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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ETHICS,
Washington, DC, June 7, 2024.

Hon. KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. MCCUMBER: 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 Representative Bill Huizenga."

Sincerely,

MICHAEL GUEST,
Chairman.
SUSAN WILD,
Ranking Member.

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Mr. GUEST, from the Committee on Ethics,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

In accordance with House Rule XI, clauses 3(a)(2) and 3(b), the Committee on Ethics (Committee) hereby submits the following Report to the House of Representatives:

I. OVERVIEW

On August 16, 2019, the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) forwarded to the Committee a Report and Findings (OCE's Referral) regarding Representative Bill Huizenga. OCE reviewed allegations that Representative Huizenga's principal campaign committee, Huizenga for Congress, reported campaign disbursements that may not be legitimate and verifiable campaign expenditures attributable to bona fide campaign or political purposes. Specifically, OCE considered whether certain campaign-funded trips and a campaign-funded dinner involved personal use. OCE also reviewed allegations that Representative Huizenga's campaign accepted contributions from individuals employed in his congressional office, and that Representative Huizenga authorized expenditures from his Members' Representational Allowance (MRA) that were not for permissible official expenses. OCE recommended that the Committee further review the campaign-related allegations and recommended that the Committee dismiss the allegation regarding the MRA.

Following its extensive review of the record in this matter, the Committee found that Representative Huizenga and his staff generally acted within the bounds of the law when spending campaign and official funds. Some expenditures paid for by Representative Huizenga's campaign, particularly during travel to recreational destinations, fell within unclear areas of FEC regulations. How-

ever, there was an established campaign purpose for each of the trips reviewed and there was no clear pattern of misspending.

The Committee did find that Representative Huizenga's campaign did not fully comply with relevant standards with respect to its reporting and reimbursement practices, largely due to lack of knowledge or confusion about the applicable requirements. However, while the Committee's review was ongoing, several additional matters were initiated relating to the personal use of campaign funds, including matters referred by OCE as well as matters that the Committee opened on its own initiative. In reviewing all such matters, it was apparent to the Committee that the House community would benefit from updated guidance on personal use of campaign funds and related recordkeeping expectations.

Based on the totality of the circumstances, including the lack of any clear pattern of misspending or intentional circumvention of any standards of conduct, as well as Representative Huizenga's consistent cooperation with this review, the significant remedial steps that his campaign has undertaken, and the widespread need for updated guidance on the personal use of campaign funds, the Committee determined that Representative Huizenga's conduct did not merit a sanction. Accordingly, the Committee will close this matter by issuing this report, updating its guidance on personal use of campaign funds, and sending Representative Huizenga a private letter detailing its findings in his matter and conveying its expectation that he continue to employ appropriate safeguards to ensure proper spending and reporting of both official and campaign funds.

II. INVESTIGATION BACKGROUND

The Committee independently reviewed the allegations referred by OCE. Representative Huizenga and his staff fully cooperated with the Committee's review. Following OCE's recommendation that the Committee further review the matter, the Committee began an investigation pursuant to Committee Rule 18(a).¹ The Committee reviewed all materials provided to it by OCE, including the transcript of OCE's interview with Representative Huizenga. In addition, the Committee requested and received information from Representative Huizenga, and two fundraising firms used by Representative Huizenga's campaign. In total, the Committee reviewed nearly 10,000 pages of material and interviewed five witnesses.

OCE specifically reviewed campaign expenditures during annual fundraising events at Disney World in Orlando, disbursements made during a biennial political conference on Mackinac Island in Michigan, and a yearly fundraising trip to Deer Valley Ski Resort in Park City, Utah. The Committee reviewed evidence relating to each of those trips, as well as other out-of-district campaign or political travel by the congressman. OCE also reviewed additional allegations of personal use, including those regarding the amount spent on golf-related expenses; mileage reimbursements; and a September 2014 disbursement for a dinner Representative

¹Pursuant to House Rule XI, cl. 3(b)(3) and Committee Rule 18(d), the Committee voted to determine that the allegations that Representative Huizenga may have converted campaign funds to personal use and/or reported campaign disbursements that were not legitimate and verifiable campaign expenditures in the 113th or 114th Congress are directly related to the allegations concerning similar conduct occurring during and after the 115th Congress.

Huizenga attended with his half-brother (who is also his Campaign Manager) and their spouses. The Committee also sought and received evidence related to those and other discrete expenditures.

The allegations against Representative Huizenga's campaign relating to potential personal use of campaign funds were initially raised in a complaint filed with the FEC in November 2018. The FEC was equally divided on whether to find reason to believe a violation occurred and accordingly, the FEC matter was closed in June 2019 (while OCE's review was ongoing).² The FEC's General Counsel's office recommended the Commission dismiss the allegations, direct the campaign to work with FEC staff to amend its reports,³ and close the file. In making its recommendations, the General Counsel's office noted that the complaint's assertion that the campaign's spending was significantly greater than that of comparable campaign committees was not sufficient to "raise to a reasonable inference that Respondents converted campaign funds to personal use."⁴ Thereafter, the campaign implemented changes to improve its reporting. Representative Huizenga noted he has "worked with a new compliance professional and counsel to implement new policies to prevent any even incidental future violations," and that the new compliance firm works to ensure that receipts, expenditures, and reimbursements are properly accounted for and reported.⁵

III. COMMITTEE FINDINGS

The Committee found that Representative Huizenga and his staff generally acted within the bounds of the law when spending campaign and official funds. Some expenditures paid for by Representative Huizenga's campaign, particularly during travel to recreational destinations, fell within unclear areas of FEC regulations.

Each year, Representative Huizenga attends and/or hosts several fundraisers or other political events that take place outside of his district or in Washington, D.C., and cause him and his family to travel to various resorts and other recreational destinations. Several of Representative Huizenga's congressional staffers are also involved with his campaign, and those staffers sometimes join him on the destination fundraising trips, bringing their families at the campaign's expense.⁶ Representative Huizenga believed these expenses to be legitimate uses of campaign funds because the campaign benefited from the general attendance of the staffers and their families over the course of the trips, as well as his own family's participation in the fundraising weekend.

Campaign finance laws and regulations explicitly prohibit the use of campaign funds for "vacations." However, while the trips involved recreational destinations and activities, the primary purpose of each trip was clearly campaign-related. The record supports the general notion that the presence of the Member's family at such "family friendly" events was to the benefit of the campaign. The

² See Matter Under Review (MUR) 7534, First Gen. Counsel's Rpt.

³ The campaign does not appear to have made amendments to past reports to address the reporting issues identified by the FEC.

⁴ *Id.* at 11–12.

⁵ Appendix B.

⁶ For example, the expenses associated with the Disney trips included airfare, lodging, gas or ground transportation, food and beverage, park tickets and express passes, unspecified "merchandise," and a stroller rental.

FEC has explicitly authorized the use of campaign funds to pay for the travel expenses of a candidate's spouse and children.⁷ While OCE raised concerns about whether the participation of the families of the Member's staff was also permissible, the Committee found the considerations used in examining the Member's family's participation also generally applied to his staff's families' participation, and there is no clear prohibition on using campaign funds to pay for travel by staffers' family members.

In his submission to the Committee, Representative Huizenga argued: "[B]ecause I have determined, under the broad discretion provided to me under federal law, that attendance by my family and my staffs' families serves a bona fide campaign purpose, the use of campaign funds for these events was permissible. This should be sufficient to end the inquiry into this allegations."⁸ The Committee has indeed long recognized that Members have "wide discretion to determine whether any particular expenditure would serve" a bona fide campaign purpose.⁹ That is not, however, the end of the inquiry, as the Committee has also made clear that Members have no discretion to convert campaign funds to personal use, and "[a] bona fide campaign purpose is not established merely because the use of campaign money might result in a campaign benefit as an incident to benefits personally realized by the recipient of such funds."¹⁰ In other words, it is not enough that a Member can articulate a campaign benefit for an expense; what matters is the animating purpose of the disbursement. If, for example, the Huizengas planned a family vacation to Disney World and decided to meet with some potential donors in the area while they were there, that would not convert the personal trip to a campaign trip.¹¹ But that is not what happened in this case; there was a well-established campaign purpose for each of the trips reviewed.

Campaign fundraisers and political events are a routine and sometimes necessary aspect of serving as a Member of Congress. Members also carry a duty to ensure their campaign committees comply with appropriate laws and regulations in connection with such events and the funds that they raise. The Committee has long advised that Members "must exercise great care" with respect to campaign travel expenditures (as well as expenditures for meals, or goods or services provided by the Member's family), as "such outlays by their nature raise a concern of personal use."¹² It is espe-

⁷ FEC Advisory Opinion (AO) Roemer (AO 1995–20) (approving payment of wife's travel expenses as "clearly attributable to her participation in your campaign for re-election," and children's travel expenses to the district as necessary due to the children's ages (noting "[t]his is not the same as family travel to vacation locales"); FEC AO Thornberry (AO 1996–34) (noting that the campaign represented that the candidate's wife and children would "play a significant role in the political receptions and fundraising events that are part of the trip."); FEC AO Dodd (AO 2005–09) (campaign "may use campaign funds to defray the costs of travel by Senator Dodd's minor children to accompany their parents between their home in Connecticut and Washington, D.C., provided that the parents are traveling to participate in a function directly connected to the Senator's bona fide official responsibilities."); MUR 7100, First Gen. Counsel's Rpt. at 14 ("The Commission has previously determined that campaign funds may be used to pay for a candidate's immediate family members to travel to participate in campaign events.").

⁸ Appendix B.

⁹ *Ethics Manual* at 154.

¹⁰ *Id.* at 164.

¹¹ *Cf.* FEC AO Jager (AO 2002–05) (in which the FEC rejected the argument that, if travel to a destination is campaign-related, "campaign funds could be used to pay for all expenses of the trip, including the sight-seeing" and other "portions," noting such a result "would be inconsistent with or even contrary to the Commission's personal use regulations.").

¹² *Id.* at 167.

cially prudent to maintain more detailed records of recreational campaign activities.

While the Committee's record did not reveal any pattern of clear personal use, the Committee notes that Representative Huizenga should have exercised more care to avoid even the appearance of improper use of campaign funds. As a Member of the House, Representative Huizenga has a duty above and beyond the technical requirements of campaign finance laws and regulations, and the Committee has advised him to exercise more circumspection in the future.

The Committee also found that the campaign did not fully comply with relevant standards with respect to its reporting and reimbursement practices, largely due to lack of knowledge or confusion about the applicable requirements. Representative Huizenga has acknowledged some recordkeeping gaps. While he made a substantial production of receipts, financial records, and other documents relating to the expenditures under review, there were instances in which the Committee could not confirm the campaign-related purpose of an expenditure based on the documentation available. The campaign's inadequate recordkeeping practices led to a violation of clause 6 of the House Code of Official Conduct.

Members have broad discretion to determine the bona fide needs of their campaign, which can sometimes result in a campaign operating within unclear areas of what may or may not be permissible under the various laws and regulations. The Committee has long recognized that certain areas of spending, including spending that involves travel, meals, and/or family members, can by their nature raise concerns of abuse. Frequent and substantial spending in these areas, coupled with maintaining poor records and reporting practices, will invite increased scrutiny into a campaign's finances and create the appearance that a Member is living a lavish lifestyle by virtue of his position.

For Representative Huizenga, such appearance issues led to an FEC complaint, OCE review, and ultimately, an investigation by this Committee. Representative Huizenga took full advantage of the discretion afforded to him, even in instances where it appeared that the campaign spent more to attend fundraisers than it raised. By maintaining consistent records verifying the campaign purpose of such spending, a Member in Representative Huizenga's position would be able to more readily respond to questions raised about their spending and exercise more restraint in whether to permit certain campaign expenses.¹³

While the Committee's review was ongoing, several additional matters were initiated relating to the personal use of campaign funds, including matters referred by OCE as well as matters that the Committee opened on its own initiative. In reviewing all such matters, it was apparent to the Committee that the House community would benefit from updated guidance on personal use of campaign funds and related recordkeeping expectations. With respect to whether the use of campaign funds is considered impermissibly

¹³The campaign also improperly accepted "contributions" from congressional staffers in the form of outlays made by those staffers, which the campaign properly reimbursed; Representative Huizenga and his staff were not aware at the time that such outlays, even when reimbursed, are impermissible contributions. Representative Huizenga's campaign has since instituted significant remedial efforts and now appears to be operating in compliance with applicable requirements.

“personal,” existing law and guidance from the FEC is often ambiguous and provides for significant gray areas of spending. While House Rules impose additional requirements and expectations with respect to campaign spending and personal use, the Committee has found that those standards are not widely known or understood. Accordingly, the Committee will refresh its guidance to the House community on these issues based on lessons learned from this and other matters.

IV. CONCLUSION

The Committee recognizes Representative Huizenga’s cooperation with its extensive review, which covered a span of years and involved the collection of vast amounts of information. The Committee also acknowledges his efforts to correct the campaign’s practices, both prior to and following the Committee’s involvement. Based on its review, the Committee determined that Representative Huizenga’s campaign had inadequate recordkeeping practices that led to a violation of clause 6 of the Code of Official Conduct. The Committee did not find that Representative Huizenga engaged in clear personal use of campaign funds. The Committee does, however, advise that Members exercise care to avoid even the appearance of improper spending.

In a recent matter involving Representative George Santos, the Committee noted that the Member’s failure “to take reasonable steps to prevent or correct” reporting errors, despite being made aware of concerns about the campaign’s reporting practices, resulted in “the misreporting of substantial sums,” and that related “poor recordkeeping” meant that the Member’s campaign spending could not be verified and had “called into question the integrity of the House, contrary to clauses 1 and 6” of the Code of Official Conduct.¹⁴ In an older matter involving Representative Bud Shuster, the Committee found that “the number and dollar amount” of vague expenditures, “combined with the record keeping practices followed by” the Member’s campaign, “created the appearance that certain expenditures may not have been attributable to bona fide campaign or political purposes.”¹⁵ Representative Huizenga has acknowledged some recordkeeping gaps during his former bookkeeper’s tenure. In many instances, while there was documentation to confirm what expenses were paid for by the campaign, there was no record to demonstrate the campaign nexus. This is not a matter, however, like that of Representative Shuster, where campaign funds were spent “without making even the most minimal effort to document or verify that the expenditures were related to legitimate campaign activity.”¹⁶ Nor is this a matter like that of Representative Santos, where campaign reporting was deliberately obscured to hide fraudulent financial activity. The record reflects that Representative Huizenga and his staff often sent receipts or other records of their spending to the former bookkeeper. Clause 6 requires more effort, however, and Representative Huizenga is ulti-

¹⁴Comm. on Ethics, *In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative George Santos*, H. Rept. 118–274, 118th Cong. 1st Sess. (2023).

¹⁵Comm. on Ethics, *In the Matter of Representative E.G. “Bud” Shuster*, H. Rept. 106–979, 106th Cong. 2d Sess. 64–65 (2000).

