dir.: Not that I'm recalling.
- 10 Paul Solis: It would be more, "Come to my computer and take a look"?
- 11 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.
- 12 Jeff Brown: What was your reaction, and other staffers', reactions to Oliver's focus on  
13 campaign work in the office, and, I think you said, hands-off nature as a  
14 Chief of Staff?
- 15 Former Leg. Dir.: I think it depended. When he would come and try to assert himself in a  
16 process that he hasn't been engaged in, it was certainly frustrating. When  
17 he wasn't around and we needed someone to provide that leadership role  
18 to make a decision, and there was that vacancy, it was certainly  
19 frustrating. Outside of that, I think there was general perception of, you  
20 know, "Oliver's Oliver. He's going to do what he does. As long as David's  
21 happy, there's no issues, everything's fine."
- 22 Jeff Brown: What sort of awareness did Representative Schweikert have regarding  
23 Oliver's focus while in the congressional office?
- 24 Former Leg. Dir.: I think he was aware of Oliver's activities, and so long as there weren't  
25 issues, he was happy with, completely fine and complacent with it. I don't  
26 think he had any serious concerns over what he was doing unless there  
27 was an issue that came up. But as long as there was smooth sailing and  
28 course ahead, David never raised any concerns.
- 29 Jeff Brown: How would you describe Representative Schweikert and Oliver's  
30 relationship?
- 31 Former Leg. Dir.: Incredibly close.
- 32 Jeff Brown: Can you elaborate on that?
- 33 Former Leg. Dir.: So, I think their relationship goes beyond a professional relationship, and  
34 they are genuinely friends. Oliver...I think David credits Oliver to him

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- 1 being elected to Congress and being a member of Congress. I think if  
2 there's anyone in that office that truly has a grasp on what David is  
3 looking for and what David wants, it would have been Oliver. And  
4 similarly, I think, David probably had a firm grasp on what Oliver's  
5 activities were doing. They were probably the first call in the morning and  
6 the last call at night. It was that type of relationship.
- 7 Jeff Brown: How frequently would Oliver travel to and from the District?
- 8 Former Leg. Dir.: Fairly frequently.
- 9 Jeff Brown: And was he traveling for official business or campaign business to the  
10 District?
- 11 Former Leg. Dir.: Both. I think the blurs ... The lines were probably blurred at times on if ...  
12 If he was going out there for one he might as well do the other, or if there  
13 was a clear breakdown. I think Oliver viewed as, well, I'm out here, I'm  
14 going to do both. You know, if ... But he would go back for both campaign  
15 and for official business.
- 16 Jeff Brown: Do you know if ... Well, do you know how Oliver's travel was accounted  
17 for? Was it paid for from official funds, generally, or campaign funds, or a  
18 combination of both?
- 19 Former Leg. Dir.: I don't have a firm answer for that. I think there was probably a  
20 combination of both, as well as him using his personal credit card and  
21 asking for reimbursements from the office, but again, if I was to try to  
22 break that out I'd purely be speculating.
- 23 Jeff Brown: You said that sometimes you felt like maybe the lines were blurred in  
24 terms of the purpose of the travel, can you elaborate on that statement?
- 25 Former Leg. Dir.: Certainly. So, I think there were times where he, given that he would do  
26 both the campaign and the official business, I think there was times where  
27 he would travel out there with official meetings set up and then extend his  
28 time to do campaign work and come back, and vice versa. I don't think  
29 there was a clear delineation of I'm out here to do official congressional  
30 work and my next trip I'll do campaign work. It was I'm out here, I'm  
31 going to do both official and campaign.
- 32 Jeff Brown: Did you ever raise any concerns...did you ever have or raise any concerns  
33 with Mr. Schwab's travel practices?
- 34 Former Leg. Dir.: No.

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1 Jeff Brown: Did you not raise, or not have any concerns because you wouldn't have  
2 had sort of the requisite knowledge of how much time he was spending on  
3 official versus campaign?

4 Former Leg. Dir.: So, I think that's part of it. I think there was also just the general feeling  
5 that I, personally, wasn't being impacted by his travel. He's my superior, I  
6 don't have the authority or the ability to interject and question his decision  
7 making and these practices. So, it was one of those things where, you  
8 know, as chief of staff I respected his role in the office, respected his  
9 responsibilities, and never really questioned his role in how he financed  
10 his travel and why he was going back. I didn't feel it was my role as a  
11 staffer.

12 Jeff Brown: Did ... Were you aware of anybody else raising concerns with his travel  
13 practices?

14 Former Leg. Dir.: So, I think Beau, throughout the time I was there, would raise some  
15 concerns that he was spending too much time in the district. As far as the  
16 financial aspect of that I'm not aware.

17 Jeff Brown: What do you mean by the financial aspect?

18 Former Leg. Dir.: On how he was being ... Or, how they ... He was financing the travel of his  
19 through official or campaign funds.

20 Jeff Brown: Were there appropriate spending and reimbursement oversights in  
21 Representative Schweikert's office when you were there?

22 Former Leg. Dir.: I would say no. Again, I think if ... The only true oversight was Oliver. So,  
23 there was never any serious question. I remember Mary rejecting a couple  
24 of my reimbursements because I didn't fill out the forms properly, but  
25 there was never any question about what I was submitting, or what other  
26 staffers were submitting, and if you presented a reimbursement form to  
27 Oliver or one of the other staffers who had the authority to sign off they  
28 signed off without questioning it.

29 Jeff Brown: And I think we've covered this, but in case we haven't, Representative  
30 Schweikert's involvement in approving Mr. Schwab's MRA  
31 disbursements, what was it?

32 Former Leg. Dir.: As far as I'm aware, he had none. It was Oliver had full carte blanche  
33 authority to manage the MRA disbursements and the office finances as he  
34 deemed necessary.

35 Jeff Brown: Okay. We've talked about travel practices but I'll just ask this question  
36 more generally, did you have any concerns with the way in which Mr.  
37 Schwab was spending MRA funds?

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1 Former Leg. Dir.: You know, I thought it was excessive at times, but again, I never was sure  
2 how funds were being used, if it was MRA funds or if it was campaign  
3 funds, so I would say that I thought his spending practices were excessive,  
4 but how they ... He was financing them without having fidelity on those  
5 issues, you know, I never raised any concerns.

6 Jeff Brown: Okay, but it's your understanding that besides Oliver, once ... I should say,  
7 once reimbursement materials got to Oliver they would go to Mary, and if  
8 there wasn't pushback from Mary they would just proceed?

9 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.

10 Jeff Brown: Have you spoken to anybody at the Washington Examiner about Mr.  
11 Schwab?

12 Former Leg. Dir.: No.

13 Jeff Brown: Okay. How about Philip Wegmann, do you know who Philip Wegmann  
14 is?

15 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes. So, I set up a coffee meeting with David and Philip when I was LD, I  
16 set up a number of ... I think about 10 or a dozen meeting ... Coffee  
17 meetings, lunch meetings, with David and reporters in an effort to build  
18 David's media profile with conservative reporters at the time.

19 Jeff Brown: Okay. Have you ever seen or read this article before? And by this article,  
20 and for the record, I'm talking about an article titled, "A Lot of Cash is  
21 Flowing to David Schweikert's Chief of Staff, Oliver Schwab," dated  
22 November 2nd, 2017?

23 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes, I have-

24 Jeff Brown: Okay.

25 Former Leg. Dir.: ... seen this.

26 Jeff Brown: When did you first view this article?

27 Former Leg. Dir.: Approximately the time that it came out a friend forwarded me the link to  
28 the article.

29 Jeff Brown: And what was your reaction when you first read the article?

30 Former Leg. Dir.: I wasn't surprised by it. I ... Yeah, I think that was my general reaction is  
31 everything that was in the article made sense to me, and I didn't question  
32 the validity of it.

33 Jeff Brown: I'd like to break down a lot of what's discussed in this article, but before I  
34 do that I would like to ask you ... The article references a variety of former

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1                               staffers as sources, do you know who Mr. Wegmann is quoting? Who  
2                               these former staffers are?

3   Former Leg. Dir.:       I don't. I could only speculate. Given the information in this at the time I  
4                               thought it was either Beau or Kelly who provided this information.

5   Jeff Brown:             Who else have you had conversations with this article about?

6   Former Leg. Dir.:       So, a number of friends, no one directly employed by or engaged with the  
7                               Schweikert office that I'm aware of.

8   Jeff Brown:             Well, like I said, I'd like to break down some of what's in this article, so  
9                               let's first talk about the ... What I think we could here refer to as the Super  
10                              Bowl trip, that being the trip to ... Mr. Schwab and Representative  
11                              Schweikert's trip to Arizona during Super Bowl weekend, 2015. What can  
12                              you tell us about their trip during Super Bowl weekend, 2015?

13   Former Leg. Dir.:      So, I was unaware of the trip, and to be honest I don't recall, at the time,  
14                              any discussions towards it.

15   Jeff Brown:             Okay. So then, were you aware ... Or, you were not aware at the time, that  
16                              Oliver attended the Super Bowl?

17   Former Leg. Dir.:      I was not aware he attended it.

18   Jeff Brown:             You...

19   Former Leg. Dir.:      I'd be very jealous.

20   Jeff Brown:             You were not aware that Representative Schweikert attended the Super  
21                              Bowl?

22   Former Leg. Dir.:      No.

23   Jeff Brown:             Okay. Would you have any awareness of any activities that either  
24                              Representative Schweikert or Oliver Schwab engaged in that weekend?

25   Former Leg. Dir.:      No.

26   Jeff Brown:             Okay. How about from social media postings or anything like that, would  
27                              you ever have learned, at any point, that he attended the Super Bowl or  
28                              partook in any other activities that weekend?

29   Former Leg. Dir.:      Again, I'd have to go and look at social media, I ... But I don't remember  
30                              that weekend, or if he attended the Super Bowl.

31   Jeff Brown:             Okay.

32   Paul Solis:             Was there a campaign event that weekend?

33   Former Leg. Dir.:      Not that I recall.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: Do you recall anything about a Representative McCarthy event?
- 2 Former Leg. Dir.: So, there was a number of Representative McCarthy events out in the  
3 district, and I- Most of those events stemmed around the Valley Fever task  
4 force, and there would be subsequent campaigning activities while  
5 Congressman McCarthy was out there, but from my recollection, the  
6 majority of their engagements in the district stemmed around the Valley  
7 Fever task force.
- 8 Jeff Brown: The Valley Fever task force, would that have been official side?
- 9 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.
- 10 Jeff Brown: The Phoenix Open, is that an event that representative Schweikert or  
11 staffers would attend in any given year?
- 12 Former Leg. Dir.: I don't recall any staffers specifically attending this. It is a, you know,  
13 widely talked about activity in the district. I'd be, off hand I'd be blurring  
14 the lines between, the general... the conversation regarding the Phoenix  
15 Open and any specific activities of either David or Oliver did out there.
- 16 Jeff Brown: Was it an important weekend for Representative Schweikert generally?
- 17 Former Leg. Dir.: Yeah... Given the influx of people and business into the district, David  
18 usually, and Oliver tried to capitalize on the event to draw publicity and  
19 promote what they were doing, and people who weren't necessarily  
20 engaged with the office on a regular basis.
- 21 Jeff Brown: Would there generally be, both campaign and official events that  
22 weekend?
- 23 Former Leg. Dir.: I believe it leaned more towards the campaign side. Again, without sitting  
24 down and really thinking about it, I can't recall off hand on how things  
25 were broken up.
- 26 Jeff Brown: Are you aware of Oliver Schwab ever improperly purchasing any office  
27 supplies for his personal benefit?
- 28 Former Leg. Dir.: I think, without having visibility on where the funds were coming from,  
29 there were certain purchases that I thought were excessive, but at the time,  
30 unless I knew they were coming from the MRA, I think it would probably  
31 be hard for me to say that, you know, he shouldn't be spending the money  
32 that way. If it's his personal funds, I'm okay with it.
- 33 Jeff Brown: So you wouldn't know if it was personal funds or MRA funds in the  
34 examples that you're thinking of?
- 35 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.

