

APPENDIX A

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December 9, 2019

The Honorable Theodore E. Deutch, Chairman
The Honorable Kenny Marchant, Ranking Member
Committee on Ethics
U.S. House of Representatives
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6328

Dear Chairman Deutch and Ranking Member Marchant:

I have reviewed the Committee on Ethics (“Committee”) draft version of the Committee’s Report regarding allegations that I or members of my congressional staff may have used House resources for campaign activity, used campaign resources for official activities and combined House and campaign resources for my 2012 House leadership race (“Draft Report”). I appreciate the opportunity to address you, the Committee, and the Draft Report with this letter.

After six years and over four Congresses, I am pleased that the Committee has completed its review. We cooperated fully from the beginning and were completely transparent throughout this process, including 30 witnesses and 66,500 pages of records and documents. While I may disagree with some of the findings reached by the Committee, I appreciate its work and take responsibility for its ultimate conclusions. This matter began after a disgruntled former staffer raised complaints against me. While I do take the Committee’s findings regarding improper activity that happened under my watch to heart, I am particularly satisfied that the Committee found no evidence that I ever compelled my staff to assist with my campaign or other political efforts.

I recognize that, as the Committee stated, that my offices at times suffered from “sloppy practices, including inconsistent polices and poor record-keeping.” We have and will continue to implement policies to prevent such conduct from happening in the future. I also recognize that while the Committee determined that I did not know the full extent of this activity, I accept responsibility.

I also appreciate that the Committee determined that many of the allegations raised against me involved areas of uncertainty facing the House community. I hope this Report helps provide needed guidance to all of us and the Committee will take appropriate action to provide that clarity. I look forward to finally putting this matter behind us.

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Thank you again for your work and the opportunity to address you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cathy McMorris-Rodgers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Member of Congress