¹⁶*Id.* at 78.

mately responsible for ensuring the legitimacy of his campaign spending can be verified.¹⁷

It is apparent to the Committee that all Members would benefit from more direct and updated guidance on how standards related to the personal use of campaign funds apply to the realities of their campaign. The Committee trusts, however, that Representative Huizenga now understands that implementation of appropriate verification measures and more cautious spending will serve to ensure the public's trust in the integrity of Members' campaigns—and reduce the need for lengthy and costly investigations into campaign activities. The Committee hopes that all who campaign for election or reelection to the House learn from his experience.

Accordingly, the Committee unanimously voted to adopt this Report, and take no further action.

V. STATEMENT UNDER RULE XIII, CLAUSE 3(c) OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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.

¹⁷FEC regulations require a campaign to keep records for each disbursement for three years, including the amount, date, name and address of payee, and a brief but specific description of why the disbursement was made. *See Recording disbursements*, FEC, <https://www.fec.gov/help-candidates-and-committees/keeping-records/records-disbursements/>; *see also* 11 C.F.R. § 102.9(b). The FEC will consider a campaign in compliance with the recordkeeping requirements if it can show that “best efforts have been made” to obtain the required records. 11 C.F.R. § 102.9(d).

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OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT

Review No. 19-2187

The Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics (hereafter “the Board”), by a vote of no less than four members, on August 9, 2019, 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 William Huizenga

NATURE OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION: Rep. Huizenga’s campaign committee, Huizenga for Congress (“Campaign Committee”), may have accepted contributions from individuals employed in Rep. Huizenga’s congressional office. If Rep. Huizenga 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.

The Campaign Committee reported campaign disbursements that may not be legitimate and verifiable campaign expenditures attributable to bona fide campaign or political purposes. If Rep. Huizenga converted campaign funds from the Campaign Committee to personal use, or if Rep. Huizenga’s Campaign Committee expended funds that were not attributable to bona fide campaign or political purposes, then Rep. Huizenga may have violated House rules, standards of conduct, and federal law.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board recommends that the Committee further review the above allegation concerning Rep. Huizenga because there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Huizenga’s Campaign Committee accepted contributions from individuals employed in Rep. Huizenga’s congressional office.

The Board recommends that the Committee further review the above allegation concerning Rep. Huizenga because there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Huizenga’s Campaign Committee reported campaign disbursements that were not legitimate and verifiable campaign expenditures attributable to bona fide campaign or political purposes.

VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE: 4

VOTES IN THE NEGATIVE: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 1

NATURE OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION: Rep. Huizenga may have authorized expenditures from his Members’ Representational Allowance (“MRA”) that were not for permissible official expenses. If Rep. Huizenga authorized impermissible MRA expenditures, then he may have violated House rules, standards of conduct, and federal law.

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RECOMMENDATION: The Board recommends that the Committee dismiss the above allegation concerning Rep. Huizenga because there is not substantial reason to believe that Rep. Huizenga authorized expenditures from his MRA that were not for permissible official expenses.

VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE: 5

VOTES IN THE NEGATIVE: 0

ABSTENTIONS:

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

Subject to the Nondisclosure Provisions of H. Res. 895 of the 110th Congress as Amended

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On August 9, 2019, 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. Huizenga’s Campaign Committee may have accepted contributions from individuals employed in Rep. Huizenga’s congressional office. If Rep. Huizenga 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. Accordingly, the Board recommends that the Committee further review the above allegation that Rep. Huizenga accepted contributions from congressional staffers.
2. Rep. Huizenga’s Campaign Committee reported campaign disbursements that may not be legitimate and verifiable campaign expenditures attributable to bona fide campaign or political purposes. If Rep. Huizenga converted campaign funds from the Campaign Committee to personal use, or if Rep. Huizenga’s campaign committee expended funds that were not attributable to bona fide campaign or political purposes, then Rep. Huizenga may have violated House rules, standards of conduct, and federal law. Accordingly, the Board recommends that the Committee further review the above allegation that the Campaign Committee may have reported disbursements that were not for legitimate and verifiable campaign expenditures.
3. Rep. Huizenga may have authorized expenditures from his Members’ Representational Allowance (“MRA”) that were not for permissible official expenses. If Rep. Huizenga authorized impermissible MRA expenditures, then he may have violated House rules, standards of conduct, and federal law. Accordingly, the Board recommends that the Committee dismiss the above allegation that Rep. Huizenga may have authorized expenditures from his MRA that were not for permissible official expenses.

B. Jurisdiction Statement

4. The allegations that were the subject of this review concern Rep. William Huizenga, a Member of the United States House of Representatives from the 2nd District of Michigan. 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

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[B]oard of any alleged violation that occurred before the date of adoption of this resolution.”¹
 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

5. The OCE received a written request for preliminary review in this matter signed by at least two members of the Board on April 12, 2019. The preliminary review commenced on April 13, 2019.²
6. On April 15, 2019, the OCE notified Rep. Huizenga 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.³
7. At least three members of the Board voted to initiate a second-phase review in this matter on May 10, 2019. The second-phase review commenced on May 13, 2019.⁴ The second-phase review was scheduled to end on June 26, 2019.
8. On May 13, 2019, the OCE notified Rep. Huizenga 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.⁵
9. The Board voted to extend the second-phase review by an additional period of fourteen days on June 7, 2019. The additional period ended on July 10, 2019.
10. The Board voted to refer the matter to the Committee for further review and dismissal and adopted these findings on August 9, 2019.
11. The report and its findings in this matter were transmitted to the Committee on August 16, 2019.

D. Summary of Investigative Activity

12. The OCE requested documentary and in some cases testimonial information from the following sources:

- (1) Rep. William Huizenga;

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

² 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.

³ Letter from Omar S. Ashmawy, Chief Counsel and Staff Dir., Office of Cong. Ethics, to Rep. Huizenga, April 15, 2019.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Letter from Omar S. Ashmawy, Chief Counsel and Staff Dir., Office of Cong. Ethics, to Rep. Huizenga, May 13, 2019.

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- (2) Campaign Chairman;
- (3) Chief of Staff;
- (4) D.C.-based Deputy Chief of Staff (“D.C. Deputy”);
- (5) Michigan-based Deputy Chief of Staff (“Michigan Deputy”);
- (6) District Director;
- (7) Huntington National Bank;
- (8) SunTrust Bank;
- (9) BB&T Bank;
- (10) American Express;
- (11) Countryview Auto Sales;
- (12) Grand Rapids Beer Tours LLC;
- (13) Affordable Limousine;
- (14) Playtime Events Management, Inc.;
- (15) Jans Mountain Outfitters;
- (16) Marriott International, Inc., St. Regis Deer Valley;
- (17) The Walt Disney Company;
- (18) The King and the Prince Beach and Golf Resort; and
- (19) Sea Island, The Cloister.

13. The following individuals and entities refused to cooperate with the OCE’s review:

- (1) Affordable Limousine;
- (2) Playtime Events Management, Inc.;
- (3) The Walt Disney Company; and
- (4) Sea Island, The Cloister.

II. REP. HUIZENGA’S CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE MAY HAVE ACCEPTED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS

A. Applicable Law, Rules, and Standards of Conduct

14. 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.”⁶

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 . . .

⁶ “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).

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Senator or Representative in . . . the Congress, if the person receiving such contribution is the employer or employing authority of the person making the contribution."⁷

15. House Rules

House Rule 23, clause 1 states that "[a] Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House shall behave at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House."

House Rule 23, clause 2 states that "[a] Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House shall adhere to the spirit and the letter of the Rules of the House and to the rules of duly constituted committees thereof."

16. 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."*⁸

*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."*⁹

*"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 a campaign."¹⁰ Assuming certain travel outlays are reimbursed within specified time periods, they will not be considered "contributions."¹¹*

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."¹²

⁷ 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."

⁸ House Ethics Manual (2008) at 137-38.

⁹ *Id.* at 138.

¹⁰ *Id.* at 138-39 (emphasis in original).

¹¹ 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).

¹² House Ethics Manual at 123.

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While 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."¹³

The House Ethics Manual requires "that each campaign outlay made by a Member be not only 'legitimate,' but also capable of being verified as such. . . . With the huge number of outlays that Members' campaigns typically make, often on a nearly continuous basis, the propriety of particular outlays may not be subject to review for months or years after the fact, when recollections as to the circumstances or specific purpose of an outlay may well have faded. Absent a requirement for verification, the prohibition against converting campaign funds to personal use would be nullified in substantial part. Furthermore, the verification requirement should serve to cause Members and their campaign staff to exercise caution in spending campaign funds, and to ensure that no outlay is for an impermissible personal purpose.

*Members and their campaign staff should bear in mind that the verification requirement imposed by the House rules is separate from, and in addition to, whatever recordkeeping requirements are imposed by the Federal Election Commission"*¹⁴

B. Personal Outlays by Congressional Staffers

17. In this review the OCE examined twenty-three disbursements comprising hundreds of individual staff outlays that may have been impermissible contributions.
18. The OCE collected documents from Rep. Huizenga's congressional office and campaign committee and interviewed six individuals through the course of the investigation. As is common, Rep. Huizenga has several congressional staff members who also work on his campaign.
19. Of the six interviewees, four were high-level congressional staff members. Interviewees included the Chief of Staff,¹⁵ a D.C.-based Deputy Chief of Staff (the "D.C. Deputy"),¹⁶ a Michigan-based Deputy Chief of Staff (the "Michigan Deputy"),¹⁷ and the District Director.¹⁸

¹³ *Id.* at 122.

¹⁴ *Id.* at 164-65.

¹⁵ Transcript of Interview of Chief of Staff ("Chief of Staff Transcript"), June 25, 2019 (Exhibit 1 at 19-2187_0002).

¹⁶ Transcript of Interview of the D.C. Deputy Chief of Staff ("D.C. Deputy Transcript"), June 25, 2019 (Exhibit 2 at 19-2187_0040).

¹⁷ Transcript of Interview of the Michigan Deputy Chief of Staff ("Michigan Deputy Transcript"), June 27, 2019 (Exhibit 3 at 19-2187_0072).

¹⁸ Transcript of Interview of the District Director ("District Director Transcript"), June 26, 2019 (Exhibit 4 at 19-2187_0106).

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20. All of those individuals also have a role on the campaign. The District Director is also the Campaign Manager,¹⁹ and the Michigan Deputy is a local, individual-donor fundraiser for the Campaign, though she has no official title.²⁰ Both are paid positions.²¹ The Chief of Staff works for the campaign on a volunteer basis, but is part of the core leadership group of the campaign.²² The D.C. Deputy volunteers for the campaign, but does so on a more limited basis and does not hold a title or leadership position on the campaign.²³
21. In addition, the OCE interviewed Rep. Huizenga and his half-brother, who is also the Campaign Chairman, though he holds no position in Rep. Huizenga's congressional office.²⁴
- i. Lack of Policy and Procedure
22. Generally, all the individuals interviewed stated that the campaign had no written or generally known policies or procedures related to how funds are spent or reimbursed.²⁵ As the Chief of Staff put it, “[w]e don’t have a written policy. I mean basically everybody’s on the honor system. . . . If you made an expense, you’d get reimbursed.”²⁶
23. Additionally, while it was common practice to provide receipts when requesting a reimbursement, staffers either failed to do so with some frequency or those receipts were not maintained and thus could not be produced when the OCE asked Rep. Huizenga and his staff to verify certain reimbursements.²⁷ Because the Campaign Committee could not provide documentary proof of many of the largest expense reimbursements, the OCE often had limited information with which to determine whether a given reimbursement was permissible. This was a particular problem with regard to campaign reimbursements to Rep. Huizenga’s Chief of Staff, for whom there were at least \$33,274.33 of reimbursements since November of 2015 with no supporting documentation.²⁸

¹⁹ District Director Transcript (Exhibit 4 at 19-2187_0111).

²⁰ Michigan Deputy Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 19-2187_0078).

²¹ *Id.* at 19-2187_0081; District Director Transcript (Exhibit 4 at 19-2187_0112).

²² Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 19-2187_0005).

²³ D.C. Deputy Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 19-2187_0043).

²⁴ Transcript of Interview of Campaign Chairman (“Chairman Transcript”), June 27, 2019 (Exhibit 5 at 19-2187_0146-47).

²⁵ *See e.g.*, Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 19-2187_0009).

²⁶ *Id.*

²⁷ *Id.* at 19-2187_0011-15.

²⁸ *Id.*; *see also* Huizenga for Congress, 2015 Year End Report of Receipts and Disbursements at 69, filed at Nov. 27, 2015; Huizenga for Congress, 2016 Q1 Report of Receipts and Disbursements at 90, filed at Jan. 11, 2016; Huizenga for Congress, 2016 Q3 Report of Receipts and Disbursements at 61, filed at July 15, 2016; Huizenga for Congress, 2016 Q3 Report of Receipts and Disbursements at 61, filed at Sept. 27, 2016; Huizenga for Congress, 2017 Q2 Report of Receipts and Disbursements at 88, filed at May 31, 2017; Huizenga for Congress, 2017 Q3 Report of Receipts and Disbursements at 71, filed at Aug. 1, 2017; Huizenga for Congress, 2017 Year End Report of Receipts and Disbursements at 53, filed at Nov. 24, 2017; Huizenga for Congress, 2017 Year End Report of Receipts and Disbursements at 54, filed at Dec. 11, 2017; Huizenga for Congress, 2017 Year End Report of Receipts and Disbursements at 54, filed at December 22, 2017; Huizenga for Congress, 2018 Q2 Report of Receipts and Disbursements at 141, filed at April 25, 2018; Huizenga for Congress, 2018 Year End Report of Receipts and Disbursements at 10, filed at Nov. 27, 2018. For ease of reference, relevant excerpts of these FEC Disbursement Reports are cited hereinafter as Collection of Chief of Staff FEC Disbursement Reports (Exhibit 7 at 19-2187_0233-44).

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24. Further, Rep. Huizenga and his staff generally were unaware that congressional staff members may not make personal outlays for the campaign. For example, when OCE staff asked the Chief of Staff how often he made expenditures on behalf of the campaign, he stated that he did so “fairly regularly.”²⁹
25. When asked about whether there were policies in place preventing his congressional staffers from making personal outlays on behalf of his campaign, Rep. Huizenga appeared not to be aware that his congressional staffers would be prohibited from doing so, and instead stated that he simply preferred that the Campaign Committee pay directly.³⁰
- ii. A Pattern of Impermissible Reimbursements to Congressional Staffers
26. The OCE inquired about twenty-three different unverified lump-sum reimbursements from the Campaign Committee to individuals who were employed in Rep. Huizenga’s congressional office, including the Chief of Staff, the D.C. Deputy, and the District Director.³¹ The twenty-three reimbursements were not an exhaustive list of all reimbursements from the Campaign Committee to congressional staffers, but was a representative sample of more recent reimbursements.
27. Rep. Huizenga produced documents showing that several staff members made personal outlays for catering and entertainment expenses for campaign events. For example, receipts submitted for reimbursement show that on January 5, 2017 and January 24, 2017 one congressional staffer made four transactions and spent a combined total of \$310.57 on baked goods and catering items for events hosted by the Campaign Committee.³² In 2018, the District Director received reimbursements for multiple purchases of candy totaling \$571.16 for a Fourth of July parade, two purchases in October on different days totaling \$194.33 described as “Food for Event,” and a \$136.00 purchase for a “Staff Meal” in November.³³ The Chief of Staff made personal outlays for \$1,078.69 of unspecified “entertainment” expenses in November and December of 2015.³⁴ And the D.C. Deputy received multiple reimbursements for park tickets she paid for at yearly campaign trips to the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida (“Disney World”) totaling \$1,850.79 during the years 2016-2018.³⁵
28. Additionally, Rep. Huizenga’s District Director, who also serves as his Campaign Manager, receives an \$85.66 reimbursement on a monthly for a portion of his personal cellular phone bill that he uses for campaign business.³⁶

²⁹ Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 19-2187_0009).