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- 1 Paul Solis: What's an example of something you thought was excessive?
- 2 Former Leg. Dir.: There was essentially, I guess a reading table that - some fancy reading  
3 table - that was a couple hundred dollars that he wanted over by his desk, I  
4 think purely for aesthetic reasons. I'm not sure how that was paid for.  
5 There were a number of those micro-room heaters, with like, kind of the  
6 faux electronic flames, or fireplaces, number of those were purchased for  
7 the offices. I would assume those came out of MRA, you know, whether  
8 or not those were needed, I would argue they weren't, but the decision was  
9 to purchase them. Those are a couple of the examples of kind of excessive  
10 spending that if I was a decision maker, wouldn't have purchased.
- 11 Paul Solis: But again, your awareness of the source of those funds, you didn't know?
- 12 Former Leg. Dir.: No.
- 13 Jeff Brown: Do you know whether Oliver Schwab took a course at Harvard  
14 University?
- 15 Former Leg. Dir.: I remember him posting about that on social media. I think he did one of  
16 those, executive leadership course, week long courses, something to that  
17 effect. I'm not sure on the specifics of the course, but I do believe he did  
18 that.
- 19 Jeff Brown: Did you ever have any discussions with him regarding that course?
- 20 Former Leg. Dir.: No.
- 21 Jeff Brown: Okay. Any discussions with him regarding reimbursement for any sort of  
22 training?
- 23 Former Leg. Dir.: No.
- 24 Jeff Brown: Okay. So you wouldn't know whether or not the Harvard course included  
25 anything like travel costs or food or accommodations?
- 26 Former Leg. Dir.: No.
- 27 Jeff Brown: Have you ever heard of the Casey Family Foundation?
- 28 Former Leg. Dir.: No.
- 29 Jeff Brown: Are you aware that Oliver Schwab has a family foundation?
- 30 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes. I'm not familiar with it specifically. Just that Oliver does come from  
31 significant wealth and that there was a foundation. Outside of that, I have  
32 limited information on it.
- 33 Jeff Brown: Do you know whether or not he receives any sort of income from that  
34 foundation?

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1 Former Leg. Dir.: I don't know.

2 Jeff Brown: Do you know what his role is at the foundation?

3 Former Leg. Dir.: No.

4 Paul Solis: Jeff had asked you about a course at Harvard. Did Oliver take a course at  
5 Stanford?

6 Former Leg. Dir.: I'm not aware of that.

7 Paul Solis: What about Johns Hopkins?

8 Former Leg. Dir.: Not aware of it.

9 Jeff Brown: Aside from the salary that Mr. Schwab would have received from the  
10 House of Representatives, what can you tell me about other income  
11 sources that Mr. Schwab had?

12 Former Leg. Dir.: I believe he was compensated from the campaign funds, for his campaign  
13 work. I also remember, if I remember correctly, he provides some level of  
14 consulting, I'm not sure what that included or who he was employed by.

15 Jeff Brown: How are you aware of both of those things?

16 Former Leg. Dir.: Office discussions.

17 Jeff Brown: Those have been discussions with Mr. Schwab or others?

18 Former Leg. Dir.: Both. I don't think there was ever a discussion on how to, there was never  
19 a discussion on what he was doing, as far as trying to hide it. Oliver was  
20 always pretty open about his activities. I was never aware of the fact of  
21 how much or what specifically he was doing, but I was aware of the fact  
22 that he was doing those activities. If I recall correctly, there was a time  
23 when he was compensated below the \$120,000 level while he was trying  
24 to figure out personal finances for the financial disclosure forms  
25 because... given the, I think the foundation and also his family wealth, he  
26 didn't want to fully disclose everything.

27 Jeff Brown: Can you tell us more about that conversation?

28 Former Leg. Dir.: When part of the... I guess the process or the conversation that took  
29 place... when Beau became the one with signing authority for the financial  
30 disclosures and whatnot, was because Oliver was in the process of trying  
31 to essentially work with financial advisors on how he can move some of  
32 his family wealth. That's at least what I was told. He was receiving below  
33 the \$120,000 threshold so he didn't have to do the mandatory disclosures.

34 Jeff Brown: What year was this?

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- 1 Former Leg. Dir.: Somewhere, 2015, 2016.
- 2 Jeff Brown: Why did he explain that he didn't want to have to do the mandatory  
3 disclosures?
- 4 Former Leg. Dir.: I don't believe, if I remember correctly, Oliver did not tell me directly this.  
5 It was secondhand from Kat and Beau separately on, because there was a  
6 discomfort in the office with the amount of compensation that some of the  
7 senior leaders were receiving compared to more junior staff. It was laid  
8 out as, this is why Beau was making so much, so he was doing the  
9 disclosures. Oliver is trying to figure out how he can, essentially manage  
10 his personal finances, not to fully disclose everything. That's why Beau  
11 was, all of a sudden, received a large compensation and that Oliver was  
12 receiving below the 120 threshold.
- 13 Jeff Brown: I guess back to my question, why was Oliver reluctant to do financial  
14 disclosures?
- 15 Former Leg. Dir.: The story I'm told is, given his personal wealth, that they didn't want that  
16 disclosed. Given the wealth he inherited with I believe it was his  
17 grandfather's passing, they were working on trying to move those funds so  
18 he wasn't, it wasn't being fully disclosed on how much he personally was  
19 worth.
- 20 Jeff Brown: Do you know if he filed financial disclosures for the years that he was  
21 chief of staff?
- 22 Former Leg. Dir.: For the majority of them, yes. Again, there's that kind of couple ... That  
23 one or two quarters where he was below the 120 threshold.
- 24 Paul Solis: During that year did he file a financial disclosure form?
- 25 Former Leg. Dir.: I believe earlier in the year he did, and then he took a salary reduction.
- 26 Paul Solis: Typically the way financial disclosures work is you, you know, they're  
27 once a year, so ... And they're due usually around May or the first part of  
28 the year for the preceding year. So, did he file one during the year that he  
29 took a salary decrease-
- 30 Former Leg. Dir.: I'm not-
- 31 Paul Solis: ... below the senior staff level?
- 32 Former Leg. Dir.: I'm not certain on that.
- 33 Jeff Brown: What can you tell us about Chartwell?
- 34 Former Leg. Dir.: Outside the fact that that was his consulting firm, I had no engagement, no  
35 activities with the ... Was unaware of what, specifically, Oliver did with it.

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1 Jeff Brown: But outside of this article, and again, the Examiner article, for the record,  
2 you were aware, during your time in Representative Schweikert's office  
3 that Oliver had a company called Chartwell?

4 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.

5 Jeff Brown: And you were aware that Representative Schweikert's campaign  
6 committee, and or political action committees, were compensating Oliver  
7 through Chartwell?

8 Former Leg. Dir.: No. So, I wasn't aware that he was being compensated through Chartwell.  
9 My understanding was he was being compensated by the campaign  
10 committees as a campaign employee and not through a consulting firm  
11 that he established.

12 Jeff Brown: In other words, you thought that he was ... Monies were being paid  
13 personally to Oliver Schwab.

14 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.

15 Paul Solis: So, what did you know about Chartwell, ever?

16 Former Leg. Dir.: Other than the fact that it existed, nothing.

17 Paul Solis: Would he ever say anything about it?

18 Former Leg. Dir.: I want to say yes, but there's no specific conversations or instances that are  
19 coming to mind.

20 Jeff Brown: Do you know if Oliver Schwab did any sort of political consulting or  
21 fundraising for anyone besides Representative Schweikert?

22 Former Leg. Dir.: So, my perception was yes. Who those folks were or what activities they  
23 were I'm unaware of, but my perception was there was more political  
24 activities beyond just Congressman Schweikert's.

25 Jeff Brown: Back to the financial disclosures, did you ever have any discussions with  
26 Oliver Schwab about him, you know, not appropriately disclosing his  
27 personal finances?

28 Former Leg. Dir.: No.

29 Jeff Brown: Okay. Did you ever hear of any discussions like that?

30 Former Leg. Dir.: At the staff to staff level, nope, just the fact that those activities were  
31 taking place and there was a frustration given how the overall  
32 compensation in the office, at the time ... But I think those conversations  
33 were part of that overall conversation with the general dis-happiness of the

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1 pay discrepancy between senior staff and mid and junior level staffs,  
2 comparatively.

3 Paul Solis: You mentioned that ... And this is, again, you mentioned it was through  
4 secondhand reports from Kat and Beau about Oliver's desire to not be  
5 subject to the financial disclosure requirements because of his personal  
6 wealth, and disclosing that, right? That's correct?

7 Former Leg. Dir.: That was my understanding, what I received, yes.

8 Paul Solis: Do you know if any part of that desire to not be subject to the financial  
9 disclosure requirements had anything to do with income he was receiving  
10 from Representative Schweikert's campaign?

11 Former Leg. Dir.: Not that I was aware of. You know, my understanding, it was that he  
12 received an inheritance and he was trying to move the funds before having  
13 to disclose them, but I was never aware of what level of compensation he  
14 was receiving from the campaign.

15 Jeff Brown: Again, just ... I'm trying to get a handle on why he was so concerned about  
16 disclosing personal wealth issues.

17 Former Leg. Dir.: You know, I don't have a solid answer for you on that outside of just what  
18 I was told. It was never a conversation I had with Oliver specifically.

19 Jeff Brown: Is it fair to say that Oliver Schwab was aware that he was subject to  
20 outside earned income limits as a senior staff?

21 Former Leg. Dir.: I think that's a fair statement. You know, Oliver generally was very aware  
22 of the reporting requirements that he would have to provide, so I think  
23 saying he was aware of those is accurate.

24 Jeff Brown: Do you ever recall any discussions in the office about Oliver Schwab not  
25 taking required ethics trainings?

26 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes, it was near the later portion of my time in the office. It was  
27 essentially, you know, "I haven't had to do one yet, why would I start  
28 now? They'll know I haven't done one." And it was kind of a running joke  
29 he had.

30 Jeff Brown: And this occurred roughly what year?

31 Former Leg. Dir.: Late 2105 through 2016, I'd say.

32 Jeff Brown: And, so, the implication from Oliver was that he's been on the Hill since  
33 roughly 2011 and he hasn't taken an ethics training up through 2015.

34 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: Having said that, is it still your belief that Oliver Schwab would have been  
2 aware that he was subject to outside earned income limits?
- 3 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.
- 4 Jeff Brown: And that would have ... he would have been aware of that from 2011  
5 through today?
- 6 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.
- 7 Jeff Brown: So, aside from Chartwell and any political consulting or fundraising  
8 activities that Oliver Schwab was engaged in, are you aware of any other  
9 businesses that Oliver Schwab was involved in?
- 10 Former Leg. Dir.: Not that come ... any that come to mind.
- 11 Jeff Brown: Okay, do you know if he undertook any sort of real estate endeavors?
- 12 Former Leg. Dir.: So, I believe he has a number of rental properties. I remember a relatively  
13 significant discussion he was having with, I think, Kat, at the time, who  
14 was refurbishing a home she bought about properties he was trying to rent  
15 in DC, or properties he was trying to buy in DC to rent.
- 16 Jeff Brown: Okay. Does this have anything to do with the inheritance issues we just  
17 discussed?
- 18 Former Leg. Dir.: You know, I wouldn't know. They were in that timeframe, but I never  
19 drew a connection if there is any.
- 20 Jeff Brown: Okay. What do you know about what sort of income Mr. Schwab was  
21 receiving from any of these real estate endeavors or investment properties?
- 22 Former Leg. Dir.: I'm ... No, I don't have a strong understanding or insight on specifics. I  
23 know, given some of the locations that he was looking to buy, they were,  
24 you know, not cheap properties in the District. You know, some are right  
25 on Mass Ave, which are relatively expensive.
- 26 Jeff Brown: Was it your understanding that he would be receiving rental income from  
27 these properties?
- 28 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.
- 29 Jeff Brown: Okay. And, roughly, do you know how many rental properties he had?
- 30 Former Leg. Dir.: So, there was only one that ... And, again, I'm not even sure if the deal  
31 ever closed, but that there were discussions that either I was involved in or  
32 tangentially involved in on renting a property, I believe, off of Mass Ave,  
33 or buying a property to rent off Mass Ave. Outside of that I'm not familiar  
34 with what ... How many properties he owns or rents.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: Do you know if that ... There was ever a closing on that property?
- 2 Former Leg. Dir.: I believe so, but I'm uncertain, and, you know, won't want to say  
3 specifically yes or no, but I believe there was a closure on it.
- 4 Jeff Brown: Have you ever heard of a company called Pinkham Management, LLC?
- 5 Former Leg. Dir.: No.
- 6 Jeff Brown: How about Allerton Property Management?
- 7 Former Leg. Dir.: No.
- 8 Jeff Brown: Do you know if Oliver Schwab had any sort of role, in DC or elsewhere,  
9 managing properties?
- 10 Former Leg. Dir.: So, part of the discussion on that one property that I'm aware of in DC  
11 was, you know, using a management company so that he is not directly  
12 managing it, and just essentially taking his cut of the rent. I'm not sure  
13 what role he has now, but I know that was part of a discussion.
- 14 Jeff Brown: So you don't know what the outcome of that discussion was?
- 15 Former Leg. Dir.: No.
- 16 Jeff Brown: Have you ever heard of a company called Health Wellness Partners?
- 17 Former Leg. Dir.: No.
- 18 Jeff Brown: How about Bristol Consulting?
- 19 Former Leg. Dir.: No.
- 20 Jeff Brown: Are you aware of whether Ana Schwab had any ... did any sort of political  
21 consulting or fundraising for anyone on the Hill?
- 22 Former Leg. Dir.: I believe she did some level of fundraising, for a number of members.  
23 Both David and Keith Rothfus and I think there was a number of  
24 relationships she cultivated from her brief time at the NRCC that kind of  
25 opened up the opportunity. While there were those discussions that I was  
26 aware of, I couldn't tell you what members, or to what extent.
- 27 Jeff Brown: Do you have any idea what sort of work she was doing?
- 28 Former Leg. Dir.: General fundraising, organizing events, scheduling, but not specifically on  
29 everything that she was doing.
- 30 Jeff Brown: Do you know if she was doing any of this on a volunteer basis, or if she  
31 was being compensated?
- 32 Former Leg. Dir.: My understanding is that it was all compensated.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: Did Oliver Schwab ever discuss using frequent flyer miles to pay for  
2 Representative Schweikert's personal travel?
- 3 Former Leg. Dir.: I know there were, he discussed quite frequently, use of frequent flyer  
4 miles, and it would be hard for me to say if it was for personal or official  
5 travel, but there were those discussions. I'm just not drawing a specific  
6 instance to mind that would help delineate.
- 7 Jeff Brown: Okay. Was there ever a discussion about Representative Schweikert  
8 specifically using Oliver Schwab's miles?
- 9 Former Leg. Dir.: Again, I can't think of a specific instance. Oliver generally tried to use  
10 miles as much as possible.
- 11 Jeff Brown: Are you aware of any gifts or loans that Oliver would have made to  
12 Representative Schweikert?
- 13 Former Leg. Dir.: At one point, I was told that he donated or he loaned the campaign a  
14 relatively significant amount. I think several thousand, five or ten if I  
15 recall correctly. Five or ten thousand dollars that were still owed to him. I  
16 don't really have a firm grasp on when that took place, or the full amount.
- 17 Jeff Brown: Do you know what year that loan would have occurred?
- 18 Former Leg. Dir.: No. My understanding was just an outstanding loan that Oliver never was  
19 paid back on.
- 20 Paul Solis: This is to Representative Schweikert's campaign committee?
- 21 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes.
- 22 Jeff Brown: Would that have occurred within the last year?
- 23 Former Leg. Dir.: The conversation occurred late 2016. When the contribution or loan was  
24 made, I don't know.
- 25 Jeff Brown: Did he ever discuss making any other sort of personal outlays on...for  
26 Representative Schweikert or his campaign?
- 27 Former Leg. Dir.: Yes. It was generally an erring of grievances about the fact that he hasn't  
28 been paid back by David for those expenditures. I don't have a dollar  
29 figure, when those expenditures took place, it was just that he spent, he  
30 bought X for David and he was never paid back, or he loaned the  
31 campaign X amount and was never paid back.
- 32 Jeff Brown: Was this a formal loan of some kind or an informal loan?
- 33 Former Leg. Dir.: I'm not aware.
- 34 Jeff Brown: Do you know any more details about terms of this loan?

