

XX-XXX

authenti U.S. goveri Informa

WASHINGTON : 2022

ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS ON JULY 27, 2022

117TH CONGRESS, 2ND SESSION U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

IN THE MATTER OF ALLEGATIONS RELATING TO THE ARRESTS OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE DURING A PROTEST OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT ON JULY 19, 2022

JULY 29, 2022

Mr. Deutch from the Committee on Ethics submitted the following

REPORT

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Theodore E. Deutch, Florida *Chairman* Susan Wild, Pennsylvania Dean Phillips, Minnesota Veronica Escobar, Texas¹ Mondaire Jones, New York Jackie Walorski, Indiana *Ranking Member* Michael Guest, Mississippi Dave Joyce, Ohio John H. Rutherford, Florida Kelly Armstrong, North Dakota

REPORT STAFF

Thomas A. Rust, *Chief Counsel/Staff Director* Brittney Pescatore, *Director of Investigations* David Arrojo, *Counsel to the Chairman* Kelle Strickland, *Counsel to the Ranking Member*

> Caroline Taylor, *Investigator* Peyton Wilmer, *Investigative Clerk*

¹ Representative Veronica Escobar did not participate in the Committee's proceedings in this matter pursuant to Committee Rule 9(d).

Theodore E. Deutch, Florida *Chairman* Jackie Walorski, Indiana *Ranking Member*

Susan Wild, Pennsylvania Dean Phillips, Minnesota Veronica Escobar, Texas Mondaire Jones, New York

Michael Guest, Mississippi Dave Joyce, Ohio John H. Rutherford, Florida Kelly Armstrong, North Dakota



ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS

U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

July 29, 2022

The Honorable Cheryl L. Johnson Clerk, House of Representatives H-154, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Pursuant to clauses 3(a)(2) and 3(b) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, we herewith transmit the attached report, "In the Matter of Allegations Relating to the Arrests of Members of the House During a Protest Outside the United States Supreme Court on July 19, 2022."

Sincerely,

Theodore E. Deutch Chairman Jackie Walorski Ranking Member

Thomas A. Rust Staff Director and Chief Counsel

> David W. Arrojo Counsel to the Chairman

Kelle A. Strickland Counsel to the Ranking Member

1015 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515–6328 Telephone: (202) 225–7103 Facsimile: (202) 225–7392

117TH CONGRESS, 2ND SESSION U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

IN THE MATTER OF ALLEGATIONS RELATING TO THE ARRESTS OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE DURING A PROTEST OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT ON JULY 19, 2022

JULY 29, 2022

Mr. Deutch from the Committee on Ethics submitted the following

REPORT

In accordance with Rule 18(e)(2) of the Committee on Ethics (Committee),² the Committee hereby submits the following Report to the House of Representatives:

I. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

On July 27, 2022, the Committee convened for the purpose of considering the July 19, 2022, arrests of 17 Members of the House for Crowding, Obstructing, or Incommoding, during a protest outside the United States Supreme Court Building in Washington, D.C. Representatives Alma Adams, Cori Bush, Katherine Clark, Madeline Dean, Veronica Escobar, Sara Jacobs, Barbara Lee, Andy Levin, Carolyn Maloney, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ilhan Omar, Ayanna Pressley, Jan Schakowsky, Jackie Speier, Rashida Tlaib, Nydia Velázquez, and Bonnie Watson Coleman were arrested and then released. Each of the arrested Members informed the Committee they have paid or intend to pay the \$50 fines related to their arrests. The legal proceedings related to the arrests are expected to be resolved with no further action.

The Committee voted against impanelling an investigative subcommittee in this matter. The Committee considered the scope and nature of the conduct described above and determined that review by an investigative subcommittee is not required in this matter.

The Committee has determined to take no further action in this matter, and upon publication of this Report, considers the matter closed.

² The Committee notes that Representative Veronica Escobar, a Member of the Committee, recused herself from this matter before the Committee took any action in the matter.

II. STATEMENT UNDER HOUSE RULE XIII, CLAUSE 3(C)

The Committee made no special oversight findings in this Report. No budget statement is submitted. No funding is authorized by any measure in this Report.