³⁰ Transcript of Interview of Rep. Huizenga (“Rep. Huizenga Transcript”), July 10, 2019 (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0216-17).

³¹ April 17, 2019 Request for Information to Rep. Huizenga.

³² Staff Receipts for Swearing-In Refreshments (Exhibit 8 at 19-2187_0246-49).

³³ District Director email re “June Expenses” (Exhibit 9 at 19-2187_0251-52); District Director Nov. 9, 2019 Expense Reimbursement Request (Exhibit 10 at 19-2187_0254-55).

³⁴ Excel spreadsheet from Chief of Staff titled “HFC Expenses for Nov. & Dec. ‘15” (Exhibit 11 at 19-2187_0257).

³⁵ Excel spreadsheet titled “McManus HFC Disney Trip” (Exhibit 12 at 19-2187_0259-261).

³⁶ District Director Transcript (Exhibit 4 at 19-2187_0133).

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iii. At Least \$41,419.22 of Unverifiable Reimbursements to the Chief of Staff

29. Based on FEC disbursement reports, from November 2015 to November 2018, the Chief of Staff received 11 lump-sum reimbursements from the Campaign Committee totaling \$41,419.22, which comprise hundreds of underlying purchases.³⁷ Despite repeated, specific requests identifying each of the reimbursements by date and amount, Rep. Huizenga provided no documents to verify the underlying purchases for at least \$33,274.33 of those reimbursements.

³⁷ Collection of Chief of Staff FEC Disbursement Reports (Exhibit 7 at 19-2187_0233-44).

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30. For two of the eleven disbursements, the OCE received excel spreadsheets prepared by the Chief of Staff with vague descriptions insufficient to determine the nature of much of the spending. Below is an example of the excel spreadsheet submitted to justify a \$3,707.00 disbursement.³⁸

HFC Expenses for Nov. & Dec. '15				
Date	Expenditure	Location	Purpose	
18-Nov	\$284	DC	mileage	
21-Nov	24	DC	parking	
21-Nov	289.23	NYC	hotel	
20-Nov	28.32	DC	lunch	
20-Nov	15.99	NYC	breakfast	
2-Dec	120.25	DC	dinner	
7-Dec	50	NYC	entertainment	
4-Dec	62.86	NYC	lunch	
4-Dec	15.8	NYC	taxi	
6-Dec	962	NYC	entertainment	
6-Dec	5.72	NYC	breakfast	
5-Dec	10.56	NYC	breakfast	
5-Dec	29	nyc	ENTERTAINMENT	
5-Dec	5.71	NYC	LUNCH	
4-Dec	28.13	nyc	dinner	
5-Dec	8.71	nyc	lunch	
5-Dec	16.56	NYC	taxi	
5-Dec	12.96	NYC	taxi	
5-Dec	21.36	nyc	taxi	
5-Dec	89.13	NYC	dinner	
5-Dec	50.00	NYC	dinner	
6-Dec	36.79	NYC	entertainment	
7-Dec	68.00	NYC	parking	
6-Dec	15.96	NYC	taxi	
5-Dec	38.05	NYC	breakfast	
6-Dec	10.34	NYC	breakfast	
6-Dec	3.81	NYC	breakfast	
6-Dec	1381.7	nyc	lodging	
12-Dec	22.50	DC	taxi	
TOTAL	\$3,707			

31. Further complicating efforts to verify the Chief of Staff's purchases and reimbursements, the Campaign Committee likely failed to itemize dozens of purchases on its FEC reports for at least nine of the eleven reimbursements reviewed by the OCE.³⁹ This includes the above-detailed \$3,707.00 reimbursement. For example, regarding the chart above, the Campaign

³⁸ Excel spreadsheet from Chief of Staff titled "HFC Expenses for Nov. & Dec. '15" (Exhibit 11 at 19-2187_0257).

³⁹ Collection of Chief of Staff FEC Disbursement Reports (Exhibit 7 at 19-2187_0233-39).

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Committee failed to itemize the \$289.23 for a “hotel,” the \$962.00 for “entertainment,” and the \$1,381.70 for “lodging,” violating FEC regulations and obscuring the nature of the Chief of Staff’s purchases.⁴⁰

32. When asked about the large reimbursements, the Chief of Staff repeatedly stated that he did not have any specific recollection as to what the reimbursements were for and that he and other staff had searched for receipts and supporting documents and produced what they could find.⁴¹
33. Rep. Huizenga was also asked about a number of the large reimbursements to his Chief of Staff and surmised that most of those reimbursements would be for travel or meals while traveling,⁴² which would fall within the exception to the ban on congressional staffer outlays.⁴³ However, the eleven identified expenditures were reported to the FEC with disbursement category code descriptions of either 001 or 007, neither of which are for travel expenses.⁴⁴ Category 001 is for “Administrative/salary/overhead expenses” and Category 007 is for “Campaign event expenses.”⁴⁵
34. From the little detail that was provided, the OCE can determine that in November and December, the Chief of Staff made personal outlays for \$1,078.69 of unspecified “entertainment” expenses.⁴⁶
35. Because no receipts or limited other documentation were maintained and because the Campaign Committee’s FEC reporting does not contain the requisite detail, the OCE cannot determine conclusively whether all of the Chief of Staff’s \$41,419.22 of expenditures filed under Categories 001 and 007 were in fact impermissible outlays, or whether some were travel and subsistence related expenses that were permissible. However, based on the evidence available to the OCE, some portion of these expenditures appears to be impermissible.
36. Based on the foregoing information, the Board finds that there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Huizenga’s Campaign Committee accepted contributions from individuals employed in Rep. Huizenga’s congressional office.

⁴⁰ See 11 C.F.R. §§ 104.3(b)(4)(i), 104.9; 78 Fed. Reg. 130 (July 8, 2013).

⁴¹ Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 19-2187_0010-14).

⁴² Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0218).

⁴³ See *supra* para. 16 note 10 (explaining FEC and House rules regarding congressional staffer outlays).

⁴⁴ Collection of Chief of Staff FEC Disbursement Reports (Exhibit 7 at 19-2187_0233-44).

⁴⁵ *Disbursement category code descriptions*. Available at: <https://www.fec.gov/campaign-finance-data/disbursement-category-code-descriptions/> (last accessed Aug. 15, 2019).

⁴⁶ Excel spreadsheet from Chief of Staff titled “HFC Expenses for Nov. & Dec. ‘15” (Exhibit 11 at 19-2187_0257).

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III. REP. HUIZENGA MAY HAVE REPORTED CAMPAIGN DISBURSEMENTS THAT WERE NOT FOR LEGITIMATE AND VERIFIABLE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES

A. Applicable Law, Rules, and Standards of Conduct

37. Federal Law

Pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 30114(b)(1), a “contribution or donation [to a Member of Congress] shall not be converted by any person to personal use.”

38. Federal Election Commissions Regulations

a. 11 C.F.R. § 113.1(g)(1)(i) FEC Personal Use Definition

“(g) Personal use. Personal use means any use of funds in a campaign account of a present or former candidate to fulfill a commitment, obligation or expense of any person that would exist irrespective of the candidate’s campaign or duties as a Federal officeholder.

(1)(i) Personal use includes but is not limited to the use of funds in a campaign account for any item listed in paragraphs (g)(1)(i)(A) through (J) of this section: . . .

(F) Admission to a sporting event, concert, theater or other form of entertainment, unless part of a specific campaign or officeholder activity.⁴⁷

. . .

(J) A vacation.”

b. 11 C.F.R. § 113.1(g)(1)(ii) Personal Use Case-By-Case Determinations

“(ii) The Commission will determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether other uses of funds in a campaign account fulfill a commitment, obligation or expense that would exist irrespective of the candidate’s campaign or duties as a Federal officeholder, and therefore are personal use. Examples of such other uses include:

. . .

(B) Meal expenses;

(C) Travel expenses, including subsistence expenses incurred during travel. If a committee uses campaign funds to pay expenses associated with travel that involves both personal activities and campaign or officeholder-related activities, the incremental expenses that result from the personal activities are personal use, unless the person(s) benefiting from this use reimburse(s) the campaign account within thirty days for the amount of the incremental expenses”^{48 49}

⁴⁷ See Contribution and Expenditure Limitations and Prohibitions: Personal Use of Campaign Funds, 60 Fed. Reg. 7861, 7866 (Feb. 9, 1995) (to be codified at 11 C.F.R. pts. 100, 104, 113) (hereafter “Personal Use of Campaign Funds, 60 Fed. Reg. 7861 (Feb. 9, 1995)”) (“The final rules require that the purchase of tickets be part of a particular campaign event or officeholder activity and not a leisure outing at which the discussion occasionally focuses on the campaign or official functions.”).

⁴⁸ Travel expenses are assessed on a case-by-case basis under the FEC’s personal use rules. In the past, the FEC has approved travel expenses for a candidate and his minor children to travel between the home district and Washington, D.C. to participate in “a function directly connected to the Senator’s *bona fide* official responsibilities.” FEC Advisory Op. 2005-09 (Aug. 19, 2005). The FEC also permitted campaign expenditures for travel by candidates

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House Rule 23, clause 2 states that “[a] Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House shall adhere to the spirit and the letter of the Rules of the House and to the rules of duly constituted committees thereof.”

House Rule 23, clause 6 states: “A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner— (a) shall keep the campaign funds of such individual separate from the personal funds of such individual; (b) may not convert campaign funds to personal use in excess of an amount representing reimbursement for legitimate and verifiable campaign expenditures; and (c) except as provided in clause 1(b) of rule XXIV, may not expend funds from a campaign account of such individual that are not attributable to bona fide campaign or political purposes.”

40. House Ethics Manual

The House Ethics Manual states, “Members have wide discretion in determining what constitutes a bona fide campaign or political purpose to which campaign funds and resources may be devoted, but Members have no discretion whatsoever to convert campaign funds to personal use. Furthermore, House rules require that Members be able to verify that campaign funds have not been used for personal purposes.”⁵⁰

The House Ethics Manual states, “[a] Member’s use of campaign funds for federal office is permissible only if it complies with the provisions of both the House Rules and [the Federal Election Campaign Act].”⁵¹

With respect to meals, the Manual explains: “use of campaign funds to pay for any meal when the only individuals present are a Member and the Member’s personal friends or relatives

and children accompanying their parents between the home district and Washington, D.C. “provided that the parents are traveling for campaign purposes, and the children are minors.” FEC Advisory Op. 1995-20 (June 30, 1995). Similarly, the FEC permitted the use of campaign funds for travel and subsistence expenses for a candidate, his spouse and two minor children during a party convention, noting that the candidate’s wife and children “[would] play a significant role in the political receptions and fundraising events that [were] part of the trip.” FEC Advisory Op. 1996-34 (September 12, 1996). In another opinion, the FEC again confirmed that campaign funds could be used to pay travel expenses for a Congressman’s two minor children (ages 12 and 16) to attend a party convention where the children would “play a significant role in the political receptions and fundraising events that will be part of the convention” and “may represent [the Congressman] before certain constituencies such as the Young Republicans.” FEC Advisory Op. 1996-19 (June 10, 1996).

⁴⁹ The FEC has opined that a candidate may use campaign funds to pay for the costs of campaign-related travel for congressional staff when the staffer is performing functions directly related to the reelection campaign, for instance, by fundraising or liaising between the Member and the congressional office. See FEC Advisory Op. 1996-20 (June 14, 1996).

⁵⁰ See *supra* para. 16 (quoting House Ethics Manual regarding verification).

⁵¹ See *supra* para. 16 (quoting House Ethics Manual regarding FECA violations).

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inherently raises concerns of conversion of campaign funds to personal use. The only circumstance in which payment for such a meal with campaign funds may be permissible is if the other attendees actively work in the Member's campaign, and if the meal is merely incident to a meeting having a clear, specific agenda of campaign business."⁵²

*The Manual goes on to say: "In order to be able to verify that there was a proper campaign purpose for meal outlays, the Standards Committee strongly advises that campaign committees maintain records that note both the individuals who were present at each meal, and the specific campaign or political purpose served by the outlay. When the attendees include only friends or relatives, and the above-stated requirements for campaign payment for such a meal are satisfied, the maintenance of specific, written records is essential. In these circumstances, the records should specifically describe the campaign agenda of the meal."*⁵³

*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 ... operates in compliance with applicable law."*⁵⁴

B. Personal Use

41. After reviewing documents produced by Rep. Huizenga, the OCE reviewed several campaign-related trips Rep. Huizenga, members of his staff, and their families took from 2015 to 2018.⁵⁵ Those trips include trips to Disney World, Mackinac Island in Michigan, and Deer Valley in Park City, Utah.⁵⁶ While these trips were generally described as campaign fundraisers, the high cost and the attendance of staff's families on these trips raised concerns that campaign funds were being converted for personal use to pay for vacations for Rep. Huizenga, his staff, and their families.

i. Campaign Funded Trips

(1) Disney World

42. In approximately 2012 or 2013, Rep. Huizenga began taking yearly trips to Disney World.⁵⁷ On each of those trips, Rep. Huizenga generally brought his entire family (his spouse and up to five children, depending on the year), as well as his Chief of Staff and his family (his spouse and two children), and the D.C. Deputy and her family (her spouse and young child).⁵⁸ While all three families generally attended, witnesses noted that for one or two years, one family or some members of each family might not attend for various reasons.⁵⁹

⁵² *Id.* at 169.

⁵³ *Id.* at 170.

⁵⁴ *Id.* at 123.

⁵⁵ May 29, 2019 Supplemental Request for Information to Rep. Huizenga.

⁵⁶ *Id.*

⁵⁷ Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0184); D.C. Deputy Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 19-2187_0049).

⁵⁸ D.C. Deputy Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 19-2187_0049).

⁵⁹ Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0190); Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 19-2187_0016).