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1 Former Leg. Dir.: No.

2 Jeff Brown: Is there anything that we haven't discussed today that you think would be  
3 appropriate to talk about in light of our discussions?

4 Former Leg. Dir.: Nothing that is coming to mind at the moment.

5 Jeff Brown: Is there anyone else who you think we should speak with in light of the  
6 questions that we've asked you today?

7 Former Leg. Dir.: I think we discussed the folks, at least from my time on the staff, who  
8 were current or former employees who had some understanding of what  
9 was ongoing with Oliver. I don't have anyone else outside of the folks that  
10 we already mentioned, Beau, Kelly, Kat, who would provide greater  
11 clarity on these issues.

12 Jeff Brown: Okay. I think you said this already, but I just wanted to verify. Has  
13 anybody from Representative Schweikert's office contacted you about an  
14 OCE investigation?

15 Former Leg. Dir.: No.

16 Jeff Brown: Have you contacted anybody else about the OCE investigation?

17 Former Leg. Dir.: No. I've heard through grapevines that there may have been an  
18 investigation, but I never heard anything from official ... there was never a  
19 discussion on, you know, coming in, talking with you. I never had a  
20 discussion with anyone on them speaking with you. It's just kind of that  
21 there could be an inquiry into David, but that's about all I had. I never ...

22 Jeff Brown: Who else have you talked to about this article, either in the office or  
23 outside of the office?

24 Former Leg. Dir.: About this article? A number of friends who never worked with David  
25 sent this to me when it came out, and then Kelly Roberson sent it to me. I  
26 think that's essentially it. I'm trying to think who else. When it first came  
27 out a number of folks that knew I worked with David forwarded me the  
28 article.

29 Jeff Brown: Okay. Paul, anything else?

30 Paul Solis: Yeah. I don't know if we covered this at the very beginning, but what were  
31 the circumstance of your departure from Representative Schweikert's  
32 office?

33 Former Leg. Dir.: I was looking to leave David's office for quite some time. Oliver made it  
34 clear to me that there was no growth potential in that role, that I was  
35 essentially stuck where I was. That I wasn't going to receive any salary

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1 increases. No promotion potential. So I was trying to leave, and then  
2 started talking with the Mulvaney folks in the latter part of the 114th  
3 congress, his chief was getting ready to leave. Then they were promoting  
4 his LD to chief and I was going to come in as LD. Then everything kind  
5 of, after the election, went on hold, for quite some time.

6 Paul Solis: Okay. You weren't terminated, you resigned?

7 Former Leg. Dir.: I think the feeling was mutual. I was ready to get out of there. I wasn't  
8 happy. I was actively looking. It was essentially, they were giving me  
9 somewhat of a grace period to leave the office. If I didn't leave before a  
10 certain amount of time, then it was clear that I would be terminated, but  
11 again, that grace period never extended to that point. So officially, I wasn't  
12 ever terminated or fired, but it was clear that my time at that office was  
13 coming to an end.

14 Paul Solis: Who made that clear to you?

15 Former Leg. Dir.: Oliver.

16 Paul Solis: When you did leave, was there any problematic occurrences, problematic  
17 interactions between you and Oliver before you left?

18 Former Leg. Dir.: The way he made that clear to me was through an email, which I felt,  
19 given six years of service to David and Oliver was inappropriate. I forced  
20 him to sit down with me and walk me through everything. It was a, you  
21 know, a professional conversation. Obviously the topic wasn't ideal, but at  
22 the end of it, there was no issues raising from that, that, and again, to this  
23 day if I see him, I say hi. It's still professional. I wouldn't say that there  
24 was any, you know, negative interactions or negative outbursts or anything  
25 that took place.

26 Jeff Brown: All right. With that, I think we'll end the recording.

# **EXHIBIT 3**

**Transcript of Interview of  
“Former Deputy Chief of Staff”  
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1 Jeff Brown: Okay. This is Jeff Brown. With me is Paul Solis and Brandon Wong  
2 from the Office of Congressional Ethics. Before us we have “Former  
3 Deputy Chief of Staff”. It is a little after 3:00 on January 18th. We are  
4 in the conference room at the Office of Congressional Ethics. “Former  
5 Deputy Chief of Staff” has been given a copy of the False Statements  
6 Warning, and we are going to get underway.

7 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Before we begin, I am “Former Deputy Chief of Staff”. I give consent  
8 for this conversation to be recorded on the condition that I get a copy  
9 of the transcription.

10 Jeff Brown: Is “Former Deputy Chief of Staff” okay, or do you prefer-

11 Former Deputy C.O.S.: It's “Former Deputy Chief of Staff”.

12 Jeff Brown: “Former Deputy Chief of Staff”, okay. “Former Deputy Chief of  
13 Staff”, you were previously employed by Representative Schweikert.  
14 In what capacity were you employed in his office?

15 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Started as an LA, became the LD, then the Deputy Chief of Staff.

16 Jeff Brown: Okay. Can you roughly walk me through the timeframes in which you  
17 held those different jobs?

18 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I came on at the new Congress of 2012 and worked for him until ...  
19 No. Beginning of 2011 and worked for him until January 3rd of 2017.

20 Jeff Brown: Okay. Do you recall approximately the dates in which you were  
21 promoted through those series of roles?

22 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Promoted to LD, May-June timeframe of 2012. Deputy Chief of Staff,  
23 December of 2014.

24 Jeff Brown: Okay. Who did you report to while you were in Representative  
25 Schweikert's office?

26 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Initially, Matthew Tully as an LA. Then he became Chief of Staff  
27 when I became the LD. I continued to report to him until he left. I  
28 guess that would be spring of ... I think '13, at which point in time I  
29 reported to Oliver Schwab.

30 Jeff Brown: You are no longer in Representative Schweikert's office. Where do  
31 you currently work?

32 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Consumers’ Research.

33 Jeff Brown: Okay. When did you start there?

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1 Former Deputy C.O.S.: June of this year as a 1099 employee and was hired full-time August,  
2 early September of this year.

3 Paul Solis: Do you mean 2017?

4 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Sorry, 2017. Yes. 2017. Last year.

5 Jeff Brown: Why did you leave Representative Schweikert's office?

6 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I felt that the office had become unstable. I had been given assurances  
7 that the Chief of Staff was leaving, and when he decided to stay he  
8 became somewhat abusive to me and another senior staffer. I was then  
9 given the option of staying for a dramatically reduced salary, with my  
10 performance being judged on campaign donations or leaving with a six  
11 month severance. I chose to leave. However, I never received the  
12 severance. At the end of December, I was told that the office would  
13 not be honoring that agreement.

14 Jeff Brown: Okay. I'd like to break down some of that. You said there was you and  
15 another individual you felt was subject to some abusive behavior. Who  
16 is the other staffer?

17 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Kevin Knight.

18 Jeff Brown: Okay. When you were referring to the Chief of Staff a moment ago,  
19 you were referring to Oliver Schwab.

20 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Correct.

21 Paul Solis: Well, first I'd like to ... based on Jeff's initial question about why you  
22 left. You said you felt the office had become unstable. Can you just  
23 give us a little more detail on what you meant by-

24 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Oliver, through two hour-and-a-half sessions over the phone, the first  
25 with me and Kevin Knight, the second with just me, basically spent 90  
26 minutes cussing me out and telling me that I was terrible at my job ...  
27 after literally 24 hours prior saying that I was going to be there forever,  
28 and he was leaving, and I was going to be Chief of Staff. He was  
29 showing ... this all happened over the course of literally a two week  
30 period. He was showing signs of severe stress and anger at the member  
31 and was lashing out at me. So, it was basically two hour-and-a-half  
32 sessions where he screamed and swore at one with both me and Kevin  
33 Knight and one with just me.

34 Paul Solis: Okay. So, he had informed you in some way that he was leaving the  
35 office?

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1 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes.

2 Paul Solis: Okay. When did he inform you of that?

3 Former Deputy C.O.S.: He had been saying that the entire congress. He had his paperwork in  
4 at one point in time.

5 Paul Solis: This is the 114th Congress?

6 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yeah, the 114th. We're in the 15th. At one point in time at 113th, he  
7 had paperwork signed to leave, and on his last day decided to stay.  
8 Basically through the entire year of 2016, he would go through these  
9 tirades against the member both to me and ... and sometimes to Kevin  
10 and I together, sometimes just to me, sometimes just to Kevin ... about  
11 how awful David was and how he hated it and how he was going to  
12 quit. He basically said, "I'm not coming back." That was basically the  
13 whole year of 2016. When he decided to come back after having his  
14 two outbursts with me and basically saying, you know, "Here are two  
15 options: You can quit with severance or you can come back next year  
16 at a reduced title, reduced pay, you'll never see your family, and you're  
17 going to be judged on how much money we bring in to Dave, even  
18 though you're not the fundraiser, you're going to be the one that's  
19 responsible for that top dollar." As the legislative staff, I did not want  
20 to come back anymore.

21 Paul Solis: So, that information that was passed to you by Mr. Schwab occurred in  
22 two telephone conversations?

23 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No, that was face ... the last conversation was ... so after his first round  
24 of abuse over the phone with me and Kevin Knight, I just kind of ... he  
25 wasn't around, he was out of town.

26 Paul Solis: When did that happen?

27 Former Deputy C.O.S.: October of 2016, maybe the end of September. It was literally the day  
28 before the NCAI Convention in Phoenix. It was the first phone call. I  
29 was basically given instructions to fly out to Phoenix day of, to go to  
30 that convention even though previously we had discussed me not  
31 going, because of the hour-and-a-half phone cal, I went. Things were  
32 fine for a week. He ended up getting really frustrated over an even  
33 with Kevin McCarthy that was kind of air dropped on us. He spent the  
34 next Monday on the phone with me while he was in Phoenix. I was in  
35 the office at the time, and the entire staff could hear him screaming  
36 over the phone. I had to go to the member's office. After that it was  
37 another hour-and-a-half, basically just screaming and cussing and

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1 everything is terrible. After that I asked for a meeting. At that meeting  
2 he gave me the options to stay at reduced salary, reduced title, and  
3 being judged by campaign donations, or to go with six month  
4 severance. I chose to go with the six month severance.

5 Paul Solis: Okay, that face to face meeting also happened in October of 2016?

6 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes.

7 Paul Solis: Were you a campaign staffer, either paid or volunteer at the time?

8 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No.