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43. Nearly all the documentary and testimonial evidence produced to the OCE pertained to trips to Disney World in 2016, 2017, and 2018.
44. The OCE established that Rep. Huizenga and his family, the Chief of Staff and his family,⁶⁰ and the D.C. Deputy and her family all attended the 2016-2018 Disney World trips.⁶¹ Those trips occurred on the following dates: March 17-20, 2016; April 6-9, 2017; and May 25-28, 2018.⁶²
45. The D.C. Deputy told the OCE that a typical Disney World trip lasted over a weekend and the event agenda included a reception on the first night, a breakfast event, a dinner, and informal “meet-ups” in the parks during the days that might occur during breakfast, midmorning, or midafternoon.^{63, 64} Generally, there were at least two “meet-ups” in the parks on a given day.⁶⁵ She also testified that she, the Chief of Staff, and Rep. Huizenga and their families all attended each of these events.⁶⁶
46. An agenda produced for the 2016 Disney World trip supports this account, though does not list or account for the “meet-ups.”⁶⁷
47. The Chief of Staff explained that the Campaign Committee would have its PAC fundraisers “make all the arrangements” and “a number of lobbyists would want to participate.”⁶⁸ He also indicated that the lobbyist’s families would attend the weekend trip.⁶⁹ The D.C. Deputy agreed that “most of the lobbyists . . . like to bring their families.”⁷⁰
48. Emails suggest that, at least for the 2016 trip to Disney World, approximately eleven corporate or PAC representatives attended,⁷¹ and invitations for 2017 describe the event as a “fun family trip” and set the required donation at “\$2,500 per PAC, \$2,000 personal.”⁷²

⁶⁰ Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 19-2187_0016).

⁶¹ Excel spreadsheet titled “McManus HFC Disney Trip” (Exhibit 12 at 19-2187_0259-261).

⁶² *Id.*

⁶³ D.C. Deputy Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 19-2187_0050).

⁶⁴ Rep. Huizenga and his staff described park “meet-ups” as informal, uncharged events that event attendees would be informed of by word-of-mouth. The “meet-ups” were generally short lived compared to scheduled events on the agenda, and might include meeting for ice cream, drink, or snack. Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0187-88).

⁶⁵ *Id.* at 19-2187_0051.

⁶⁶ *Id.*

⁶⁷ Agenda titled “TEAMPAC Disney Weekend Bill Huizenga” (Exhibit 13 at 19-2187_0263-65).

⁶⁸ Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 19-2187_0015).

⁶⁹ *Id.*

⁷⁰ D.C. Deputy Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 19-2187_0053).

⁷¹ Email string “Tonight’s attendees” (Exhibit 14 at 19-2187_0267-68).

⁷² Email string “Join Congressman Bill Huizenga in Walt Disney World this April!” (Exhibit 15 at 19-2187_0271).

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Don't miss out on a weekend at Walt Disney World with Congressman Bill Huizenga with special guests, Congresswoman Mia Love and Congressman Sean Duffy! **April 6th through the 8th** at the Polynesian Resort in Orlando Florida, enjoy all of the unforgettable adventures that only Disney World can offer. Act fast! There are a limited number of rooms still available for this fun family trip with Congressman Bill Huizenga!

To Attend: \$2,500 per PAC, \$2,000 personal

Questions? Contact Andrew Theodore, [REDACTED]

49. In her interview, the D.C. Deputy was asked what sort of work she performed on the Disney trips and she stated that she made sure events were set up, name tags were available, that she greeted attendees as they arrived, and ensured that Rep. Huizenga knew who would be attending what events.⁷³ She stated that her family was generally with her when she was performing these functions, but did not say that they participated in that work in any way.⁷⁴
50. In contrast, emails show that at least leading up to the event, much or all of the organization and logistics were handled by fundraising entities such as the Theodore Company.^{75 76}
51. The OCE asked the D.C. Deputy why she brought her family on the Disney trip. She articulated two reasons. At first she stated that it was "because most of the lobbyists . . . like to bring their families, and so it . . . put[s] everybody at ease . . . it gives people a good chance to really see the personal side of people."⁷⁷ When asked again later in her interview, she stated it was "[b]ecause, it's time away from my family when I'm gone. And so, just having them close when I can spend time."⁷⁸
52. The Chief of Staff articulated a different reason for bringing his family. When asked why he brought his spouse and kids, the Chief of Staff responded, "[y]ou know, I don't get

⁷³ D.C. Deputy Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 19-2187_0052).

⁷⁴ *Id.* at 19-2187_0052-54.

⁷⁵ Email string "Tonight's attendees" (Exhibit 14 at 19-2187_0267-68).

⁷⁶ The Theodore Company's owner, Andrew Theodore, describes himself as providing "[p]olitical fundraising services for GOP members of Congress and candidates." Available at: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/andrew-theodore-b6a3246/> (last accessed Aug. 8, 2019).

⁷⁷ D.C. Deputy Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 19-2187_0053).

⁷⁸ *Id.* at 19-2187_0068.

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compensated by the campaign. That was one of the things that Bill invited us to come and be a part of.”⁷⁹ When asked whether he had ever had a conversation with Rep. Huizenga about these trips being a form of compensation, the Chief of Staff said, “[y]eah, yes. We’ve had the conversation a number of times.”⁸⁰

53. The OCE received inconsistent testimony from the D.C. Deputy. When asked if she viewed the Disney World trip as a thank you from the Campaign Committee, the D.C. Deputy said she did not and had not had any conversations along those lines with the Chief of Staff or Rep. Huizenga.⁸¹
54. All those interviewed regarding the Disney trip agreed that the Campaign Committee paid for all expenses on the trip,⁸² save personal souvenirs if those were purchased.⁸³ This included airfare, hotel, ground transportation, park tickets, meals, and other daily expenses such as a stroller for the D.C. Deputy’s young child.⁸⁴ By way of example, for the D.C. Deputy’s family of three, in 2018, the trip cost at least \$4,654.35:

Hotel	\$	1,530.01		
Airfare	\$	1,450.17		
Park Tickets	\$	859.79		
Cab Fare	\$	108.96		
Stroller	\$	56.50		
Meals	\$	648.92		
Total	\$	4,654.35		

55. When asked which members of his staff and families attended the last three years, Rep. Huizenga stated that he believed only he and his family attended in 2018 because he was a “special guest” of Rep. Scalise and so the 2018 Disney World trip was less focused on Rep. Huizenga’s campaign.⁸⁵ However, documents show that the D.C. Deputy Chief of Staff submitted reimbursement requests for 2016, 2017, and 2018,⁸⁶ and the Chief of Staff also stated that he attended the Disney trip in 2016, 2017, and 2018.

⁷⁹ Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 19-2187_0034).

⁸⁰ *Id.*

⁸¹ D.C. Deputy Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 19-2187_0067).

⁸² *Id.* at 19-2187_0054; Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0191).

⁸³ D.C. Deputy Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 19-2187_0054).

⁸⁴ *Id.* at 19-2187_0053-55; see also excel spreadsheet titled “McManus HFC Disney Trip” (Exhibit 12 at 19-2187_0259-261).

⁸⁵ Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0188).

⁸⁶ Excel spreadsheet titled “McManus HFC Disney Trip” (Exhibit 12 at 19-2187_0259-261).

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56. The OCE inquired about the “special guest” status in interviews with Rep. Huizenga and his staff. His D.C. Deputy Chief of Staff stated that the point of a special guest was to generate more interest in an event by having additional Members present.⁸⁷
57. The D.C. Deputy explained that generally a special guest does not bring staff,⁸⁸ though some circumstances may warrant an exception.⁸⁹ Staff do not generally attend because the host Member bears the organizational and logistical costs,⁹⁰ and because there is often limited space.⁹¹
58. A special guest raises fewer funds for his campaign because he is only there in a support role, and generally may only raise funds to benefit his campaign by hosting a smaller “sidebar fundraiser” with the host’s permission.⁹²
59. Accordingly, when asked about the 2018 trip, Rep. Huizenga stated that he would have only done a “sidebar” event and informally met up with event attendees in the Disney parks.⁹³
60. Documents and testimony establish that Rep. Huizenga hosted one Disney character breakfast during the 2018 Disney World trip,⁹⁴ but continued to bring the same full complement of staff, raising questions about whether the purpose of the trip was campaign related or for the personal enjoyment of Rep. Huizenga and his staff.
61. The Chief of Staff testified that the campaign did not take a trip in 2019: “We’re in the minority. We’re just trying to cut back on trips honestly. . . . Just cut back on the number of travel, it’s expensive to travel.”⁹⁵

(2) Mackinac Island

62. The Campaign Committee also funds a biennial trip to Mackinac Island in Michigan to attend the Mackinac Republican Leadership Conference (“the Conference”).⁹⁶ The Conference is held in odd years and, as Rep. Huizenga’s District Director told the OCE, is an unofficial kickoff of the election cycle and a space to “get the grassroots teams organized” and to network with other campaign staff around the state.⁹⁷ Rep. Huizenga and his staff described the Conference as a family event, noting activities such as an ice cream social.⁹⁸ Rep. Huizenga also described the Conference as “this big giant cocktail party, fundraising,

⁸⁷ D.C. Deputy Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 19-2187_0060).

⁸⁸ *Id.*

⁸⁹ Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0188).

⁹⁰ Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 19-2187_0031).

⁹¹ D.C. Deputy Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 19-2187_0060).

⁹² Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0184-85).

⁹³ *Id.*

⁹⁴ Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0185); Email string “Huizenga Character Breakfast in Disney World” (Exhibit 16 at 19-2187_0274-75).

⁹⁵ Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 19-2187_0008).

⁹⁶ Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0204); District Director Transcript (Exhibit 4 at 19-2187_0114-15).

⁹⁷ District Director Transcript (Exhibit 4 at 19-2187_0114, 116).

⁹⁸ Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 19-2187_0018); District Director Transcript (Exhibit 4 at 19-2187_0115); Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0204).

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relationship building two day extravaganza.”⁹⁹ The District Director told the OCE that there are speakers throughout the conference including state and national candidates and elected officials.¹⁰⁰

63. The Conference is another trip for which the Campaign Committee pays for family members to attend.¹⁰¹ Compared to the Disney World trip, the Campaign Committee pays for significantly more individuals and families to attend, and the guest list extends beyond just staff and their families.¹⁰² The Campaign Committee has at times sponsored and paid “politically minded kinds . . . to come and experience [the Conference].”¹⁰³

⁹⁹ Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0207).

¹⁰⁰ District Director Transcript (Exhibit 4 at 19-2187_0115-116).

¹⁰¹ *Id.* at 19-2187_0115.

¹⁰² *Id.* at 19-2187_0126.

¹⁰³ Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0206).

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64. The below email produced by Rep. Huizenga includes room reservations paid for by the Campaign Committee for Rep. Huizenga and his family, the Campaign Chairman and his wife, the Campaign Bookkeeper and his wife, the District Director and his wife, the Chief of Staff, the Public Policy Manager and his wife, four friends of Rep. Huizenga's son, and the Communications Director and his family.¹⁰⁴



65. When asked about his son's friends attending the Conference, Rep. Huizenga noted that the friends "are still politically involved and engaged and work on our campaigns and volunteer and do all kinds of stuff."¹⁰⁵ Rep. Huizenga noted his son and his friends greeted Conference

¹⁰⁴ Email string "Mackinac Island Questions" (Exhibit 17 at 19-2187_0277).

¹⁰⁵ Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0207).

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attendees coming onto Mackinac Island from the ferry and handed out “Huizenga for Congress” branded sunglasses.¹⁰⁶

66. As to the Communications Director’s in-laws mentioned in the above email (“Colena’s Family”), Rep. Huizenga said they were not paid for because there are not connected to the campaign and are not constituents.¹⁰⁷ However, other family members did attend and were not connected to the campaign. For example, the District Director’s wife, who does not work for the campaign and went shopping while others were attending conference events,¹⁰⁸ is grouped with the individuals in the email above who were paid for by the Campaign Committee.

(3) Deer Valley

67. Deer Valley is a more recently inaugurated yearly trip. The first of the Deer Valley trips occurred February 22-25, 2018.¹⁰⁹ In 2018, Rep. Huizenga was a special guest of Rep. Jeb Hensarling, who was, at the time, Chairman of the House Financial Services committee. Recently, in 2019, Rep. Huizenga took an organizational role in the event and was no longer a special guest.¹¹⁰

¹⁰⁶ *Id.* at 19-2187_0208.

¹⁰⁷ *Id.* at 19-2187_0207-08.

¹⁰⁸ District Director Transcript (Exhibit 4 at 19-2187_0113, 117).

¹⁰⁹ Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0198).

¹¹⁰ *Id.*

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68. In 2018, Rep. Huizenga hosted one luncheon at the St. Regis in Deer Valley called "Bloodies with Bill."¹¹¹ An email from the Chief of Staff to Rep. Huizenga indicates that as of January 26, 2018, 9 PACs had pledged \$10,500 to the Campaign Committee.

First	Last	Company	Huizenga Pledge	Huizenga Attent
Will	Kinzel	Delta		
Jane	Adams	J&J	NO	NO
Stephen	Allis	KPMG	\$1,000	1
Dan	Berger	NAFCU	\$1,000	1
Lisa	Blackwell	NMHC	\$1,000	1
Kathy	Didawick	BCBSA		
Rachel	Dresen	AICPA	\$1,000	1
Tucker	Foote	Mastercard	No	No
Tara	Foscatto	PNC Bank	COMP	1
Matt	Green	DRS		
Barry	Hutchison	AT&T	NO	NO
Matt	Iandoli	Deloitte	\$1,000	1
Mary	Jackson	Cash America		
Marty	McGuinness	Unum	NO	NO
jake	Menefee	Marathon	NO	NO
Ian	Musselman	Continental Corporation		
Scott	Myer	NAHB		
Michael	O'Brien	PricewaterhouseCoopers	COMP	1
Kevin	O'Neill	Fraternity PAC		
Ted	Okun	Community Oncology Alliance		
Raymond	Paul	Koch	\$1,000	1
Dan	Roehl	National Restaurant Assn		
Alan	Rosenbloom	Senior Care Pharmacy Coalition		
Caroline	Rydell	Farm Credit Bank		
John	Savercool	UBS		
Hollyn	Scheumann	Viacom		
Mike	Shutley	Dunkin Brands		
Jason	Spence	CME	\$1,000	1
Mike	Thompson	Goldman Sachs	likely	likely
Majda	Turner	Tellurion		
Todd	Walker	Altria	NO	NO
Justin	Wormmeester	BNSF	\$2,500	1
Brian	Yates	Elevate	maybe	maybe
Eric	Zulkowsky	Fierce Govt Relations		
Nick	Zupancic	Capital One	\$1,000	1

¹¹¹ Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0198); "Bloodies w/ Bill @ Deer Valley" email from Chief of Staff to Rep. Huizenga, Jan. 26, 2019 (Exhibit 18 at 19-2187_0279-80).