9 Paul Solis: Do you know then why he would say to you that your performance  
10 would be based on campaign donations?

11 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I know that David ... and this was the ongoing theme throughout the  
12 year of how he wanted to quit, was David was putting increasing  
13 pressure on him to raise money because David wanted to run for the  
14 Senate. David was basically telling him, "I need a million dollars if I'm  
15 going to run for the Senate." I think that was weighing on him. I do not  
16 believe if I had stayed that would have been what happened. That was  
17 just what was threatened, and I didn't want to take that chance.

18 Paul Solis: Did he say to you at all whether the member had made the information  
19 he passed to you that your performance would be based on campaign  
20 contributions, did he say whether that came from Representative  
21 Schweikert?

22 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Absolutely not, no. He didn't. David had said to me on multiple  
23 occasions, "I'm leaning on Oliver to raise money. That's not your  
24 responsibility."

25 Paul Solis: Okay.

26 Jeff Brown: Was Representative Schweikert ever made aware of these two October  
27 2016 outbursts?

28 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No.

29 Jeff Brown: Did you ever have any conversations with Representative Schweikert  
30 about your decision to leave?

31 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I believe it was relayed to him that I wanted to leave to be a chief.  
32 When I had decided to leave, I didn't want to bring it up. I really just  
33 wanted to be done with the place. You know, with David and with  
34 Oliver. Once I left in November ... I think my last official day in the

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1 office was the Monday before Thanksgiving of 2016. After that I never  
2 talked to David again.

3 Paul Solis: Just to get the timing straight, you said your last day in the office was  
4 November of 2016 ... you said before Thanksgiving? Or after?

5 Former Deputy C.O.S.: The Monday before Thanksgiving.

6 Paul Solis: Before Thanksgiving. And when we asked you how long you'd been in  
7 the office, you specifically mentioned January 3, 2017?

8 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I physically left the office. I was continuing to do work and one of the  
9 things that was ... you're going to be basically essentially on contract  
10 for the next six months and so I was no longer physically in the office  
11 but I was still performing work for the office until January 3rd.

12 Paul Solis: Of 2017?

13 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Of 2017.

14 Jeff Brown: Okay. You said that Mr. Schwab had made it clear on several  
15 occasions that he was planning to leave the office. Can you talk about  
16 those instances in a little more detail?

17 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Up and ... I mean it was such a regular occurrence that people were  
18 noticing how tired I was and people thought it was because David is a  
19 hard member to work for. He's highly caffeinated and a little off kilter  
20 at times. It was because Oliver was always threatening to quit, like  
21 literally day of walk out, quit. "I'm going to quit today. I hate David  
22 and I hate this job and this is going to be terrible." And I consistently  
23 talked him off the ledge because David is, I would say ... the word I  
24 would use would be emotionally attached to Oliver.

25 Jeff Brown: What other staffers in the officer would have seen or been privy to any  
26 of these conversations?

27 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Cami Lepire heard the conversation. Oh, as far as Oliver quitting or  
28 him yelling at me?

29 Jeff Brown: Either one.

30 Former Deputy C.O.S.: As far as the conversation that was overheard when he was yelling at  
31 me the second time, Cami Lepire did overhear that and apologized  
32 because she thought it was her fault that he was yelling and it wasn't.  
33 But he was fairly open to every staffer that would ask him that he was  
34 going to quit and not come back in my opinion. There was no one that

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1                   ... there was literally no one in the office that assumed he was going to  
2                   be back this Congress.

3 Paul Solis:           Just a little bit walk back on your time in the office, so from 2011  
4                   when you started, was Mr. Schwab in the office?

5 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes. He was-

6 Paul Solis:           Your entire time there?

7 Former Deputy C.O.S.: He was there until he left to run the Super PAC in the Quayle  
8                   campaign of 2012 and then he came back after the election.

9 Paul Solis:           Did he have the same job title both periods?

10 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No. He came back ... Matt Tully was still chief of staff when Oliver  
11                   came back. Oliver I think had the title of senior advisor and then when  
12                   Matt left, Oliver became the chief of staff again.

13 Paul Solis:           Okay. Again when was that when he became chief of staff?

14 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Whenever Matt Tully left, I believe Spring of '14.

15 Paul Solis:           Okay. And in that 2011 to 2012 window before he left to go run the  
16                   Super PAC, was title also senior advisor?

17 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No, it was chief of staff.

18 Paul Solis:           Mr. Schwab's?

19 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I did not report to him but that was his ... Oliver was the chief of staff.  
20                   I reported to Matt Tully when Matt Tully was the LD. When Oliver  
21                   left, Matt Tully became the chief and then I reported to Matt Tully as  
22                   chief as the LD.

23 Paul Solis:           Got it.

24 Jeff Brown:           Do you currently have any relationship with Oliver Schwab?

25 Former Deputy C.O.S.: None.

26 Jeff Brown:           Okay. When was the last time you spoke with him?

27 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I think I sent him an email thanking him for a referral to or for  
28                   information that John Carter had a job opening at that time. I was still  
29                   unemployed and I said thank you. And I think it was the last response.  
30                   I did have an email from him, you know, when you called, I knew this  
31                   was going to be about this because I saw the story. I was not one of the  
32                   sources. I called Kevin because I still have a ... I do have a very good

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1 relationship with Kevin. He and I talk regularly and he's kind of my  
2 mentor in a lot of things. I told him, I said, "I wasn't the source," and I  
3 don't have anything to do with this and I really don't want anything to  
4 do with this." Evidently, Kevin did relay to Oliver that I was not the  
5 source and Oliver said, "Thank you for your kind words," and that was  
6 the last I've heard of him. He has not called me or emailed me since  
7 and I did not respond to that email.

8 Jeff Brown: What did Kevin say about the story?

9 Former Deputy C.O.S.: He ... when I had called him, he had not even heard ... he had not  
10 even seen the story. He was doing ... oh he may have been on vacation  
11 with his ... I think that's when his mother-in-law was passing. So, he  
12 didn't even know the story.

13 Jeff Brown: Have you talked to anybody else about that story?

14 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Other than my wife and my parents, no.

15 Paul Solis: When was Mr. Schwab's email to you about-

16 Former Deputy C.O.S.: That's not ... I did share that with my current employer so that she  
17 would know that that was going on.

18 Paul Solis: Wait for the train to go by. When did Mr. Schwab send you that email  
19 saying, "Thank you for your kind words?"

20 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Sometime in November.

21 Paul Solis: Of 2017?

22 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes.

23 Jeff Brown: Do you have any idea who the sources were for that story?

24 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I could probably make a guess for one and a good guess for one and a  
25 somewhat educated guess for the other but other than that, no.

26 Paul Solis: Okay. What would you lead you to have an educated guess on one of  
27 those?

28 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I believe that he terminated Mary O'Connor at roughly the same time  
29 he did me. She had major issues with some of the things that he did. I  
30 believe I signed all the budget paperwork. I have no reason to believe  
31 that he was doing anything unethical with his reimbursements.  
32 Spendthrift, that's for sure. But, you know, she would get frustrated  
33 over his spendthrift nature but I believe that she had concerns so I  
34 believe that she could be one. I also have not heard but I ... not

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1 directly from any source, but from people who have worked with  
2 Martha McSally's chief, that he could be one, that that would be the  
3 kind of thing that he would do.

4 Paul Solis: And who is that?

5 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Justin Roth.

6 Jeff Brown: What is Oliver's relationship to Justin?

7 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Just colleagues but the suspicion and this is someone who is now  
8 working for the federal government way out west who I used to work  
9 with in John Carter's office, he has no ties to him other than he worked  
10 for Justin Roth when Justin Roth was Joe Walsh's chief. And he said  
11 based on the things that he observed Justin Roth do while he was with  
12 Joe Walsh, that he could see that Justin Roth would leak something  
13 like this to the press to force David to stay out of the Senate race so  
14 that Martha McSally could run.

15 Paul Solis: And just to go back, you mentioned a couple times this Mary  
16 O'Connor?

17 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

18 Paul Solis: Was, I think you used the word terminated, was she actually...her  
19 employment was terminated by the Member? Paperwork was signed  
20 by the Member?

21 Former Deputy C.O.S.: That was after I left.

22 Paul Solis: Okay. So you don't know that firsthand knowledge?

23 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I... the only ... I mean I wasn't in the office at the time, but I was told  
24 by former staffers that were still on the Hill that she was let go.

25 Paul Solis: Okay. And you also referred to your employment as being terminated  
26 as well, and I just want to be clear, you talked to us about the options  
27 that were given to you but were you officially terminated or did you  
28 resign?

29 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I took a severance package, and then I got an email right before the  
30 start of the new Congress saying that the severance package was not  
31 going to be offered because he needed the money for other places.

32 Paul Solis: Okay.

33 Former Deputy C.O.S.: And so at that point in time, I would consider myself moving from  
34 resigning to terminated.

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- 1 Paul Solis: Okay.
- 2 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Semantics.
- 3 Paul Solis: Okay. Were you notified at all by the House that your employment had  
4 been terminated?
- 5 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I mean only in the... I didn't get a paycheck the next month.
- 6 Paul Solis: Okay.
- 7 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I filed for unemployment and it was not contested.
- 8 Paul Solis: Okay. I just want to be clear because I think it matters in the timeline  
9 here. You were offered a severance package, and I want to ask a  
10 question about that. You were offered a severance package, you  
11 received an email from Oliver Schwab or Representative Schweikert?
- 12 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Oliver Schwab.
- 13 Paul Solis: Informing you that that severance package was not going to be issued-
- 14 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Honored.
- 15 Paul Solis: -honored to you. Then what happened? You just stopped receiving a  
16 paycheck?
- 17 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I got my paycheck on ... my last paycheck for up through ... from  
18 January 1st to January 3rd, and that was it.
- 19 Paul Solis: Were you... and you talked about Mr. Schwab's message to you that  
20 there were options in front of you. You could stay on-
- 21 Former Deputy C.O.S.: That was in October.
- 22 Paul Solis: Did you refuse those options in that meeting with him or that  
23 discussion with him?
- 24 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No. I told him I needed time to think about it. I originally asked to give  
25 him a decision post-Halloween or no post-Thanksgiving and he did ...  
26 he originally agreed to that and then moved the timeline up but I had  
27 decided basically within less than 24 hours that I was not going to go  
28 back.
- 29 Paul Solis: Okay. So, you had never filed paperwork in late 2017 with House  
30 Payroll notifying them of your ending of employment with the House?
- 31 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No.
- 32 Paul Solis: You just stopped receiving a paycheck?

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- 1 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yeah.
- 2 Paul Solis: Did you at all inquire with the Office again about the status of your  
3 employment?
- 4 Former Deputy C.O.S.: He sent me an email saying that they weren't- that my ... after ... The  
5 original agreement was for me to receive payment until – full salary  
6 for six months until July 1 of 2017. Either late December or early  
7 January, he sent me an email saying that because of David's changing  
8 budget needs, he can't honor the agreement, and that I would be paid  
9 through January 3rd, and that would be the end of it.
- 10 At the time, my wife was in her third trimester. It was a very difficult pregnancy and every time I  
11 had an email receive from Oliver Schwab, I would talk to my wife,  
12 because we had that kind of relationship and it would shoot her blood  
13 pressure up and be dangerous for the baby. I just wanted it to end, and  
14 so I said, "Fine. I will not seek any compensation."
- 15 Jeff Brown: Did you maintain any of these documents related to your severance?
- 16 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Everything else was done through the House. I didn't have access my  
17 House email post-Thanksgiving. I recently deleted ... I guess, I kept  
18 seeing his name pop up in my Google searches, so I deleted  
19 everything, but that can probably be recovered, the last email that I got  
20 from him. That was before you emailed me. That was the last time, I  
21 think.
- 22 Jeff Brown: Did you want to ask a question about the severance?
- 23 Paul Solis: No. I think ... You've given us the terms of the severance. It was that  
24 you were going to be paid through July of 2017 at your typical salary,  
25 your normal salary.
- 26 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Mm-hmm (affirmative).
- 27 Paul Solis: But that you would no longer be reporting to work anymore, right?
- 28 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Mm-hmm (affirmative).
- 29 Paul Solis: Your employment would be terminated or-
- 30 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I would be continuing to work as a need basis.
- 31 Paul Solis: Okay.
- 32 Former Deputy C.O.S.: In the office.
- 33 Paul Solis: It was still an understanding you would be a House employee?

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- 1 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes.
- 2 Paul Solis: But at a reduced work hours?
- 3 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes.
- 4 Paul Solis: But there was no understanding between you and Mr. Schwab that you  
5 would no longer be reporting at all to work?
- 6 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I think he was under the impression that I would get a new job really  
7 quickly and he would never have to ever pay me any additional  
8 money, which was my intention. I really wanted to be done, but ... But  
9 yeah, that's ...
- 10 Paul Solis: Do you know if there was an official designation of the type of work  
11 category you'd be in? If it was leave with pay or ... ?
- 12 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I don't.
- 13 Paul Solis: Okay. We can move on, Jeff, if you like.
- 14 Jeff Brown: We've talked a little bit about your relationship with Oliver, in the  
15 office, Mr. Schwab. What was your working relationship like with  
16 Representative Schweikert?
- 17 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Excellent.
- 18 Jeff Brown: Can you talk a little bit about the working relationship that you had  
19 with him? Sort of, what things you would directly report to him on?
- 20 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Oliver was technically my supervisor when I became the deputy chief  
21 of staff, but for all intents and purposes, I was reporting to David on  
22 everything, everything legislatively. I staffed him at committee. We  
23 had a very good working relationship.
- 24 Jeff Brown: To what extent was Representative Schweikert aware of Mr. Schwab's  
25 continued threats to quit?
- 26 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I don't think he was. He knew that Oliver had put in paperwork once to  
27 leave, but I don't think David was aware that Oliver was constantly  
28 teetering back and forth on it.
- 29 Jeff Brown: How would you describe Representative Schweikert's relationship  
30 with Mr. Schwab?
- 31 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Dependent. Maybe even co-dependent.
- 32 Jeff Brown: What do you mean by that?

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- 1 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I think ... I'm not a doctor. I think that David displays some signs of  
2 autism. And Oliver got him elected the first time, and David feels that  
3 without Oliver, nothing could go right for him.
- 4 Jeff Brown: What do you mean Oliver got him elected the first time?
- 5 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I mean, Oliver was the campaign staffer. The story that I know is that  
6 they were in the car. Oliver was with Senator Toomey at the time,  
7 back when Toomey was running Club for Growth. David called  
8 Toomey, said, "I need to figure out how to win this campaign."  
9 Toomey said, "I've got this guy for you right now. He'll be there." And  
10 they won. They beat Harry Mitchell and David got elected. And so,  
11 when he won the campaign, I think he considered Oliver's campaign  
12 plan as what won him that campaign.
- 13 Jeff Brown: If it's okay, I would like to sort of take a step back a little bit, and talk  
14 a little bit more generally about the ways things operated in  
15 Representative Schweikert's office.
- 16 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Okay.
- 17 Jeff Brown: You can kind of talk through some generalities, and then I have some  
18 more specific questions along the lines of some of the stuff we were  
19 just talking about. Did you have occasion to travel while you were in  
20 Representative Schweikert's office?
- 21 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes.
- 22 Jeff Brown: Okay. How frequently?
- 23 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Once a quarter, maybe.
- 24 Jeff Brown: And generally, for what sort of purposes would you travel?
- 25 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Most of my travel was done to the district. I had maybe one or two  
26 over the course of the year to go outside the district to represent  
27 Schweikert in an official capacity if David wasn't available.
- 28 Jeff Brown: How frequently do staffers travel to and from the district?
- 29 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Most staffers very infrequently, no more than once or twice a quarter.  
30 There were a few staffers that were from the district that would be  
31 more regular to go back and staff David on events. Oliver seemed like  
32 he was traveling most weekends to the district, at least every other  
33 weekend to the district.
- 34 Jeff Brown: And when you say weekends, what days are we actually talking?

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- 1 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Last session day to the flying day. So if it's a four-day week and we  
2 ended on Thursday, Oliver would fly out Thursday or Friday morning  
3 and then come back before votes on the Monday or the Tuesday,  
4 depending on which ...
- 5 Jeff Brown: Are you aware of what sort of role Oliver was playing while in  
6 Arizona for Rep. Schweikert?
- 7 Former Deputy C.O.S.: A little. He made a dual-hat role, both as the chief of staff  
8 representative for David, official business, and also doing fundraising.
- 9 Jeff Brown: Okay.
- 10 Paul Solis: He was a paid campaign employee?
- 11 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I did very little campaign work for him. I know very little about the ins  
12 and outs of the campaign.
- 13 Paul Solis: Are you aware if Oliver Schwab was a paid campaign employee?
- 14 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I am not.
- 15 Paul Solis: You do know that he did work for the campaign?
- 16 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I do.
- 17 Paul Solis: But whether or not he was compensated for that you do not know?
- 18 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I do not know.
- 19 Jeff Brown: You said Oliver would travel back and forth to the district with some  
20 degree of frequency. Who else would travel back? Specifically, who  
21 else would travel back and forth with frequency?
- 22 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Other than the member, no one else with frequency.
- 23 Jeff Brown: Can you walk us through the process by which a staffer, if they were  
24 traveling to another district, how would they arrange for travel out to  
25 the district?
- 26 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Usually book their own flights and then reimburse the flight.
- 27 Jeff Brown: How does the reimbursement process work?
- 28 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Book the flight, print the flight receipt, and then you look at the flight  
29 receipt and then you reimburse, the reimbursement process.
- 30 Jeff Brown: Who is the person that you're going to to seek the reimbursements?

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- 1 Former Deputy C.O.S.: When I was signing some budget documents it was both me with the  
2 second eye set of Mary O'Connor. I would not sign my own  
3 documents without another staff to look through anything that I was  
4 getting reimbursed on.
- 5 Jeff Brown: Who would have signed them for Mr. Schwab?
- 6 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Often me with Mary O'Connor also seeing.
- 7 Jeff Brown: If Oliver was heading out to the district during one of those weekends,  
8 would you have conversations about what sort of work he was doing  
9 out in the district?
- 10 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Usually, yes.
- 11 Jeff Brown: You mentioned that he would staff David on both official and  
12 campaign-related issues.
- 13 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Mm-hmm (affirmative).
- 14 Jeff Brown: If there were campaign-related issues, was there ever any discussion  
15 about whether or not the campaign would pay for the flight or the  
16 official MRA would pay for the flight?
- 17 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No. Most issues with the campaigns, they were either ... If he was  
18 doing campaign-related activities, they were either after-hours or on  
19 the weekend. He would be there for official business at least, basically  
20 a day and a half, two days, and if there was any sort of campaign  
21 event, it would not be the majority of his time there.
- 22 Jeff Brown: Did you have any concerns based upon the travel-related documents  
23 that you saw with the way in which Mr. Schwab was spending MRA  
24 funds to travel to and from the district?
- 25 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Not at the time. In hindsight, I felt there may ... should have been more  
26 supervision of him.
- 27 Jeff Brown: What do you mean by that?
- 28 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I just ... I'm a very cover-your-butt kind of guy. I'm very familiar with  
29 your organization because when I was with John Carter, I learned all  
30 about the history of the OCE and how it was formed. He was my boss.  
31 I felt like I had to sign his documents. I didn't really think about it until  
32 after I left, that there was not enough overlap on activities and there  
33 should've been more.

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1 Jeff Brown: To what extent was Representative Schweikert involved in approving  
2 any of Mr. Schwab's travel?

3 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Almost none. I mean, other than him telling David "I'm coming to the  
4 District," David said ... or David telling him "Come to the District."

5 Jeff Brown: So the individuals that may have been involved with Oliver's travel to  
6 and from the District would have been potentially yourself, Mary, and  
7 maybe Representative Schweikert?

8 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yeah. I'm sure I didn't sign every single reimbursement document. I'm  
9 sure if you look through, over the reimbursement documents, you'll  
10 find a Kelly Roberson or a Katherina Dimenstein or maybe a Ryan  
11 White as well. But it was my standard operating procedure that at least  
12 two staffers, whether that was me and Mary O'Connor or another  
13 staffer and Mary O'Connor, always saw the documents for  
14 reimbursement.

15 Jeff Brown: Were there any policies and procedures in place in the office relating  
16 to staffer travel to the District?

17 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No, not officially.

18 Jeff Brown: Okay. Unofficially?

19 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I wouldn't say unofficial. I mean, other than "You need to go to the  
20 District, go to the District for these meetings."

21 Jeff Brown: Yeah.

22 Paul Solis: Your policy that you just talked about of having at least a couple  
23 staffers look over reimbursement request documents, that also applied  
24 to Mr. Schwab's reimbursement requests?

25 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes.

26 Paul Solis: So he would have two independent people look over his documents?

27 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I would always look at and Mary O'Connor would always look at it.

28 Paul Solis: And when you talked about your policy, you sort of developed that  
29 method or was that-

30 Former Deputy C.O.S.: That was my ... yeah, that was my method.

31 Paul Solis: Okay. And Mr.-

32 Former Deputy C.O.S.: For reimbursements.

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1 Paul Solis: And Mr. Schwab sort of acquiesced or agreed to that-

2 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yeah.

3 Paul Solis: That method?

4 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yep.

5 Jeff Brown: Would you and/or Mary have been raising any issues that you did see?

6 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes.

7 Jeff Brown: Okay. Do you know if either yourself or Mary ever raised any issues  
8 with any MRA-related disbursements?

9 Former Deputy C.O.S.: The only two I can think of were a Dyson fan for Oliver's office and  
10 the standing desks, both of which Mary said "If these get kicked back,  
11 you need to pay out of pocket." And that's it.

12 Paul Solis: And this policy, again, you have of two independent staffers looking at  
13 the documents, how long was that in place?

14 Former Deputy C.O.S.: For the entire time that I was signing the budget documents.

15 Paul Solis: How long were you signing budget documents?

16 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I believe December of 2014.

17 Paul Solis: Until the end of your-

18 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yeah.

19 Paul Solis: - employment?

20 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Until I left the office on the Monday before Thanksgiving of 2016.

21 Paul Solis: Why didn't Mr. Schwab, as chief, take on the budget responsibilities?  
22 Was that a decision by-

23 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I asked to take on the budget responsibilities. At one point in time, he  
24 said "The budget's killing me," and I said "I'll do the budget." I wanted  
25 the experience.

26 Paul Solis: And this is with Mr. Schwab, you had this conversation?

27 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes.

28 Paul Solis: Okay.

29 Jeff Brown: When staffers travel out to the District Office, is there a hotel that they  
30 would ordinarily stay in?

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- 1 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I almost always stayed at the Scottsdale Plaza because it was pretty  
2 cheap and it's close to the District, or close to the District Office.  
3 Oliver almost always stayed at this okay Hilton Garden Inn. I'd stayed  
4 there once I think, and I did not care for it.
- 5 Jeff Brown: Are both of those hotels close to the District Office?
- 6 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes, within 10 minutes I think.
- 7 Jeff Brown: Would you need to rent a car in order to get from the closest hotel to  
8 the District Office?
- 9 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Oh, I don't think there's any hotel close enough to the District Office  
10 that you could just walk to.
- 11 Jeff Brown: So it was standard practice, if anyone was traveling to the District, to  
12 rent a car?
- 13 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes.
- 14 Jeff Brown: Can you walk us through who the primary staffers are out in the  
15 District?
- 16 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Kevin Knight, Ernestina Borquez-Smith are the only two that I know  
17 of that are still there.
- 18 Jeff Brown: Can you tell us a little bit about their roles?
- 19 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Kevin is ... I like to call him the heart, David's heart. He's a former  
20 legislative ... or, sorry. He's a former Minnesota Congress ... State  
21 House Representative. He takes the hard meetings in the District, you  
22 know, the meetings that most people end up crying in. Ernestina is  
23 the ... I don't mean like ... I mean like the heartstring meetings, the  
24 ALSs, the Dreamer kids, those types of meeting where it's ... you want  
25 to be able to be helpful. Kevin does a better job, or at least in the  
26 District, does a really good job at interacting with them. Ernestina, she  
27 is a bit of a catchall in the District. She also is the head case worker. In  
28 my opinion, there's no one better.
- 29 Jeff Brown: What sort of relationship does Oliver have with Kevin Knight?
- 30 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I would assume he has a good relationship. We were all very close for  
31 almost six years.
- 32 Jeff Brown: You said Kevin is a bit of a mentor to you-
- 33 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: Can you just elaborate on how that relationship developed?
- 2 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Kevin and I started ... My very first trip out to the District, which ... I  
3 cannot remember if it was in 2011 or 2012, but I was there for an  
4 entire week. Kevin just kind of sat down and said "Here's how my life  
5 has been. I started as a salesman and ran for politics. Came here to  
6 retire, got with David. Here are the conservative things that I believe  
7 and how you should live your life," and I went to church with Kevin  
8 when I was down in the District. He's an older guy who has a good  
9 head on his shoulders.
- 10 Jeff Brown: When you would travel to and from the District, how does one keep  
11 track of expenses?
- 12 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Receipts.
- 13 Jeff Brown: And how does a staffer go about getting reimbursed for their expenses  
14 in the District?
- 15 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Standard House expense report form.
- 16 Jeff Brown: Who do those flow through in Representative Schweikert's office?
- 17 Former Deputy C.O.S.: If it was me traveling, I would show Oliver and one other staffer and  
18 Mary O'Connor. If it was another staffer, they'd go to Oliver then to  
19 me and then to Mary O'Connor.
- 20 Jeff Brown: Were there any office policies or procedures or guidelines on amount  
21 of money that could be spent on accommodation, travel?
- 22 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Try to keep it as ... Wherever you're staying, try to get a government  
23 rate, cheaper than \$150 a night. Get the cheapest car you can find  
24 within \$4 or \$5. For me and the instructions that I gave to my staff was  
25 if your meals are office-related, you can reimburse them. If you're  
26 going to go out and have drinks and just have a good time, then no.
- 27 Jeff Brown: Switching gears a little bit, office supplies. If you're a staffer in  
28 Representative Schweikert's office and you need office supplies, how  
29 do you go about procuring those office supplies?
- 30 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Well, if it's an immediate need, typically would use the office supply  
31 store in the House. Some of those items are really expensive. If it was  
32 power cords and things like that, you'd order them on Amazon usually,  
33 for me and the other staffers. Anything that you couldn't get in the  
34 office ... Anything that you couldn't get in the supply store or was  
35 exuberantly expensive in there, it would go through Amazon.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: Is there an individual in the office who's primarily responsible for  
2 ensuring that the office has all the office supplies that it needs?
- 3 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I would say for the most part, staff would say "I need to go downstairs  
4 and get pens," or "I need this." Most of the Amazon supply purchases,  
5 I would say, directly from the lower level staff, would come through  
6 me.
- 7 Jeff Brown: Is there any sort of office policy or procedure on office supplies?
- 8 Former Deputy C.O.S.: You know, not ... Be reasonable.
- 9 Jeff Brown: Does Representative Schweikert have any involvement in-
- 10 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No.
- 11 Jeff Brown: ... the office supply purchases?
- 12 Former Deputy C.O.S.: None.
- 13 Jeff Brown: Switching gears again, I'd like to talk a little bit about education. Are  
14 staffers in Representative Schweikert's office reimbursed for  
15 educational coursework of any kind?
- 16 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes. I mean, they paid for ... The House reimbursed my education for  
17 my federal student loans.
- 18 Jeff Brown: How about outside of repayment for student loans? Are individuals  
19 permitted to take coursework while they're staffers?
- 20 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No one during my time there did that. I don't ... that I ever remember  
21 signing a reimbursement for.
- 22 Jeff Brown: Okay. Are you familiar, excuse me, with the Naval War College?
- 23 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I am.
- 24 Jeff Brown: It seems to be a popular place for folks in Representative Schweikert's  
25 office to take courses. Can you elaborate on that?
- 26 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I believe that Katherina Dimenstein and Ryan White were both trying  
27 to get master's degrees from there. As Congressional staffers, I  
28 believe ... I was under the impression it was free.
- 29 Paul Solis: Why do you have that impression?
- 30 Former Deputy C.O.S.: That's what I was told by them, and I had no reason not to believe  
31 them. I've heard lots of people talk about the Naval War College for  
32 the most part being free for Congressional staffers.