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Pete	Sessions	MEMBER	MEMBER	1
Bill	Huizenga	MEMBER	MEMBER	1
Dennis	Ross	MEMBER	MEMBER	1
Jeff	Duncan	MEMBER	MEMBER	1
Tom	Graves	MEMBER	MEMBER	1
Cindy	Ross		Wife of Rep. Ross	E41
Melody	Duncan		Wife of Rep. Duncan	1
Jon	DeWitte	Office of Rep. Huizenga		1
Greg	Walden	MEMBER	MEMBER	1
Total			\$10,500	20

Jon DeWitte
Chief of Staff
Congressman Bill Huizenga (MI-02)

Cell - [REDACTED]

Huizenga for Congress
[REDACTED]

69. The Campaign Committee did not host any other events during the 2018 Deer Valley trip.¹¹²
70. Testimony and documents establish that Rep. Huizenga brought his wife, and at least two children, as well as his Chief of Staff and two of his children.¹¹³ Rep. Huizenga told the OCE that his children as well as the Chief of Staff's children attended all of the fundraiser events, but did not articulate any purpose they served at the event, other than that there was an "expectation[] of participation."¹¹⁴
71. While some of the activities appear to have been family-oriented, such as roasting marshmallows, drinking hot chocolate, and skiing,¹¹⁵ others such as the luncheon, were less so. When asked whether everyone brought their kids, the Chief of Staff responded: "No, a mix. It kind of depends on the age of your kids."¹¹⁶
72. Credit card, hotel, and ski shop records show that Rep. Huizenga spent at least \$15,703.59 in campaign funds for himself, his family, and his Chief of Staff and his children to go on the trip to Deer Valley. The Campaign Committee paid \$5,164.60 for flights for Rep. Huizenga, the Chief of Staff, and their family members,¹¹⁷ at least \$7,827.83 on lodging at St. Regis Deer Valley,¹¹⁸ including \$970.52 for ski rentals,¹¹⁹ all for the same individuals. The Campaign Committee also paid \$2,711.16 in miscellaneous expenses at Deer Valley, which

¹¹² Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0198-99).

¹¹³ *Id.* at 19-2187_0198; Jans Ski Rental Invoice (Exhibit 19 at 19-2187_0282-85).

¹¹⁴ Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0201-02).

¹¹⁵ Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 19-2187_0017).

¹¹⁶ *Id.* at 19-2187_0018.

¹¹⁷ Excerpted American Express Statements (Exhibit 20 at 19-2187_0287-302).

¹¹⁸ *Id.*; St. Regis Invoice (Exhibit 21 at 19-2187_0287-304-09).

¹¹⁹ Jans Ski Rental Invoice (Exhibit 19 at 19-2187_0282-85).

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based on credit cards records likely including ski lift tickets and expenses related to the luncheon.¹²⁰

73. Both the D.C. Deputy and the Chief of Staff described the event as a financial-services focused fundraiser.¹²¹ Rep. Huizenga also noted that in 2018 Rep. Hensarling “invited [him] to be a special guest as a financial services focus.”¹²²
74. However, all those interviewed agreed that the D.C. Deputy was Rep. Huizenga’s financial services expert,¹²³ and she was not invited to attend the Deer Valley event.¹²⁴ When asked why she didn’t go on the trip, the D.C. Deputy posited that there wasn’t space for her on the trip, but said she wasn’t specifically aware of why she didn’t go. It was also apparent in the interview that though she thought there was not enough room for her on the trip, the D.C. Deputy did not know that Rep. Huizenga and the Chief of Staff brought their children on the ski trip.¹²⁵
- ii. Campaign Funded Osteria Rossa Dinner
75. On September 27, 2014 Rep. Huizenga and his half-brother—who also serves as his Campaign Chairman—had dinner in Grand Rapids, Michigan at a restaurant called Osteria Rossa.¹²⁶ The dinner coincided with a large, well-attended public art event in Grand Rapids called ArtPrize.¹²⁷

¹²⁰ Excerpted American Express Statements (Exhibit 20 at 19-2187_0292).

¹²¹ Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 19-2187_0016); D.C. Deputy Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 19-2187_0061).

¹²² Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0185).

¹²³ D.C. Deputy Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 19-2187_0042); Chief of Staff Transcript (Exhibit 1 at 19-2187_0030); Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0176).

¹²⁴ D.C. Deputy Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 19-2187_0061).

¹²⁵ *Id.* at 19-2187_0060-62.

¹²⁶ Osteria Rossa Receipt (Exhibit 22 at 19-2187_0311); Chairman Transcript (Exhibit 5 at 19-2187_0166-69); Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0225-27).

¹²⁷ Chairman Transcript (Exhibit 5 at 19-2187_0164-66).

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76. The Osteria Rossa dinner was the subject of an FEC complaint,¹²⁸ which referenced and attached a Facebook post by Rep. Huizenga's brother, stating, "My little brother Bill and me. We were in GR with the wives for a little dinner and ArtPrize last night. Fun night!"¹²⁹



77. Because ArtPrize was about six weeks ahead of the election, Rep. Huizenga used the opportunity to "maximize visibility with anybody and everybody" that he could.¹³⁰ As his brother stated, "that particular day we did not have a hard event on the schedule but we knew ArtPrize was going on . . ."¹³¹
78. After attending ArtPrize, Rep. Huizenga, his brother, and their spouses went to Osteria Rossa for dinner. Rep. Huizenga told the OCE, "we went to the restaurant. There was a wait. I had some of my former state legislative colleagues kind of sitting there also having a drink at the bar kind of thing. I picked up the tab and they were able to roll that into our table."¹³²

¹²⁸ See *In the Matter of William P. Huizenga, et al.*, First Gen. Couns. Rep., MUR 7534 (FEC May 16, 2019).

¹²⁹ Osteria Rossa Facebook post, Sept. 28, 2014 (Exhibit 25 at 19-2187_0321).

¹³⁰ Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0225).

¹³¹ *Id.* at 19-2187_0166.

¹³² Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0225).

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79. No other individuals joined Rep. Huizenga for dinner.¹³³ Though the House Ethics Manual strongly advises Members to maintain a written record of the specific campaign-related agenda for a meal such as this,¹³⁴ neither Rep. Huizenga nor his brother had any such documentation or any recollection of what was discussed at dinner, and could only assume that the conversation would have largely been about politics because of the impending election.¹³⁵
80. During their interviews with the OCE, neither Rep. Huizenga nor his brother were able to recall who they saw at Osteria Rossa that night.¹³⁶ Rep. Huizenga said he could not specifically recall who was at the dinner but could make a guess about who would have likely been there.¹³⁷ When the OCE asked Rep. Huizenga to provide the names of the individuals he thought might have been in attendance, he responded: "I'm not sure I want to haul them into this. It's like a guess. As I'm sitting there, in my mind's eye, projecting who it would be. So, I don't know that that's a fair answer to- because it's pure speculation."¹³⁸
81. Before the interviews, Rep. Huizenga's counsel provided a letter to the OCE on May 17, 2019 listing four individuals who were at the dinner "based on the best recollection of the Congressman and campaign staff who were there . . ."¹³⁹ When shown that letter, Rep. Huizenga's brother could not confirm that those were the individuals at Osteria Rossa, and stated that he did not provide the names for the list nor did he know who provided them.¹⁴⁰
82. At Rep. Huizenga's interview, after disavowing any specific recollection of the individuals at Osteria Rossa, counsel interjected to remind Rep. Huizenga that he had submitted a letter to the FEC and the OCE listing several individuals that were present at the dinner.¹⁴¹ At that point Rep. Huizenga indicated that he may have provided the names "from best recollection."¹⁴²
83. The FEC disbursement report for the Osteria Rossa dinner shows that the event was described as a "Campaign Event: Campaign Dinner Meeting."¹⁴³
84. While the evidence shows there was some underlying campaign purpose motivating each of the above-described trips and other expenditures, the evidence also shows that they also had a significant or primary personal-use component for some of the attendees that were nevertheless paid for with Campaign Committee funds. Though Rep. Huizenga may have had a bona fide campaign purpose for bringing his family on the above trips, based on the

¹³³ Rep. Huizenga's brother gave conflicting testimony. When asked to confirm that they sat down to dinner with the individuals they met at Osteria Rossa, he said "Correct." Chairman Transcript (Exhibit 5 at 19-2187_0169).

¹³⁴ See *supra* para. 40 (quoting House Ethics Manual regarding meals with family).

¹³⁵ Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0225); Chairman Transcript (Exhibit 5 at 19-2187_0169)

¹³⁶ Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0226).

¹³⁷ *Id.* at 19-2187_0227.

¹³⁸ *Id.*

¹³⁹ Letter from Charlie Spies to Jeffrey Brown, May 17, 2019 (Exhibit 23 at 19-2187_0313-15).

¹⁴⁰ Chairman Transcript (Exhibit 5 at 19-2187_0167-68).

¹⁴¹ Rep. Huizenga Transcript (Exhibit 6 at 19-2187_0227).

¹⁴² *Id.*

¹⁴³ Huizenga for Congress, 2014 Q3 Report of Receipts and Disbursements at 71, filed Nov. 13, 2014.

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testimony of Rep. Huizenga and his staff, the family of Rep. Huizenga's staff were often brought for reasons other than to benefit the campaign.

85. When considering whether financing travel for staff's family members was primarily motivated by a campaign or personal purpose, there are several indicia of personal use. The D.C. Deputy told the OCE she brought her family to Disney World to be near them, as the campaign frequently pulls her away from her family.¹⁴⁴ And the Chief of Staff understood the funding of his family's trips to be a form of compensation for his work for the Campaign Committee.¹⁴⁵ With respect to the Deer Valley trip, the Chief of Staff explicitly stated that attendees didn't need to bring children to participate,¹⁴⁶ and the D.C. Deputy noted that space was limited on the trip. Nonetheless, Rep. Huizenga chose to bring his family and his Chief of Staff's children on a financial-services focused fundraising trip, instead of bringing his financial services expert, the D.C. Deputy. Additionally, the evidence shows that some of the ten or more family members and friends brought to the Mackinac Island Conference did little or no work for the campaign while on the trip, and instead spent their time touring the island or shopping.¹⁴⁷
86. Taking the trips, combined with the campaign funds spent on the personal, family dinner at Osteria Rossa, there appears to be a pattern of disregard for, or lack of understanding of, the rules prohibiting the use of campaign funds for personal use.
87. Based on the foregoing information, the Board finds that there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Huizenga's Campaign Committee reported campaign disbursements that were not legitimate and verifiable campaign expenditures attributable to bona fide campaign or political purposes.

IV. REP. HUIZENGA MAY HAVE AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES FROM HIS MRA THAT WERE NOT FOR PERMISSIBLE OFFICIAL EXPENSES

A. Applicable Law, Rules, and Standards of Conduct

88. 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."

¹⁴⁴ D.C. Deputy Transcript (Exhibit 2 at 19-2187_0068).

¹⁴⁵ See *supra* para. 52.

¹⁴⁶ See *supra* para. 71.

¹⁴⁷ See *supra* para. 62-66.

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89. 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.”¹⁴⁸

90. Committee Precedent

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.”¹⁴⁹ This is the case when a Member fails to properly supervise staff and the lack of appropriate oversight results in the misspent MRA funds.¹⁵⁰

B. Reimbursements for Mileage

91. During its review, the OCE recognized that certain campaign and official staffers were being reimbursed large amounts for driving many miles over repeated years. Though the OCE only reviewed the issue as it pertained to mileage reimbursements made from the MRA, the OCE reviewed miles driven both for official purposes, paid for by the MRA, and miles driven for campaign purposes, paid for by the Campaign Committee. Both sets of miles were considered to understand the total miles driven by any of the individuals during the relevant times.
92. Campaign and MRA mileage reimbursement records indicate that Rep. Huizenga’s Michigan Deputy was reimbursed \$14,017.18 in 2016 for miles she drove on behalf of the campaign and official office.¹⁵¹ This means, assuming she was reimbursed pursuant to IRS mileage regulations, that she would have driven a total of 71.12 miles per day (for 365 days) in 2016.¹⁵² In 2017, she was reimbursed \$14,820.39 for mileage.¹⁵³ Under IRS mileage regulations, she would have driven a total of 75.89 miles per day in 2017.¹⁵⁴ And in 2018, she was reimbursed \$13,040.16 for mileage.¹⁵⁵ Under IRS mileage regulations, she would

¹⁴⁸ *Id.* at 323.

¹⁴⁹ *In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Luis V. Gutiérrez*, 115th Congress, 2d Sess. (2018) at 27-28.

¹⁵⁰ *Id.* at 26, 31-32.

¹⁵¹ OCE Compiled Mileage Chart (Exhibit 24 at 19-2187_0317-19). Figures compiled from Huizenga For Congress FEC reports and Statements of Disbursements of the U.S. House of Representatives.

¹⁵² *Id.*

¹⁵³ *Id.*

¹⁵⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵⁵ *Id.*

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have driven a total of 65.56 miles per day in 2018.¹⁵⁶ Other campaign and official staffers, such as the District Director, were also reimbursed thousands of dollars for mileage expenses during this time.

93. The OCE interviewed those individuals with the highest mileage reimbursements to determine the validity of these mileage claims.
94. The Michigan Deputy and the District Director are the two primary individuals who conduct outreach across the district for Rep. Huizenga.¹⁵⁷ They do not divide the district geographically, and instead each handle a portfolio of issues that may affect any part of the district.¹⁵⁸
95. When discussing the district office culture, the Michigan Deputy told the OCE that “if you’re at your desk every day, you’re not doing your job. There’s a lot of ground to cover. We have a lot of people that meet with you and you need to be the eyes and ears. People need to know who to come to. So we try to be at every possible thing we can all the time.”¹⁵⁹
96. Rep. Huizenga has two offices in his district. One is located in Grandville and the other is located in Grand Haven. It takes approximately 45 minutes to drive between the two offices.¹⁶⁰
97. The District Director and Michigan Deputy reported driving about five days a week on average,¹⁶¹ and very rarely driving less than three days a week.¹⁶² Driving across the district can take approximately two and half hours,¹⁶³ and staff can make a trip of that distance multiple times a day.¹⁶⁴ Additionally, the Michigan Deputy and District Director’s work takes them outside of the district, particularly dealing with a federal agency that has offices in Detroit, Lansing, or Chicago.¹⁶⁵
98. The Michigan Deputy is also a fundraiser for the Campaign Committee, which can take her outside the district as well.¹⁶⁶
99. The individuals the OCE interviewed regarding mileage reimbursements agreed that there is no set policy for how miles-traveled are tracked and reported, but each articulated their own method for doing so.¹⁶⁷ When asked how she keeps track of her mileage, the Michigan Deputy stated that she uses her odometer and writes down the miles she’s traveled every day.¹⁶⁸ She then records the daily mileage in a hardcopy calendar and submits total mileage

¹⁵⁶ *Id.*

¹⁵⁷ Michigan Deputy Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 19-2187_0078).

¹⁵⁸ *Id.* at 19-2187_0078, 87.

¹⁵⁹ *Id.* at 19-2187_0087.

¹⁶⁰ *Id.* at 19-2187_0090-91.

¹⁶¹ District Director Transcript (Exhibit 4 at 19-2187_0117).

¹⁶² Michigan Deputy Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 19-2187_0088).

¹⁶³ *Id.* at 19-2187_0087-88.

¹⁶⁴ *Id.* at 19-2187_0087.

¹⁶⁵ *Id.* at 19-2187_0089-90; District Director Transcript (Exhibit 4 at 19-2187_0117).