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1 Jeff Brown: Do you know if their courses are online or in person?  
2 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No idea.  
3 Paul Solis: Do you recall Oliver saying that he took courses there?  
4 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I don't think so.  
5 Paul Solis: Or did anybody talk about Oliver taking courses there?  
6 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I don't think so.  
7 Jeff Brown: I'm going to hand you just a couple documents and feel free to flip  
8 through them -  
9 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Okay.  
10 Jeff Brown: I really just have a couple very brief questions -  
11 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Okay.  
12 Paul Solis: And, you know, he's not the author of these-  
13 Jeff Brown: Correct.  
14 Paul Solis: ... documents. You didn't create the documents, at least as far as we  
15 understand it. It's just more of a refresher to get your eyes on an item  
16 on a piece of paper that maybe you can help answer Jeff's questions.  
17 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Okay.  
18 Jeff Brown: Can you just generally describe for me what this document is?  
19 Former Deputy C.O.S.: It looks like a current commercial reimbursement for travel. And it  
20 looks like they're almost all flights. Yeah.  
21 Jeff Brown: I should say for the record too, the Bates range on this document is  
22 CAO\_0005 through 10. On the first page, so CAO\_0005, is that  
23 Representative Schweikert's signature?  
24 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No.  
25 Jeff Brown: Whose signature is that?  
26 Former Deputy C.O.S.: That's mine.  
27 Jeff Brown: I'm handing you one other document. This is CAO\_0011 through 26.  
28 Same question, just what is this?

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1 Former Deputy C.O.S.: It looks like a reimbursement for a trip. I'm not sure what the  
2 telecom ... I don't remember the telecom one was for, but the rest of it  
3 looks to be, time frame, maybe the Super Bowl trip.

4 Jeff Brown: Is that your signature on the first page of this document?

5 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes.

6 Jeff Brown: And just one final document here. This is CAO\_0062 through 76.  
7 What is this document?

8 Former Deputy C.O.S.: It looks like office supplies reimbursement.

9 Jeff Brown: Okay. Whose signatures are those on the front, if you're aware?

10 Former Deputy C.O.S.: That's Ashley Sylvester's. That one, I don't know.

11 Paul Solis: It looks like it possibly could be ... the first name there could be David.  
12 Under it is member/chairman/officer/other approver's signature. Do  
13 you recall if that looks like Representative Schweikert's signature?

14 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I don't think so.

15 Paul Solis: Okay.

16 Jeff Brown: Is Representative Schweikert generally or ever involved in signing  
17 these sorts of reimbursement forms?

18 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No.

19 Jeff Brown: Okay. When there is a document that calls for a  
20 member/chairman/officer/other approver's signature, who is generally  
21 signing those documents?

22 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Often it was me, as in the case of these first two, with two other people  
23 viewing it before I would sign it. But this one, I don't what the ... I  
24 don't remember seeing that one.

25 Jeff Brown: Does representative Schweikert keep a stamp-

26 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes.

27 Jeff Brown: ... of his signature? Okay.

28 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes.

29 Jeff Brown: And what is that stamp used for?

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- 1 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I don't recall anyone ever stamping a reimbursement. It's usually for  
2 like signing letters to other members. It is not his signature on that, on  
3 that stamp though.
- 4 Jeff Brown: I want to make sure that I understand this. For MRA-related  
5 disbursements, Representative Schweikert is generally not a signatory  
6 to any of those documents?
- 7 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes, correct.
- 8 Jeff Brown: With these documents in front of you, can you help again just ... I  
9 know we've talked about this, but if you can walk us through the  
10 process by which somebody is going to get reimbursed for office  
11 supplies or travel ... Can you walk us through that with reference to  
12 these documents? How does the process work in Representative  
13 Schweikert's office?
- 14 Former Deputy C.O.S.: It looks like this is the government card, so ... Actually, I don't know if  
15 it is or if it's his card. It's been a long time. But typically, you would  
16 printout the, at least at the time ... And this may have been the one that  
17 kind of triggered my whole receipt thing. I would only do receipts if  
18 they had printouts of the flights. But, if I remember correctly, but  
19 you'd submit your flights. This is a little out of the typical norm as far  
20 as what the ... of the signature.
- 21 Jeff Brown: Just for the record, you're referring to the document-
- 22 Former Deputy C.O.S.: 005.
- 23 Jeff Brown: Thank you.
- 24 Former Deputy C.O.S.: But it looks like they're all flights to and from Phoenix. It could be  
25 member travel or David travel or both of them together. Since it looks  
26 like it is all flights, that may have been why. Everything else, you  
27 would provide Amazon printouts, receipts of what you ordered to be  
28 reimbursed. We'd go through those, and if they were office  
29 appropriate, you would sign them.
- 30 Jeff Brown: And then after these documents were signed and they're compiled with  
31 receipts, where do these documents go?
- 32 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I kept a bunch in a filing cabinet in my desk. Anything that I signed, I  
33 kept for myself a copy. I turned those back in when I left.
- 34 Jeff Brown: Aside from the copy that you kept, where would the originals go?

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1 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Well, so the originals would be turned in by Mary O'Connor. I thought  
2 they were copies coming back to me but they may have been the  
3 originals that come back after she processes them.

4 Paul Solis: But where is she taking them to?

5 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Oh, to just the reimbursement ... the-

6 Paul Solis: So House -

7 Former Deputy C.O.S.: The House-

8 Paul Solis: [inaudible crosstalk 00:48:04]-

9 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes.

10 Jeff Brown: Did Mary have an official title in the office?

11 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I don't remember what her official title was, but she is a  
12 reimbursement contractor essentially and works for several offices.

13 Jeff Brown: If you had to describe what Mary did on day-to-day basis, how would  
14 you describe that?

15 Former Deputy C.O.S.: She would come in. She'd most ... pay the bills, anything that we had  
16 that came in, any sort of bills that she had pay ... that needed to be  
17 paid. She would pay the bills. If we have any reimbursements, she  
18 would look over the reimbursements with me and then process them.

19 Paul Solis: You want to ask about ... He mentioned a Super Bowl trip.

20 Jeff Brown: I do want to ask you about that.

21 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I figured you would.

22 Jeff Brown: What can you tell us about that trip?

23 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I was-

24 Paul Solis: First of all, you called it the Super Bowl trip, so why do you call it the  
25 Super-

26 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Because it was the weekend of the Phoenix Open and the Super Bowl.  
27 It was also the Super Bowl ... They called it the Super Bowl trip in that  
28 article.

29 Paul Solis: Okay.

30 Jeff Brown: And by the article, you are referring to-

31 Former Deputy C.O.S.: The Examiner article.

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- 1 Jeff Brown: Thank you. What can you tell us ... Well, I should actually ... When  
2 did you first read the Examiner article?
- 3 Former Deputy C.O.S.: It was kind of interesting. I started getting texts and phone calls, "Let's  
4 do lunch," on November 5th from former staffers or other people on  
5 the Hill. I was like "Okay, let's do lunch." Then finally one of the  
6 former staffers said "I can't believe you went to the press on this," and  
7 I was like ... I had no idea that this article was coming out, and I did  
8 not talk to the press so I was just as surprised as anyone else on that.  
9 But when I read that, I assumed at some point you all would be calling  
10 me.
- 11 Jeff Brown: Aside from what you've read in the Examiner article, what first-hand  
12 knowledge do you have about Mr. Schwab's trip to Phoenix?
- 13 Former Deputy C.O.S.: As far as I know, it was a mix-use trip with probably I would say more  
14 official business than unofficial. He did go to the actual Super Bowl  
15 but because of the two week weekend ... or the weekend that was  
16 there, it was both the Phoenix Open and the Super Bowl. I remember  
17 at one point in time, he told me everything that he was doing that was  
18 officially related. And I ... as lodging if I remember correctly, it was  
19 the standard Hilton that he had already stayed ... always stayed in. So  
20 other than the cost which as someone who had just done the budget  
21 was really frustrated with, but I had no reason to believe that he had  
22 gone off the reservation on that trip as far as ethics is concerned.
- 23 Jeff Brown: What sort of official activities do you recall him telling you that he  
24 was doing?
- 25 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I think and again this is two years ... two years now, no three years. I  
26 know he was taking office meetings. I know he was in the office really  
27 early every day he was down there and working out of the District  
28 office. I believe he took some site tours and some other things. And,  
29 you know, he also went to the Super Bowl and I believe that was at  
30 least one fundraiser that was down there. No, I think ... a McCarthy  
31 fundraiser I think.
- 32 Jeff Brown: Let's take some of that one at a time. How would you be aware of  
33 what official activities he was doing aside from him telling you?
- 34 Former Deputy C.O.S.: That would have been it.
- 35 Paul Solis: When you said he was in the office early, and do you know that by  
36 emails he was sending or by phone calls he was making?

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1 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I believe he did call me once from the office number and I just ... I  
2 vaguely remember him saying ... I asked him, "Why are you calling  
3 me from the District office this early," and he's, "I'm working."

4 Paul Solis: Okay. And you said he was in the office every day he was there during  
5 that trip?

6 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I actually don't know that for sure. I would ... he claimed to be in the  
7 office every day and he never gave me a reason to believe when he  
8 was in the office that he wasn't in the office, that he said that he was in  
9 the office that he wasn't in the office.

10 Jeff Brown: Let's break some of this down. You said he attended the Super Bowl.  
11 How do you know that?

12 Former Deputy C.O.S.: There were pictures on Facebook and he told me he was going to go to  
13 the Super Bowl.

14 Jeff Brown: Okay. Do you know if he attended the Super Bowl with anyone?

15 Former Deputy C.O.S.: His wife and David.

16 Jeff Brown: Are you aware-

17 Paul Solis: And that's Representative Schweikert?

18 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes, sorry.

19 Jeff Brown: Are you aware of any other activities that he partook in on Super Bowl  
20 Sunday?

21 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No.

22 Jeff Brown: You mentioned the Phoenix Open. Did Oliver attend the Phoenix  
23 Open?

24 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I do not know.

25 Jeff Brown: Okay. Is the Phoenix Open an event that Representative Schweikert or  
26 other staffers have attended in the past?

27 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I don't know.

28 Jeff Brown: Aside from the Super Bowl, what other-

29 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I will say this about the Phoenix Open. I do know that that particular  
30 time of year is ... or with the Phoenix Open, every year has been, you  
31 know, you go out there, you take meetings, you show people around  
32 the District because it is a busy ... lots of people fly in and want to talk

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1 to the member that represents. But I don't know if they ever attended  
2 the actual event.

3 Jeff Brown: And are those events campaign related or official?

4 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I am unaware of any campaign-related events to the Phoenix Open. I  
5 would ... the ones that I can think of are site tours and things like that,  
6 typical official-type business.

7 Jeff Brown: Aside from the Super Bowl, what other activities do you know that  
8 Oliver Schwab attended during that period?

9 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I don't remember.

10 Jeff Brown: You said that you saw photos on Facebook. Do you remember seeing  
11 any photos besides Super Bowl pictures?

12 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I don't remember any other about the Super Bowl pictures ... other  
13 than the Super Bowl pictures, and I am no longer friends with Oliver  
14 on Facebook.

15 Jeff Brown: You mentioned his wife was out in Arizona at the time. How do you  
16 know that?

17 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I think she was in there in the pictures with him. I'm not sure they  
18 were married yet. I don't remember exactly when they got married.

19 Jeff Brown: Did staffers in Representative Schweikert's office, when they traveled  
20 to the District, was it common or did it ever happen that they would  
21 travel with significant others?

22 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I don't-

23 Jeff Brown: And I don't mean to suggest that official funds would be used to pay  
24 but-

25 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No, I don't think so. Not typically. I-

26 Jeff Brown: So-

27 Former Deputy C.O.S.: - I never went with my wife the entire time I was with David.

28 Jeff Brown: So, aside from what we'll call the Super Bowl trip in 2015, you're not  
29 aware of Oliver's wife ever being out in the District when he was there  
30 for either official or campaign-related business?

31 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I think there were times that she was working for the NRCC where she  
32 would be out there ... she was an employee of the NRCC at one point  
33 in time in that region. So, she may have been out there with him. I

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1 don't remember the exact timeframe and there was a period where she  
2 was unemployed, so she may have been out with him. I don't  
3 remember any specific times.

4 Paul Solis: Were you the one who looked at reimbursement receipts after that  
5 trip?

6 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I was.

7 Paul Solis: Did you notice anything you felt to be not official or did you reject any  
8 requests for reimbursement?

9 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No, other than I can't believe you just busted a hole in my budget, but  
10 no.

11 Paul Solis: So, you felt that the costs were high?

12 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yeah, but not unreasonable based on the weekend that it was there and  
13 looking at some of the ... I did ... I don't remember if I looked before  
14 or after for hotels on my own. I just remember it being really  
15 expensive to go out to Scottsdale that weekend.

16 Paul Solis: Okay. Did ... were there any reimbursement requests for Mr.  
17 Schwab's wife in any capacity?

18 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No, not that I know of.

19 Jeff Brown: How about family members? His mother or his brother?

20 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Out to the District for reimbursements, no. I can't say for certain  
21 whether or not there was any time that they were out there with him.  
22 I'd never processed any reimbursements for them.

23 Jeff Brown: If Mr. Schwab indicated on a reimbursement that he was having a  
24 meal with constituents, would you ask questions about who those  
25 constituents were?

26 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Not typically. He didn't ... no, not typically.

27 Paul Solis: You mentioned something about a McCarthy fundraiser that weekend  
28 if I recall.

29 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I think there was an NRCC fundraiser at some point in time over the  
30 course of that weekend that McCarthy was there.

31 Paul Solis: And that's because you ... well, how would you become aware of that  
32 or how did you become aware of that?

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- 1 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I mean Kevin McCarthy was in the photos I think of the Super Bowl at  
2 some point in time and there was a lot of chatter in the office. It was  
3 common knowledge on the Hill that they were going to have an event  
4 out in Phoenix for the NRCC that weekend.
- 5 Jeff Brown: You mentioned Oliver expressing some frustration over the Kevin  
6 McCarthy related fundraiser. Can you elaborate on that?
- 7 Former Deputy C.O.S.: It ended up not being a fundraiser and actually now that I think about  
8 it, the Friday before the second incident which would have been in  
9 October of 2016, where Oliver yelled at me for an hour and a half on  
10 the phone, Kevin McCarthy air-dropped a, you know, there were some  
11 ... they were doing one thing and Kevin McCarthy called and said, "I  
12 want to do a Valley Fever event instead." And in two days we put  
13 together a Valley Fever event.
- 14 Jeff Brown: What's a Valley Fever-
- 15 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I'm sorry, Valley Fever is a fungus that is common in Arizona and  
16 Southern California that kills people. It's a fairly ... it's very common.  
17 Pretty much everyone gets it but it can basically cause you to rot from  
18 the inside out if you get a severe case of it. There's not a lot of studies  
19 done. David and Kevin McCarthy joined together to do ... to start the  
20 Valley Fever caucus and work towards, you know, trying to get the  
21 NIH to fund a cure. There was no ... as far as my awareness was  
22 concerned, there was never a fundraiser, any sort of campaign aspect  
23 to the Valley Fever caucus or any Valley Fever event.
- 24 Jeff Brown: Before we leave this topic, are you aware of Oliver Schwab and his  
25 wife attending a basketball game of any kind over Super Bowl  
26 weekend?
- 27 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No.
- 28 Paul Solis: You mentioned, that same weekend, we asked you about the McCarthy  
29 event, you said there was discussions in the office about an NRCC ...
- 30 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No, not within the office. It was just on the hill, people knew there was  
31 going to be an NRCC event.
- 32 Paul Solis: That Superbowl weekend?
- 33 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yep.
- 34 Paul Solis: And you saw, did you see pictures of that event?
- 35 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Not of the event, I just saw pictures of Kevin McCarthy there.

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1 Paul Solis: Okay. Do you know if Representative Schweikert, or Oliver Schwab ...  
2 Do you whether they attended this event?

3 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I would assume they did, I do not know for certain.

4 Paul Solis: Why would you assume that they would?

5 Former Deputy C.O.S.: It's the leader, if the majority leader was there doing a fundraising  
6 event, David and Kevin McCarthy are close. I would make the  
7 assumption that he was there if there was an event. I almost guarantee  
8 you that I would be right.

9 Paul Solis: And the same would go for Oliver's attendance?

10 Former Deputy C.O.S.: If David was going to an event and Oliver was in the district, then  
11 Oliver would also attend the event.

12 Jeff Brown: We've talked about this, but I want to ask it again. Do you have any  
13 concerns about any sort of office supply purchases that Oliver made  
14 during his tenure as Chief of Staff?

15 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Not directly, and there was nothing ... Oliver and I got into it multiple  
16 times over the Dyson fan that he bought for the back office, which was  
17 reimbursed. It did go through Office of Payroll, Mary I believe flagged  
18 it and said, "Is this okay?" I don't remember what it was, but I brought  
19 that up regularly, about how I thought that was a waste of money. And  
20 he did not appreciate that, but I continued to rib him about it.

21 Other office supplies, I have no indication that he bought anything that he used at home, or didn't  
22 bring anything into our office or the Arizona office.

23 Jeff Brown: Did staff use Apple products?

24 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes.

25 Jeff Brown: I'm going to show you two documents, CAO\_0634 and CAO\_0549.

26 Do the products listed on these pages, do these appear to be products that would've been used in  
27 the office?

28 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes.

29 Jeff Brown: How would those have been used in the office?

30 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Oliver spoke almost exclusively on his Apple . . . sorry, on his iPhone,  
31 and he would go through headphones like crazy. He would go through  
32 them a lot, and so I would imagine that he got sick one day, or sick of  
33 having the ones break and bought a whole bunch.

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1 Jeff Brown: How about the digital adapters?

2 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I do not know about the HDMI or lightning adapters, but it would not  
3 be out of the realm to want to use them to put them out of display, that  
4 wouldn't flag my concern.

5 Jeff Brown: We've talked a little bit about education already. Are you aware of any  
6 educational courses that Oliver took while Chief of Staff, for Rep.  
7 Schweikert?

8 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I think he was doing a Harvard Business School enrichment. I don't  
9 remember ever being asked to sign a reimbursement for that.

10 Jeff Brown: Besides Harvard, how about any other institutions?

11 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No.

12 Jeff Brown: Do you recall ever hearing anything about him taking coursework at  
13 Stanford?

14 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No.

15 Jeff Brown: How about Johns Hopkins?

16 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No.

17 Jeff Brown: The Naval War College?

18 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No. Maybe the Naval War College, I don't remember him talking  
19 much about it, but he may have mentioned something about wanting to  
20 do coursework over there, or him talking about how it was a great  
21 thing with Kat or Ryan.

22 Jeff Brown: If he was going to be reimbursed for coursework, who would've signed  
23 the paperwork for those reimbursements?

24 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I would think it would have been me and Mary. Me with Mary looking  
25 over. I don't remember ever seeing that.

26 Jeff Brown: Okay.

27 Are you familiar with the Casey Family Foundation?

28 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I don't think so.

29 Jeff Brown: Are you aware of Oliver's involvement in any sort of family  
30 foundation?

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1 Former Deputy C.O.S.: He does have a family foundation, I don't know ... I thought it was a  
2 Schwab family foundation, but if it's a Casey family foundation that's  
3 possible.

4 Jeff Brown: What do you know about that family foundation?

5 Former Deputy C.O.S.: That he's on the board, and that's about it.

6 Jeff Brown: What's the purpose of this foundation?

7 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I don't know. He and I didn't talk about it.

8 Well no ... I want to bring something up which made the interactions that I had before I left his  
9 office so stunning. He knew that my wife was pregnant, my wife was  
10 considering leaving her job to stay home with our kids. I shared that  
11 information with him, told him we were looking at buying a new  
12 house, and he said, "My foundation could provide a bridge loan for  
13 you and your family if you needed to get your new house and didn't  
14 have time to sell your old." I found that to be nice but strange, and did  
15 not take him up on the offer.

16 Jeff Brown: Did you have any other discussions about what type of work the  
17 foundation did?

18 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No.

19 Jeff Brown: Do you know what his role was at the foundation?

20 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I really don't. I know it existed, and I'm sure we had conversations  
21 about it. I don't recall it being relevant, or significant.

22 Jeff Brown: So aside from how Oliver is compensated for his work as Chief of  
23 Staff on the Hill, aside from his compensation that he receives directly  
24 from House of Representatives, are you aware of any other income  
25 streams that Mr. Schwab has?

26 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No.

27 Paul Solis: That foundation, do you know if he's paid by the foundation?

28 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I do not know.

29 Jeff Brown: Does the company Chartwell Associates, or Chartwell LLC, does that  
30 mean anything to you?

31 Former Deputy C.O.S.: He has a company named Chartwell. I think at one point in time, he  
32 may have formed it when he did – when he ran David's Super PAC,  
33 that may have been the name he called it. He had it, but I'm unaware of

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1 anything business-related that Chartwell ever did, other than ... In the  
2 back of my mind, it sticks that it may have been the name of the  
3 company that he did the Super PAC against Ben Quayle.

4 Jeff Brown: Are you aware of any of the political consulting work that Oliver does  
5 for Representative Schweikert?

6 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No. I had very little to do with the campaign side.

7 Jeff Brown: What do you know about the campaign work that Oliver does?

8 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I would have never even considered Oliver to be a political consultant  
9 for David based on my knowledge. Chris Baker, I always thought was  
10 David's political consultant.

11 Jeff Brown: Why do you say that?

12 Former Deputy C.O.S.: 'Cause David has referred to Chris Baker as his political consultant,  
13 Oliver's referred to David as his political consultant.

14 Jeff Brown: Why would you say that Oliver is not somebody that does political  
15 consulting work for Representative Schweikert?

16 Former Deputy C.O.S.: The relationship that he had with David as far as campaign, seemed to  
17 have been as similar as the other office that I worked for, so it just  
18 didn't seem like political consultant was what I would call him.

19 Jeff Brown: Are you aware of whether or not Miss Schwab received any sort of  
20 monies from the campaign committee or the pack?

21 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I am not.

22 Paul Solis: I had asked you this question earlier, whether or not Mr. Schwab did  
23 work for Representative Schweikert's campaign committee, and you  
24 did confirm that you knew that he did do work for the campaign  
25 committee. You just didn't know whether or not he was compensated  
26 for that work. Is that right?

27 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I wouldn't have called him a political consultant, is what it comes  
28 down to. I know he did campaign work, I wouldn't have called him a  
29 political consultant. I am unaware of any third party relationship that  
30 he has business-wise.

31 Paul Solis: I just want to confirm with the work, and that word can be sort of  
32 broad, but you do have knowledge that he provided services, or did do  
33 work, for Representative Schweikert's campaign committee. Whether  
34 it's on a political consultancy basis, that's a different question.