¹⁶⁶ Michigan Deputy Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 19-2187_0087).

¹⁶⁷ *Id.* at 19-2187_0091.

¹⁶⁸ *Id.*

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reports on approximately a monthly basis.¹⁶⁹ The District Director uses an Outlook calendar to record the location of each of his meetings, and then later uses Google maps to recreate his trips and determine the mileage between the points he traveled on a given day.¹⁷⁰

100. The Michigan Deputy also stated during her interview that she does not count the mileage between her home and the main office she uses in Grand Haven.¹⁷¹
101. The OCE notes that both the Michigan Deputy and the District Director offered credible testimony on the nature of their positions, including the need to take frequent lengthy trips to perform their official and campaign functions.
102. Based on the foregoing information, the Board finds that there is not substantial reason to believe that Rep. Huizenga authorized expenditures from his MRA that were not for permissible official expenses.

V. CONCLUSION

103. Based on the foregoing information, the Board finds that there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Huizenga accepted contributions from congressional staffers.
104. Accordingly, the Board recommends that the Committee further review the above allegation that Rep. Huizenga accepted contributions from congressional staffers.
105. Based on the foregoing information, the Board finds that there is substantial reason to believe that the Campaign Committee reported disbursements that were not for legitimate and verifiable campaign expenditures.
106. Accordingly, the Board recommends that the Committee further review the above allegation that the Campaign Committee reported disbursements that were not for legitimate and verifiable campaign expenditures.
107. Based on the foregoing information, the Board finds that there is not substantial reason to believe that Rep. Huizenga authorized expenditures from his MRA that were not for permissible official expenses.
108. Accordingly, the Board recommends that the Committee dismiss the above allegation that Rep. Huizenga authorized expenditures from his MRA that were not for permissible official expenses.

VI. INFORMATION THE OCE WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN AND RECOMMENDATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS

109. The following witnesses, by declining to provide requested information to the OCE, did not cooperate with the OCE review:

a. Sea Island, the Cloister;

¹⁶⁹ Michigan Deputy Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 19-2187_0091).

¹⁷⁰ District Director Transcript (Exhibit 4 at 19-2187_0119).

¹⁷¹ Michigan Deputy Transcript (Exhibit 3 at 19-2187_0093).

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- b. Playtime Events Management, Inc.;
- c. Affordable Limousine; and
- d. The Walt Disney Company.

110. The Board recommends that the Committee on Ethics issue subpoenas to Sea Island, The Cloister, Playtime Events Management, Inc., Affordable Limousine, and The Walt Disney Company.

EXHIBIT 1

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Transcript of Interview of Chief of Staff

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1 Omar Ashmawy: Let's get started. This is Omar Ashmawy at the Clark Hill offices in Washington,
2 D.C. to interview Chief of Staff. It is June 25, 2019. I am joined by my
3 colleagues Sean Quinn, Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman as well as Charles Spies and
4 Derek Ross. The witness has been given a copy of the 18 U.S.C. 1001 and has
5 signed the acknowledgment form.

6 Good Morning. Thank you very much. How long have you worked on Capitol
7 Hill?

8 Chief of Staff: I will hit 20 years December of this year.

9 Omar Ashmawy: Long time. How long have you been with Congressman Huizenga?

10 Chief of Staff: He got elected in 2010. I was hired to be his Chief...his first hire beginning of
11 January of 2011.

12 Omar Ashmawy: So you've been the Chief of Staff with the Congressman from the beginning of
13 his time in Congress?

14 Chief of Staff: Correct.

15 Omar Ashmawy: Where were you before that?

16 Chief of Staff: I worked for Congressman Pete Hoekstra.

17 Omar Ashmawy: And before that?

18 Chief of Staff: Congressman Dave Camp.

19 Omar Ashmawy: Very good. Were you, ever been the Chief of Staff prior to working for
20 Representative Huizenga?

21 Chief of Staff: I have not.

22 Omar Ashmawy: Have you held any other positions in the office other than Chief of Staff?

23 Chief of Staff: In Mr. Huizenga's office?

24 Omar Ashmawy: Yes.

25 Chief of Staff: No.

26 Omar Ashmawy: How, as Chief of Staff, could you sort of briefly describe your role and
27 responsibilities, just recognizing there are lots of different roles for Chiefs of
28 Staff.

29 Chief of Staff: Chief eook, bottle washer, kind of ...

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- 1 Omar Ashmawy: Exactly.
- 2 Chief of Staff: ... kind of you get done what needs to be done, to serve at the pleasure of the
3 member. I manage his staff, manage locations, oversee legislative priorities, kind
4 of whatever needs to be done.
- 5 Omar Ashmawy: So kind of a jack of all trades?
- 6 Chief of Staff: I think that's a fair description.
- 7 Omar Ashmawy: Who do you report to?
- 8 Chief of Staff: I report to the Congressman.
- 9 Omar Ashmawy: Who reports to you?
- 10 Chief of Staff: Everyone else in the office.
- 11 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. What is, what's your relationship with the Congressman? Have you ever
12 been, have you ever had anything other than a professional relationship prior to
13 working for him?
- 14 Chief of Staff: I've known him in a semi . . . I took his old job working for Pete Hoekstra. He
15 used to be the District Director and then he got elected to the State house. I went
16 back to Michigan and was the District Director for Pete Hoekstra. So we ran in
17 the same circles in West Michigan for a number of years before I came out here
18 and was his Chief.
- 19 Omar Ashmawy: Would you socialize with him?
- 20 Chief of Staff: Occasionally, yeah. I mean a lot of professional events together, but yeah,
21 occasionally.
- 22 Omar Ashmawy: Private dinners?
- 23 Chief of Staff: Maybe. Not that I can, I just can't remember a specific instance, but if we did it
24 wouldn't have surprised me. But I can't remember one off the top of my mind.
- 25 Omar Ashmawy: I mean like, if I go out to dinner with a friend of mine. That sort of thing. That
26 sort of situation.
- 27 Chief of Staff: Yeah. I mean, what did we grab a beer after work occasionally? Sure. Private
28 dinners. No. Most of them probably were work related functions that would
29 probably be the best way that I would remember them.
- 30 Omar Ashmawy: Family vacations?
- 31 Chief of Staff: No.

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- 1 Omar Ashmawy: Did you know, prior to working for the Congressman, did you have a personal
2 relationship with any of the members of his family?
- 3 Chief of Staff: Knew his wife, was familiar with his kids. I mean in a, you know, you interact
4 with them at events, type of way.
- 5 Omar Ashmawy: Did you go to family events? Like birthday parties, anniversary parties?
- 6 Chief of Staff: Not to my memory.
- 7 Omar Ashmawy: Do you have any role with the Congressman's campaign?
- 8 Chief of Staff: Yes. You know I'm on conference calls, I'm engaged in what's going on with the
9 campaign in my free time.
- 10 Omar Ashmawy: Do you have a formal position with the campaign?
- 11 Chief of Staff: No. I mean we have a laissez . . . very loose frame . . . over there. It's not a lot of
12 titles that are flowing around, but yeah, I mean, am I engaged? Sure. I mean we
13 have lots of emails. I mean I used to be the district guy. I know the district well.
14 So, talking often about the campaign.
- 15 Omar Ashmawy: Could you elaborate a little bit. I know you're talking a little bit about your work
16 history, but when were you responsible for district operations and for whom?
- 17 Chief of Staff: For Congressman Pete Hockstra. I think from, best of my memory serves, I want
18 to say started in 2003 and until he left office in 2010. So seven years more or
19 less.
- 20 Omar Ashmawy: Did you have a role in Congressman Huizenga's first election?
- 21 Chief of Staff: Which election?
- 22 Omar Ashmawy: First election to the House of Representatives.
- 23 Chief of Staff: Yes. I mean I like, it was very informal. Bill and I would talk often. I was helping
24 Congressman Hockstra run for Governor at the time and that's what allowed the
25 seat to be open and that's why Bill ran for Congress.
- 26 Omar Ashmawy: I recognize that a lot of times on the Hill not a lot of titles with regard to
27 campaigns. Do you have any kind of formalized role, sort of like a regular
28 responsibility with the campaign?
- 29 Chief of Staff: I guess the best way . . . I oversee a lot of the fundraising side. And so I do, you
30 know, I travel with the Congressman when he goes on fundraising trips. I oversee
31 our folks who are doing fundraising in the district. Roughly we have somebody
32 there and they report to me, in a loose sense, not a formalized structure.

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1 Omar Ashmawy: Does the Congressman employ a full-time fundraiser for the campaign or . . .

2 Chief of Staff: We have several. I mean we have somebody who does work for us in New York
3 and Boston. We have a PAC fundraiser here in DC. We have a woman who does
4 fundraising for us in Michigan.

5 Omar Ashmawy: Can you talk about, a little more about your oversight of the fundraising
6 operations for the campaign? And how much of your time you know, what kind
7 of travel does that entail? That sort of thing.

8 Chief of Staff: Yeah. We're, we go to New York several times a year. We'll go, sometimes we'll
9 go to Boston a couple of times a year. Sometimes I'll travel with him, sometimes
10 I'll just make sure that arrangements are being made. I'll help facilitate those
11 trips. I interact with our DC fundraisers a lot on the, that do the PAC fundraising.
12 So yeah. I talk to them maybe once or twice a week, time-commitment wise. And
13 I honestly never added it up. I mean it's ...

14 Omar Ashmawy: I won't hold you to it.

15 Chief of Staff: Yeah, no. I'm just, in all honesty, I'm just trying to think. Like I'm just not sure
16 what that number would be is. Three, four hours maybe a week that goes to that.
17 After hours of course.

18 Omar Ashmawy: Yeah. That's it?

19 Chief of Staff: Yes.

20 Omar Ashmawy: Tell me a bit about what kind of responsibilities you have when you travel with
21 the Congressman for these fundraisers.

22 Chief of Staff: Everything from making sure we're getting to the right place, on the right time,
23 making sure the meeting ends so we can get to the next meeting. Logistical. Have
24 conversations with potential donors. Will interact with their staff as follow-up.
25 Make sure if we promise something in a meeting, make sure that it gets
26 delivered. I mean most of these conversations are a mix of policy and politics.
27 And so often times we'll be talking about what's going on in committee, and we'll
28 be talking about the race back home, so it just kind of depends what the
29 conversation holds. But yeah, try to facilitate success for the boss in terms of
30 creating relationships and making sure we follow through on any promises that
31 are made.

32 Omar Ashmawy: Do any other congressional staffers travel on these trips?

33 Chief of Staff: We have had Marliiss McManus travel to, on a couple of the trips with us. She's
34 gone to Disney in the past, with us when we did that. She's done the beer tour,
35 when we go back to West Michigan and sample some of the local product. We
36 bring DC folks out there and she'll come along for that. I think she's done three or
37 four of those.

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- 1 Omar Ashmawy: Anyone else?
- 2 Chief of Staff: Not that I can remember.
- 3 Omar Ashmawy: How about other congressional, excuse me, other campaign staffers?
- 4 Chief of Staff: Not that I can remember. I believe Marliss and I are the only ones that travel with
5 any regularity with Bill and it's primarily me.
- 6 Omar Ashmawy: When Ms. McManus travels what are her responsibilities?
- 7 Chief of Staff: When, most of them will be, you know, to be supportive on policy. Again they're
8 a mix of both campaign and official. We'll generally write those off to campaign
9 just so that there's no co-mingling of the two. But the conversations do happen.
10 So she's there to provide technical support, policy support.
- 11 Omar Ashmawy: What's her role in the congressional office?
- 12 Chief of Staff: She is our, it's no longer designated since we're a ranking member, but she's our
13 financial services expert.
- 14 Omar Ashmawy: She occupy a role as a deputy chief council?
- 15 Chief of Staff: Deputy Chief of Staff, yeah, that, she's a, she has, you know. Sometimes we have
16 no titles, sometimes we have multiple titles.
- 17 Omar Ashmawy: Does she have any other responsibilities in that position other than being the
18 financial services subject matter expert?
- 19 Chief of Staff: She helps to manage the leg. staff for me.
- 20 Omar Ashmawy: How often do you say you go to New York, Boston and Disney in a given year?
- 21 Chief of Staff: I would, to my best guess, without looking at a calendar, I would say maybe
22 between four and five times to New York, maybe once or twice a year to Boston,
23 and we've done the Disney trip a number of times in the past. We didn't do it this
24 year. But, I would travel with him when we did those things.
- 25 Omar Ashmawy: How much travel overall would you say that you end up doing for these
26 fundraiser trips or for other campaign-related trips?
- 27 Chief of Staff: In terms of like, my overall time commitment or like . . .
- 28 Omar Ashmawy: I just mean generally about how many, you know, how many days a year do you
29 think you might be traveling for these various campaign-related trips?
- 30 Chief of Staff: My best guess would be 10 to 15.

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- 1 Omar Ashmawy: Why didn't you guys do a Disney trip this year?
- 2 Chief of Staff: We're in the minority. We're just trying to cut back on trips in all honesty. The
3 Deer Valley trip was very successful monetarily. We decided to pursue that and
4 try to make the most out of it. Just cut back on the number of travel, it's
5 expensive to travel. Trying to keep our gross . . .
- 6 Omar Ashmawy: Do you have a role in sort of oversight of the finances of the committee? Of the
7 campaign committee specifically?
- 8 Chief of Staff: We've left that up to Ron VanDerKolk, our recently departed treasurer and we
9 hired Paul Kilgore to keep the books.
- 10 Omar Ashmawy: Who's the first name you mentioned?
- 11 Chief of Staff: Ron VanDerKolk.
- 12 Omar Ashmawy: And he is somewhat recently deceased?
- 13 Chief of Staff: Yes. He passed away earlier this year.
- 14 Omar Ashmawy: And the new treasurer is Paul . . .
- 15 Chief of Staff: Paul Kilgore.
- 16 Omar Ashmawy: Paul Kilgore. Does anyone else have responsibility for the treasurer-like
17 responsibilities for the committee?
- 18 Chief of Staff: No, those are two that kept all the documents and filed the reports.
- 19 Omar Ashmawy: Did you have any role in filing FEC reports or disclosures?
- 20 Chief of Staff: No.
- 21 Omar Ashmawy: Have you ever did this for Representative Huizenga?
- 22 Chief of Staff: I mean, I would review them occasionally. Not every time. But that's, that's the
23 most I would do. Mostly to look for accuracy and names and occupations, if they
24 were missing or something like that.
- 25 Omar Ashmawy: Do you have any role in choosing the bank for the campaign committee or
26 reviewing just, campaign bank statements?
- 27 Chief of Staff: No. I do not.
- 28 Omar Ashmawy: How about, do you ever have reason to review the campaign credit card or the
29 American Express credit card associated with the campaign?

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1 Chief of Staff: I'm not, I've taken a look at it from time to time but not on a regular basis.

2 Omar Ashmawy: When you've had to look at it from time to time, is there any particular reason
3 why?

4 Chief of Staff: Mostly to keep overhead low. I'm trying to figure out ways that if we're spending
5 too much, trying to find ways to reduce that.

6 Omar Ashmawy: Is there any internal policy or mechanism within the campaign for
7 reimbursements to staffers for campaign expenses?

8 Chief of Staff: We don't have a written policy. I mean, basically everybody's on the honor
9 system. We've all known each other and there's not, you know, you send your
10 receipts to Ron, or now to Paul, and they generally reimburse them.

11 Omar Ashmawy: Is there any kind of standard format for doing that, like a form, a word document
12 or anything like that?

13 Chief of Staff: Once we hired Paul Kilgore at PDS Compliance, he created more of a system
14 than what we had previously with Mr. VanDerKolk.

15 Omar Ashmawy: Can you just elaborate a little bit on what system, if any, was available?

16 Chief of Staff: Sure. I mean it was mostly it would be an Excel spreadsheet. You know, date,
17 location, what you were doing at the event, what the receipt was for. Pretty
18 rudimentary.

19 Omar Ashmawy: How often do you find yourself making expenditures on behalf of the campaign
20 and then seeking reimbursement?

21 Chief of Staff: Previously ... we're starting to change the policy. But previously I, fairly
22 regularly.

23 Omar Ashmawy: Why the policy change?

24 Chief of Staff: Well for one because of all the attention that it's gotten from your guys office for
25 like, okay, this, clearly this might be a problem. And so we wanted to make sure
26 that we're doing everything that we could to adhere by the rules.

27 Omar Ashmawy: Prior to our office's request for information and communication with your office,
28 what was the policy with regard to reimbursement for the campaign?

29 Chief of Staff: If you made an expense, you'd get it reimbursed.

30 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. I'd like to go through some of those reimbursements with you, to the
31 extent you remember them. There, our review of some of the information and
32 some of the documents you guys provided showed a handful of them ranging

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1 from as far back as November 2015 to November of the previous year. Do you
2 have any recollection of a \$2853.20 reimbursement on November 7th, 2015?

3 Chief of Staff: No, I mean, in terms of did I request that?

4 Omar Ashmawy: Did you request it? What it might have been for?

5 Chief of Staff: It usually, it would be a number of things. It wouldn't be one, it would be a
6 number of small things. And that's, that was my pattern for reimbursement. I
7 mean I can't remember what that amount was for. No.

8 Omar Ashmawy: All right. Maybe another way of trying to get at this is, was there, sort of, a
9 typical expense that you might, you know, pay for that you then seek
10 reimbursement for after the fact?

11 Chief of Staff: Sure. I mean I had lunch in town or with a perspective donor, refreshments for
12 events, for campaign staff, things like that would be standard.

13 Omar Ashmawy: When you say lunch in town, which town are we talking about?

14 Chief of Staff: It depends where I was at the time. Sometimes it would be in DC, sometimes it
15 would be in the district.

16 Omar Ashmawy: Anywhere else?

17 Chief of Staff: I mean I, it could easily be in New York, Boston if we were traveling, in those
18 cities.

19 Omar Ashmawy: So our office asked, you know a request for information for any documents or
20 communications related to these reimbursements. We received some information
21 from you, but I wanted just to make clear that when we asked, by not receiving
22 anything, I assume then, you don't have any documents.

23 Chief of Staff: Yeah. I mean we searched the archives for the campaign. I searched my email,
24 we could not find those documents that were, that didn't come to your office.
25 Correct. We did a, our best search that we could and that's, I don't know what
26 Ron did with those sheets.

27 Omar Ashmawy: So for instance, the November 7th, 2015 expend-reimbursement, we didn't
28 receive any documents related to that reimbursement. So is it fair to say that you
29 guys looked for documents and did not find any?

30 Chief of Staff: Correct. Yes.

31 Omar Ashmawy: We did receive what appears to be some relevant documents for a January 11,
32 2016, reimbursement for \$3707.00. I can show you what you guys provided for
33 us. This is a document with a header of HFC Expenses for November and
34 December 2015. Can you describe to me what this document shows?

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1 Chief of Staff: I mean this one, this would be in line with what I described earlier. I know,
2 rudimentary expense for kind of where you were, what the date was, what the
3 expense was, location of the expense.

4 Omar Ashmawy: And is this how previous to whatever changes that have been made recently, is
5 this how you would submit requests for reimbursement?

6 Chief of Staff: Yes. To the best of my ability that's what they would look like.

7 Omar Ashmawy: So not, no additional detail than what would be here.

8 Chief of Staff: Correct.

9 Omar Ashmawy: Do you have any recollection about any of these expenditures? Where you were,
10 what you were doing?

11 Chief of Staff: From 2015, I do not.

12 Omar Ashmawy: I note that the locations are associated with the expenditures. These are all either
13 in Washington DC or New York City. They say DC and NYC. I assume that's
14 DC and New York City?

15 Chief of Staff: Yes.

16 Omar Ashmawy: All right. Do you remember why you were in New York City at the time?

17 Chief of Staff: December we were there for an NRCC fundraiser. I would presume, not 100%
18 sure, but again, you know, we made a number of trips to New York on a regular
19 basis, I assume that most of those were fundraising but, you know. Four years
20 ago I'm not positive.

21 Omar Ashmawy: I know and I do understand that, it's a long time. How about if I can be a little
22 more granular. Say for instance, looking at this piece of paper. The December
23 5th, \$29 expenditure. Under purpose it says entertain. I assume that's
24 entertainment?

25 Chief of Staff: I would assume that too.

26 Omar Ashmawy: What kind, and there's a few other, I mean there's one additional one on
27 December 6th for \$36.79. And I guess another one on the 7th of December of
28 \$50. What might that mean? I mean in your experience having gone on these
29 trips.

30 Chief of Staff: In all honesty, I just, I'm not sure.

31 Omar Ashmawy: If you wrote entertainment, what activities encompass entertainment?

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1 Chief of Staff: In December, it could have been, you know, and this is just me trying to answer
2 your question the best way I can ...

3 Omar Ashmawy: I understand.

4 Chief of Staff: ... could it have been going to some kind of event with a guests who were
5 traveling with us. I mean that's, that would be the first thing that we would use
6 that kind of entertainment expense. So, we'd be traveling with the NRCC bright
7 lights and Broadway trip for example. We may be going to an event, a movie or
8 something like that, is where we'd be doing it as a group and that would be part
9 of the group activity. I just do not know what the 29 and 50 dollar entertainment
10 charges would be. I'd have to go back and try to find the receipts. And clearly we
11 couldn't find those receipts in Ron's files.

12 Charlie Spies: Can I ask a question?

13 Omar Ashmawy: Absolutely.

14 Charlie Spies: Did you provide the receipts with this to Ron?

15 Chief of Staff: I mean that was our normal practice.

16 Charlie Spies: The process was to provide the receipts attached to it right?

17 Omar Ashmawy: I'm sorry. When you would submit a piece of paper like the one that I'm showing
18 you, you would always include receipts?

19 Chief of Staff: To the best of my ability. Yeah. If we, there are, our goal is to always have
20 receipts and to submit them.

21 Omar Ashmawy: I'm not going to hold any particular times. Would there be reimbursements made
22 even if you lost a receipt?

23 Chief of Staff: If you provided an explanation. I mean that, we'd want some kind of
24 documentation.

25 Charlie Spies: So, put another way. Ron would more or less take your word for it if you were
26 able to explain the lack of receipt.

27 Chief of Staff: Yes.

28 Sean Quinn: Just quickly cause it's one of the larger ones. The December 6th, \$962 for
29 entertainment. No recollection of what that one was for?

30 Chief of Staff: You know that, I would, we would do events from time to time at bars or clubs.
31 With something that large I would assume we had an open bar and that would be
32 to cover and that's just, that's my best guess based on knowing what we did when
33 we were up there for some of those trips.

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1 Omar Ashmawy: Then again, you looked for the documents that would support this.

2 Chief of Staff: Correct. I mean they would, we should have kept duplicates probably and that is,
3 whatever, Ron was given the originals a lot of times.

4 Omar Ashmawy: And also just for the sake of my understanding of this format. Other purposes are
5 listed. Mileage, parking, hotel, meals, breakfast, lunch, dinner. So it's fair to say
6 that anytime you'd say entertainment, it was not one of those things.

7 Chief of Staff: Yeah, I mean, you know, talking, it could have been drinks after an event, or
8 something like that too. Yeah, but I don't know how, I don't know what the best, I
9 would say we used those terms pretty broadly and pretty genuinely. Or yeah, so
10 it's I'm not sure that's, that that would be different than eating. It may have been
11 you know, having a snack or something like that with some of the guests that we
12 had with us. Like buying coffee for people. We may have listed as entertainment
13 instead of coffee.

14 Omar Ashmawy: So entertainment you were saying it could be used generally?

15 Chief of Staff: Yes.

16 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. Fair enough. To continue. There is a July 15th, 2016 expenditure that you
17 were reimbursed for \$4572. Do you have any recollection on that particular
18 reimbursement?

19 Chief of Staff: I do not. Not the particulars of it.

20 Omar Ashmawy: Is there any chance that that related to a trip to Disney?

21 Chief of Staff: What month was it? I'm sorry.

22 Omar Ashmawy: The reimbursement was done in July of 2016.

23 Chief of Staff: Not to my memory.

24 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. And again just for the sake of clarity and completeness. You, we asked for
25 any supporting documents. You looked for them?

26 Chief of Staff: Correct.

27 Omar Ashmawy: Did not find . . .

28 Chief of Staff: Correct.

29 Omar Ashmawy: Let's jump to May 31st, 20- actually, no. November 27th, 2016. There was a
30 reimbursement in the amount of \$5,732. Any recollection of what that might've
31 been for?

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1 Chief of Staff: No, none. I mean, It's I would assume something along those. I was not the most
2 diligent in always at a monthly basis getting reimbursement. I would have larger
3 ones because they were combined, multiple events. Probably a number of things
4 to come up to that number.

5 Omar Ashmawy: And May 31st, 2017 reimbursement, \$4,726?

6 Chief of Staff: Yeah. I do not have any memory of exactly what that would be.

7 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. Bear with me.

8 Chief of Staff: Yeah.

9 Omar Ashmawy: There's an August 1st, 2017 reimbursement for \$3,729.16. Any memory what
10 that might have been for?

11 Chief of Staff: I do not.

12 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. Getting a little closer to the current present day, November 24th, 2017,
13 reimbursement in the amount of \$4,734.47. Any recollection?

14 Chief of Staff: Not specifics on what exactly was reimbursed, just besides going through our
15 normal process to get a reimbursement check.

16 Omar Ashmawy: Okay, December 11th of the same year, 2017, there was a reimbursement for
17 \$1,754.22. Any recollection on that one?

18 Chief of Staff: I do not, sorry.

19 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. For the ones I just went through, September of 2016, May, August,
20 November and December of 2017, we asked for any supporting documents,
21 anything that would show what they were for, we didn't receive any relevant
22 documents. Did you look for them?

23 Chief of Staff: I did, we had our guys in Michigan look through the archives and I looked
24 through my personal archives as well.

25 Omar Ashmawy: And you didn't find any?

26 Chief of Staff: Correct.

27 Omar Ashmawy: So you didn't find the document and not provide the relevant document?

28 Chief of Staff: Correct.

29 Omar Ashmawy: If we jump to last year, 2018, there is a reimbursement on April 25th, 2018 for
30 \$5,173.28. Any recollection on that one?

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1 Chief of Staff: I do not.

2 Omar Ashmawy: And then lastly, a November 27th, 2018 reimbursement for \$4,437.88. Any
3 recollection?

4 Chief of Staff: Not on specifics.

5 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. So in total, the total amount of reimbursements in this time period that
6 we're talking about from 2015 to 2018 is \$41,419.21. Really almost no
7 documentation exists to support what those expenses were for. Based on your
8 search, is that correct?

9 Chief of Staff: Correct.

10 Omar Ashmawy: I have, well I can get that in a minute. We can shift gears and talk a little bit
11 about some of the travel that you did in supporting congressman fundraisers. But
12 I do want to offer, do you want to break?

13 Chief of Staff: I'm fine right now.

14 Omar Ashmawy: You sure? Okay. Let me know if you want to.

15 Chief of Staff: Thank you.

16 Omar Ashmawy: All right, I know that there was a sort of annual trip to Disney, Disney World as
17 part of the fundraising effort.

18 Chief of Staff: Yep.

19 Omar Ashmawy: Can you talk to me a little bit about that?

20 Chief of Staff: Sure. We went with different members at different times, one with Mr. Duffy,
21 one with Mrs. Love, one with Mr. Scalise. They would be multiple member trips
22 and a number of lobbyists would want to participate. We would bring Bill's
23 family as part of the deal. We would have . . . we would raise a fair amount of
24 money on these trips.

25 Omar Ashmawy: How would these trips operate?

26 Chief of Staff: We'd usually have our PAC funders make all of the arrangements and details.
27 They would make all the plans and make all the arrangements.

28 Omar Ashmawy: More specifically, once you're on the ground, how would these trips go?

29 Chief of Staff: Fly in on the day, have a reception in the evening, do events in the parks while
30 we were there with the lobbyists, do maybe a character breakfast, find a number
31 of different ways to interact with the lobbyists and their families while we were
32 there.

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- 1 Omar Ashmawy: Who from the Congressman's immediate orbit would be on these trips?
- 2 Chief of Staff: Myself, I would come. Marliss would come, members of Bill's family would
3 come, his wife generally, usually most of the kids.
- 4 Omar Ashmawy: The congressman's kids?
- 5 Chief of Staff: Correct.
- 6 Omar Ashmawy: There were in the last couple years three trips to Disney, one in March of 2016,
7 another in April of 2017, a third in May of 2018. Did you go on all three of
8 them?
- 9 Chief of Staff: I believe I did, yes.
- 10 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. Do you know if Ms. McManus went on all three of them?
- 11 Chief of Staff: Possibly. There might have been one or two that she missed in all the trips that
12 we did to Disney. She generally would come with us on those trips.
- 13 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. And on these trips, it would be the congressman, the congressman's kids,
14 you and Ms. McManus?
- 15 Chief of Staff: Correct.
- 16 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. Let's jump to February of 2018. Was there a trip to Deer Valley?
- 17 Chief of Staff: Yes.
- 18 Omar Ashmawy: What was the purpose of that trip?
- 19 Chief of Staff: Fundraising trip.
- 20 Omar Ashmawy: Can you elaborate?
- 21 Chief of Staff: Like how so?
- 22 Omar Ashmawy: Whose fundraiser?
- 23 Chief of Staff: Okay. I was like – A fundraiser for Bill Huizenga, we had Mr. Walden, we had
24 Mr. Uptown there. Maybe Duncan came on the trip, Mr. Graves. There were five
25 or six members there and we did a financial services related fundraiser at Deer
26 Valley.
- 27 Omar Ashmawy: What kind of activities were involved? What kind of fundraising activities?