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1 Former Deputy C.O.S.: He raised money for David.  
2 Paul Solis: Right. Okay.  
3 Jeff Brown: Do you know if Oliver Schwab has any real estate or rental property  
4 investments of any kind?  
5 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I believe he has some sort of family compound thing in Michigan, and  
6 I believe he owns a house in, or he did at one point in time, own a  
7 house in Arlington or Alexandria or the one right across the way. At  
8 one time I know he was exploring rental properties but, I'm not aware  
9 of anything beyond those two properties.  
10 Jeff Brown: Have you ever heard of a company called Pinkham Management?  
11 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No.  
12 Jeff Brown: How about Allerton Property Management?  
13 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No.  
14 Jeff Brown: Health and Wellness Partners?  
15 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Nope.  
16 Jeff Brown: Marcos Lopez, ever heard of Marcos Lopez?  
17 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No.  
18 Jeff Brown: Jim Hamilton?  
19 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I have heard of Jim Hamilton.  
20 Jeff Brown: Who's Jim Hamilton?  
21 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I thought he did work for Uber, maybe. It may have been Uber, or  
22 Phoenix Raceway.  
23 Jeff Brown: Do you know if Oliver Schwab has any sort of income related to any  
24 of these rental properties or real estate investments?  
25 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No.  
26 Jeff Brown: How about the company, Bristol Consulting? Does that mean anything  
27 to you?  
28 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No.  
29 Jeff Brown: Are you aware of whether Oliver Schwab's wife has a consulting  
30 company of any kind?

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- 1 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No.
- 2 Jeff Brown: What can you tell me about Oliver Schwab's wife being hired as a  
3 temporary employee in Representative Schweikert's office?
- 4 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I don't ... I can't remember if they were married yet or just engaged. It  
5 was to do payroll processing. I was not necessarily comfortable with  
6 that arrangement, and told Oliver, counseled Oliver to get approval  
7 from Ethics ... He claimed that Ethics said it was fine.
- 8 Jeff Brown: What made you uncomfortable?
- 9 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I mean, it's a relationship that processes money, and I was ... After he  
10 got Ethics approval and confirmed that I would be signing any  
11 reimbursement approvals, I said okay.
- 12 Paul Solis: Did you see a letter from the Ethics Committee, or any emails or any  
13 documentation?
- 14 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I did not.
- 15 Paul Solis: It's just his statement to you, it was approved?
- 16 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yes.
- 17 Jeff Brown: Were there ever any other instances that you're aware of that Oliver  
18 would seek approval for any activities from the Committee on Ethics?
- 19 Former Deputy C.O.S.: He did, I mean, anything specific no, he did fairly regularly say that if  
20 there's any question that you have on something you're doing, call  
21 Ethics first.
- 22 Jeff Brown: Do you know if he sought Ethics Committee advice on anything  
23 related to the Super Bowl trip?
- 24 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I do not.
- 25 Paul Solis: I just want to very briefly return to the question of Mr. Schwab's work  
26 for Representative Schweikert's campaign committee. In the last series  
27 of questions you said that he raised money for Representative  
28 Schweikert in a sort of fundraising capacity? Aside from the  
29 fundraising capacity, are you aware of any other work that he  
30 performed for Representative Schweikert's campaign committee?
- 31 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No, I do not.
- 32 Paul Solis: Okay.

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- 1 Former Deputy C.O.S.: That is the reason why I would qualify him, I would not have qualified  
2 him as a political consultant.
- 3 Jeff Brown: Is there anything that we haven't talked about or haven't asked you  
4 about that you think is relevant, in light of the things we've discussed  
5 today?
- 6 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I have always thought that Oliver is pretty good with ethics with a  
7 capital E. I had no reason to distrust him during my time with David  
8 up until the very end, when he completely went off the rails. I would  
9 say that Oliver was a close friend for the entire time that I worked with  
10 David. He seemed to never want to actually step over the line. He  
11 seemed to be very ... He had no desire to step over the line, and I had  
12 no reason to believe that ... He never gave me any indication that he  
13 would try to step over the line. In hindsight, I would have done things  
14 differently, and if I ever go back to the Hill in a capacity as a chief or a  
15 budget director for an office, I will do things differently, but it's  
16 hindsight. At the time I had no reason not to trust David.
- 17 Jeff Brown: Specifically, what would you have done differently in Representative  
18 Schweikert's office?
- 19 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I would have required more documentation for reimbursements, who  
20 were you having dinner with, things like that. If for no other reason  
21 than, it protects you as the employee.
- 22 Jeff Brown: Would it have been common practice for mixed purpose-related trips  
23 to have consulted guidance from the Ethics Committee?
- 24 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I never had a mixed purpose trip. That's not true, I had one that was an  
25 after-hours fundraiser with Lamar Smith. I was not required to attend,  
26 I chose to attend and that was not the reason I went out, it just  
27 happened to be at the same time. And so no, I didn't consult with them  
28 because the reason I went out there was to staff a field hearing for the  
29 house science space and technology committee on waters of the US.
- 30 Jeff Brown: Is there anyone else who you think it behoove the OCE to talk to about  
31 things we discussed today?
- 32 Former Deputy C.O.S.: If you haven't talked to Kevin, then you should talk to Kevin. Mary  
33 O'Connor, if you haven't talked to Mary O'Connor. April, and I don't  
34 remember her last name.
- 35 Jeff Brown: Who is April?

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- 1 Former Deputy C.O.S.: She was before Mary. She was our finance reimbursements person.  
2 She was hired by Matt, not by Oliver, stayed after Matt left, and then  
3 fired us after Oliver said he was leaving. The first time, when he  
4 actually had paperwork, I just don't want to train anyone new because  
5 she was maxed out on offices. I mean other than that, I don't think so.
- 6 Paul Solis: Just going back to the article in the Examiner, it discusses several  
7 aspects of Oliver Schwab's time in the office and then his potential  
8 work with the various political committees and campaign committee,  
9 the office supply reimbursements and educational reimbursements. So  
10 although we've talked a bit about this stuff and your knowledge of it, I  
11 mean when you read this article, how much of it did you feel was  
12 accurate and how much did you just have no awareness of, and what  
13 was your response to it?
- 14 Former Deputy C.O.S.: The supplies, there were times I thought he was buying too many  
15 supplies. Again Mary O'Connor to caution was doing the same thing,  
16 slow down on the supplies, quit burning stuff.
- 17 Paul Solis: The article mentions \$20,000 does that seem like a-
- 18 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Over the course of the entire ... Over the course of six years, that  
19 seems like it could be possible.
- 20 Paul Solis: Okay. The \$5,000 for the Super Bowl trip weekend, does that seem?
- 21 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yeah, no I mean, I saw the reimbursement but I had no reason to think  
22 that he misrepresented what he was doing out there to me.
- 23 Paul Solis: So that figure seems right?
- 24 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Mm-hmm (affirmative). Yeah.
- 25 Paul Solis: And you mentioned the hotel was expensive during that weekend. All  
26 hotels in the area were expensive during that weekend. So \$4,000 total,  
27 you recall a number like that?
- 28 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yeah, that seems about right.
- 29 Paul Solis: Okay. The article also talks about the potential mixed purpose nature  
30 of the trip and that Mr. Schwab had given a statement to the Examiner  
31 about tickets being paid for by the McCarthy Victory committee to the  
32 golf tournament, potentially others, you know, you said that you were  
33 aware of him being in the office and he was doing official work during  
34 that time. Did the mixed purpose nature, that mixed purpose discussion  
35 in the article make you think any way about the trip in hindsight?

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- 1 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No. I mean, it looks bad. And in hindsight, maybe he shoulda gotten  
2 the campaign to pay for it but again, when you're on your own time,  
3 you're on your own time. I felt like Oliver probably spent the proper  
4 number of work hours actually doing official business while he was  
5 down there.
- 6 Paul Solis: Okay. And that's as-
- 7 Former Deputy C.O.S.: As I remember it.
- 8 Paul Solis: You're someone that reviewed the reimbursement requests after the  
9 fact. And we've asked you about his potential work with the campaign  
10 committee, or the Friends of Schweikert PAC and payments to  
11 Chartwell or directly to Mr. Schwab himself. You know the figures in  
12 the article are \$164,000 from the various campaign committees of  
13 Representative Schweikert.
- 14 Does that number say anything to you? Do you recall any discussions you had with him?
- 15 Former Deputy C.O.S.: When I read the article, the supplies, the Super Bowl trip, my thoughts  
16 were those look bad, but I think they're fine. Just as my relationship  
17 with him, I didn't think anything of those based on the amount of work  
18 that I knew that he was doing and there were times he was not studious  
19 with supplies, it seemed like he made basically writing with a pen one  
20 time and then lose it and go have to buy new pens. I mean, that's kind  
21 of how... he's a very flighty guy when it comes to that type of stuff. I  
22 was shocked by the campaign stuff. I was unaware completely and I  
23 told that to Kate, Kate is my wife by the way, I told my wife I was  
24 very surprised by that.
- 25 Paul Solis: And then \$7,000 or approximately \$7,000 for these courses, Harvard,  
26 Stanford-
- 27 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I don't remember any of those.
- 28 Paul Solis: Okay. And is the person who was handling the budget at the time  
29 should have educational reimbursement be requested in the office, that  
30 would have come to you?
- 31 Former Deputy C.O.S.: It should have. I don't remember anyone requesting an educational  
32 reimbursement beyond the student loan repayment within the office.
- 33 Paul Solis: Has anyone from Representative Schweikert's office talked to you  
34 since this article's come out? About our review, about the OCEs  
35 review?

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1 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Only that Kevin and I, we talk regularly, he said that the office is in  
2 investigating being investigated by the OCE, if they call, cooperate.

3 Jeff Brown: When was that conversation?

4 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Before Christmas, I think.

5 Paul Solis: That was a telephone conversation?

6 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Yep.

7 Paul Solis: Anybody else? You ever hear from Representative Schweikert or any  
8 of his lawyers about-

9 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I have not talked to anyone. I have not talked physically over the  
10 phone or face to face, or with any sort of email communication from  
11 David since the Friday before Thanksgiving of 2016. And Kevin is the  
12 only person who is currently employed in the office that I still  
13 maintain contact with.

14 Paul Solis: Is Mr. Schwab still employed with the office?

15 Former Deputy C.O.S.: As far as I know.

16 Jeff Brown: Do you know Tommy Leander?

17 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I do.

18 Jeff Brown: What was Tommy's role in the office?

19 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Tommy was one of my L.A.s. He did standard L.A. work, mostly new  
20 economy.

21 Paul Solis: When's the last time you spoke with him?

22 Former Deputy C.O.S.: The Friday before Thanksgiving.

23 Paul Solis: 2016?

24 Former Deputy C.O.S.: 2016.

25 Jeff Brown: How about Ryan White?

26 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I talk to Ryan very regularly. I talked to Ryan White today, not about  
27 this. I had not told ... I'm also in contact with Kelly Roberson, in case  
28 you asked that, neither of them know that I was coming in and doing  
29 this. Both of them contacted me when the article ran and Ryan was the  
30 one who tipped me off that there was an article.

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1 Jeff Brown: What sort of knowledge might Ryan or Kelly have about things that  
2 are discussed in this article?

3 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Ryan ... Ryan would probably have a knowledge of the ins and outs of  
4 reimbursement. Also, Kelly would have the knowledge of the ins and  
5 outs of reimbursement, but-

6 Jeff Brown: Why would they have knowledge?

7 Former Deputy C.O.S.: Standard operating procedure for reimbursements.

8 Jeff Brown: Were they ever signing anything?

9 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I am certain that at some point in time I asked Ryan to review one of  
10 my reimbursements and probably Kelly too, because I would never  
11 sign my own. And there may been times that they signed with my  
12 supervision and Mary O'Connor's supervision.

13 Jeff Brown I just want to make sure, you didn't have ... When you read the article  
14 you said you were surprised by the amounts of money Oliver Schwab  
15 was making from the campaign and the political action committees.  
16 Did you have any insight into that at any point in time while you were  
17 working for the Congressman?

18 Former Deputy C.O.S.: No. That was the main reason why I was so taken aback when we had  
19 our meeting and he said you're going to be judged on campaign  
20 donations because I had done basically zero campaigning for David.

21 Jeff Brown: Did you see Oliver Schwab working on campaign-related issues?

22 Former Deputy C.O.S.: In the office, he may have stamped envelopes but I don't think he  
23 made any fundraising phone calls within the office.

24 Jeff Brown: Do you have anything else?

25 Paul Solis: Think that's it. Obviously, we'd like you to keep this ... our questions  
26 and our time here confidential. That does not inhibit your rights to  
27 speak with counsel or any other rights you may have so, we just  
28 always like to remind people of that.

29 Former Deputy C.O.S.: I really want this just to be ... I want to be done with them and the  
30 office. We did not end on good terms. We ended on very bad terms. I  
31 want to make that aware, make you all aware that, that we ended on  
32 very bad terms, but as far as ... I am very aware of the  
33 reimbursements and how the system worked. He never gave me any  
34 indication that he was doing anything that was not kosher at the time,