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1 Chief of Staff: There would be meals, breakfasts, dinners together. We did a slalom race on the
2 hill at Deer Valley, roasted marshmallows, hot chocolate, that kind of stuff,
3 receptions.

4 Omar Ashmawy: Who in the congressman's orbit attended that?

5 Chief of Staff: I did, the congressman's family attended as well.

6 Omar Ashmawy: Okay, anyone else?

7 Chief of Staff: No, no one from staff.

8 Omar Ashmawy: There was a trip to ... Actually referring to that, tell me about the slalom race.

9 Chief of Staff: We would rent out the hill for, I believe, two hours. Everybody who wanted to
10 participate would race down the hill. They would have the timers, there would be
11 a NASTAR ski-race type course. We'd give out prizes for people with the best
12 times.

13 Omar Ashmawy: And it was sort of voluntary, every one didn't have to participate?

14 Chief of Staff: No, it was voluntary. Anybody who wanted to take advantage of the hill could
15 who was on the trip with us.

16 Omar Ashmawy: Do you recall who participated?

17 Chief of Staff: No. Most of the members participated. A good number of the participants on the
18 trip, but I would have to go back and review records to say. But I would say half
19 or more of the skiers raced down the hill.

20 Omar Ashmawy: With regard to this particular trip, what kinds of individuals, what sort of
21 industries were in attendance?

22 Chief of Staff: Kind of a cross spectrum. We had folks from oil and gas folks there, we had
23 financial services folks there, we had energy and commerce folks there. We had,
24 I would have to look at the list to be sure but there was a nice representation of a
25 number of different industries who were supporting the different members of
26 Congress.

27 Omar Ashmawy: Again, what was sort of the nature of the fundraiser? Fundraisers can be a
28 gathering. Sometimes it's a dinner, sometimes it's drinks, sometimes it's just show
29 up and meet people, meet and greet. What was this kind of fundraiser? Disney
30 fundraiser sounds like sort of a family oriented fundraiser. What was the Deer
31 Valley?

32 Chief of Staff: Similar in the sense of it had multiple components to it. There were receptions,
33 there were meals, their ski race and spending ... Part of it is just spending time

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1 with the members, going up the chair lift, being with them while they're on the
2 ski hill.

3 Omar Ashmawy: Did everyone bring their kids?

4 Chief of Staff: No, a mix. It kind of depends on the age of your kids.

5 Omar Ashmawy: There was a trip to Sea Island in Georgia in October of 2017. Did you go on that
6 trip?

7 Chief of Staff: I did not.

8 Omar Ashmawy: Out of curiosity, why not?

9 Chief of Staff: Bill was actually a special guest for Mr. Graves so I don't travel when Bill is a
10 special guest.

11 Omar Ashmawy: And then another trip in September of 2017 to Mackinac, which I'd like to say
12 that I always used to say "Mackinac." I feel ...

13 Chief of Staff: Charlie and I as Michigan natives appreciate that you've gotten to know that
14 better. It's a great place, have you ever been there?

15 Omar Ashmawy: No, unfortunately I've never been.

16 Chief of Staff: I would encourage all three of you, the next time. Maybe not this time, but the
17 next time you're in Michigan.

18 Omar Ashmawy: One day I'd like to. So this trip to Mackinac in September of 2017, did you go on
19 that trip?

20 Chief of Staff: Is that the September trip?

21 Omar Ashmawy: September, 2017.

22 Chief of Staff: I believe so, I believe that was the republican leadership conference for the
23 Michigan Republican Party.

24 Omar Ashmawy: Do you recall who in the congressman's orbit –

25 Chief of Staff: We have a number of our grassroots folks come. Our district guys are there.
26 2017, right? I'd have to go back and look at our list to be certain. But it's a very
27 interactive event with our grassroots back home. We have a number of staff, we
28 do events there from time to time. I can't remember specifically if we did one
29 reception type thing. Yeah, we usually have a number of folks with us.

30 Omar Ashmawy: Family members?

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- 1 Chief of Staff: Likely. I mean, it's very family oriented event.
- 2 Omar Ashmawy: What kind of activities?
- 3 Chief of Staff: That we have hosted or that we participate in?
- 4 Omar Ashmawy: Both.
- 5 Chief of Staff: Yeah, I mean, we've hosted ice cream socials, we brought in some of Bill's
6 colleagues up who are not from Michigan to interact with folks as special guests,
7 we'll do specific . . . we represent Michigan's second district, we'll do second
8 district event receptions while we're up there to thank our second district
9 volunteers for all the work that they do. There's a number of panel discussions,
10 usually high profile candidates come into town so a number of speeches, things
11 like that.
- 12 Omar Ashmawy: Okay.
- 13 Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman: Do you mind if I ask a question?
- 14 Omar Ashmawy: Yeah, absolutely.
- 15 Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman: I'm sorry if I didn't hear, but did your kids attend the Deer Valley trip?
- 16 Chief of Staff: My kids, yes. My kids attended last year best I can remember.
- 17 Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman: Did most of the lobbyists also bring their children?
- 18 Chief of Staff: Yeah, it'd depend on the age of their kids, but I would say that if they had kids
19 that were of skiing age they brought them.
- 20 Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman: Okay.
- 21 Omar Ashmawy: I want to bounce back to reimbursement just briefly. It involves some of the
22 travel. I'll show you a document that's . . . the header, very small font is,
23 "DeWitte reimbursements, June 19th to September 29th, 2018." I believe this is a
24 document that you provided our office. Can you tell me what this document
25 shows?
- 26 Chief of Staff: This is an itemized list apparently of a number of my reimbursements.
- 27 Omar Ashmawy: This document is considerably more specific than the document I showed you a
28 little while ago.
- 29 Chief of Staff: Yes.
- 30 Omar Ashmawy: What changed?

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1 Chief of Staff: We changed accountants. Well, I believe this is from Paul Kilgore.

2 Omar Ashmawy: Accountant or treasurer?

3 Chief of Staff: We have one listed treasurer in the FEC who is, basically, he's not engaged in the
4 campaign. The accountant is the one who does the FEC report. So Ron
5 VanderKolk was our accountant. When his work product wasn't where we
6 wanted it to be, we switched it to Mr. Kilgore.

7 Omar Ashmawy: I guess, just for the sake of clarity though, you guys switched to Mr. Kilgore after
8 Ron passed away?

9 Chief of Staff: No, we switched to him ... I can't remember. I think we've been using Paul
10 Kilgore for maybe approximately a year.

11 Omar Ashmawy: I notice on here there's lots of reimbursements, one for the Grand Hotel in
12 Mackinac Island from June 25th, 2018. There's some here from Deer Valley
13 reimbursements. Would you say this reflects an accurate list of reimbursements
14 from June 19th to September 29th, 2018?

15 Chief of Staff: To the best of my knowledge, yes.

16 Omar Ashmawy: Again, to the best of your knowledge, I had asked you about a November 27th,
17 2018 reimbursement in the amount of \$4,437.88. This document that you guys
18 gave us, the total amount of these expenditures for which you were reimbursed is
19 \$4,437.88. Do you think that this probably reflects the expenditures made that are
20 associated with November 27th, 2018 reimbursement?

21 Chief of Staff: Yeah, if I understand your question, yes.

22 Omar Ashmawy: That was wording.

23 Chief of Staff: Right, yeah.

24 Omar Ashmawy: Do the expenditures on the worksheet that you guys gave us that total \$4,437.88
25 – were these the same expenditures that you were reimbursed for in November of
26 2015?

27 Chief of Staff: To the best of my knowledge, yes.

28 Omar Ashmawy: Do either of you have any questions about this particular, any of the expenditures
29 on here?

30 Charlie Spies: Can I just ask you, so you earlier said there are \$41,000 of reimbursement which
31 there is no documentation for. You were including this in that \$41,000 and in fact
32 you do have ... well, we can quibble on whether it's documentation, but your
33 sum total includes reimbursements which include spreadsheets?

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1 Omar Ashmawy: Yeah, so in response to our request for information, you provided two
2 documents, the spreadsheet I just provided, Mr. DeWitte, and the spreadsheet
3 that I provided him previously. The first one was for \$3,707. The second one is
4 for \$4,437.88. So yes, you guys provided documentation for those two
5 reimbursements, but not for others.

6 Charlie Spies: Got it.

7 Omar Ashmawy: Take a moment with my colleagues, see if they have any specific questions about
8 any of these.

9 Sean Quinn: Just quickly, you said you think you've been using Mr. Kilgore for about a year?

10 Chief of Staff: Yeah, I'd have to go back and check, but approximately. Maybe even longer.

11 Sean Quinn: I guess you said it was general dissatisfaction with Mr. Vanderkolk's –

12 Chief of Staff: Yeah, Ron was getting older. When I did review the FEC reports and some of the
13 documentation he did were just finding more and more mistakes. It was just
14 becoming not helpful to the campaign.

15 Sean Quinn: Okay. And just sort of one off mistakes that you noticed or were there particular
16 concerns with [inaudible 00:44:45].

17 Chief of Staff: Yeah, just typos, stuff that just should have been caught. I can't think of anything
18 in particular, I remember looking at the FEC report and just the way things were
19 listed and he would have maybe symbols in there that shouldn't be in there like
20 typos type things.

21 Sean Quinn: Got it.

22 Omar Ashmawy: If you look at the spread sheet that I provided you, there are one or two that I just
23 have a few questions about.

24 Chief of Staff: Sure.

25 Omar Ashmawy: Ten lines down on the June 25th, 2018, there is a small dollar reimbursement for
26 Starbucks. Do you have a specific recollection on what you might have been
27 reimbursed for on that date?

28 Chief of Staff: Oh, which date? I'm sorry.

29 Omar Ashmawy: June 25th.

30 Chief of Staff: June 25th.

31 Omar Ashmawy: It says, "Starbucks, GTCH"?

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1 Chief of Staff: Yeah, it appears it was at the airport. I would assume I was traveling for
2 campaign. The best of my knowledge it would be I grabbed a coffee between
3 flights.

4 Omar Ashmawy: And that is something that you would do?

5 Chief of Staff: When I was traveling for work.

6 Omar Ashmawy: Meals?

7 Chief of Staff: Yes.

8 Omar Ashmawy: When might you charge an Uber ride to the campaign?

9 Chief of Staff: When I was going to or from an event for the campaign.

10 Omar Ashmawy: So would you say then that the various Uber reimbursements here are related to a
11 campaign event or campaign activity?

12 Chief of Staff: Yeah, to the best of my ability that would be how I would characterize them
13 without looking at my calendar not knowing exactly where I was that day.

14 Omar Ashmawy: How about, so a few times where there is a reimbursement for restaurants here in
15 Washington DC, I note Hill Country Barbecue on July 3rd and receipt on July
16 19th. Why'd you seek reimbursement for those from us?

17 Chief of Staff: Likely was soliciting a donation for the campaign from someone.

18 Omar Ashmawy: There is \$107.13 reimbursement at the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, New
19 Jersey on August 29, 2018. Do you recollect?

20 Chief of Staff: We had a gulf fundraiser there.

21 Omar Ashmawy: And the \$107 was for?

22 Chief of Staff: I mean, green fees, might have been for drinks. I'm not exactly ... Those would be
23 the types of things that we would charge to the campaign.

24 Omar Ashmawy: How about the September 23rd Home Depot charge for \$16.17 near the end of
25 the spreadsheet, near the bottom?

26 Chief of Staff: Which date, I'm sorry, the 17th?

27 Omar Ashmawy: September 23rd, almost at the bottom of the spreadsheet.

28 Chief of Staff: Yeah. I would have to go back and check. I'm not exactly sure. Something for the
29 campaign.

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1 Omar Ashmawy: What at Home Depot might be for the campaign?

2 Chief of Staff: I would have to go back. I don't know what we were doing that day to be sure,
3 but something related to the camp . . . I would assume maybe something for an
4 organizational purpose. That's the only thing I can think of off the top of my
5 head, but I just am not certain.

6 Omar Ashmawy: Again, we had asked for all documents and communications related to
7 reimbursements. We did not receive any receipts associated with these. Does that
8 mean that you looked for them and they don't exist?

9 Chief of Staff: I was not able to find when we looked.

10 Omar Ashmawy: Even after you changed over from one accountant to Mr. Kilgore, still not
11 retaining original receipts?

12 Chief of Staff: I'm trying to remember what Mr. Kilgore's policy is off the top of my head.
13 Generally speaking he's . . .

14 Charlie Spies: Did you ask for those receipts?

15 Chief of Staff: That's what I'm trying to remember. I can't remember if we did or not in the
16 search criteria. He gave us these spreadsheets.

17 Charlie Spies: So it's possible you knew that they went through the boxes for the original
18 treasurer and we didn't go to the new treasurer and we'll check on that.

19 Omar Ashmawy: What I would say is, that is definitely a document contemplated by the request
20 for information and included in the definitional section of what a document was
21 so I would ask that you guys please go back and if you have original or copies of
22 receipts that reflect these purchases, whether it's the purchases here that are
23 documented on the spreadsheet I just gave Mr. DeWitte, I would ask that you . . .

24 Charlie Spies: Yeah, if there's oversight it was clearly the accountant and make sure that is
25 provided. If not we'll get it to you quickly because he seems much more
26 organized.

27 Chief of Staff: He is.

28 Omar Ashmawy: Thank you.

29 Sean Quinn: Just one or two more questions on this document. The July 30, 2018 trip it looks
30 like you were in Asheville, North Carolina.

31 Chief of Staff: Yes.

32 Sean Quinn: Was that a campaign trip?

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- 1 Chief of Staff: It was. There was a McHenry beer tasting event.
- 2 Sean Quinn: And who was with you on that trip?
- 3 Chief of Staff: Bill and myself traveled down there?
- 4 Sean Quinn: Just you and Bill?
- 5 Chief of Staff: Yes.
- 6 Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman: The \$1,100 charge to the Grand Hotel in Mackinac, was that just for lodging for
7 you, for you and Bill?
- 8 Chief of Staff: I'm not certain who was included in that. It just was a couple years ago. That
9 generally would be what would be charged.
- 10 Charlie Spies: With their outrageously high prices.
- 11 Chief of Staff: They are. It's nice to look at, but it is expensive.
- 12 Omar Ashmawy: Would you like a break?
- 13 Chief of Staff: I'm good.
- 14 Omar Ashmawy: How often would your family travel with you on these trips?
- 15 Chief of Staff: They came to Disney a couple times. I think the kids came to Deer Valley twice.
16 I think my wife came last time that we went to Deer Valley. When we did the
17 joint trip with Mr. Bishop and Mr. Wahlberg, my wife came. Those are the trips
18 that I remember them attending with me occasionally.
- 19 Omar Ashmawy: And your children?
- 20 Chief of Staff: I have ... yeah. Sometimes, like one time to Deer Valley, just took the two older
21 kids. My wife's not a skier, but she did come the second time.
- 22 Omar Ashmawy: And how old are your kids?
- 23 Chief of Staff: I have a 15-year-old. I have a 13-year-old, and I have a two-year old.
- 24 Omar Ashmawy: I have a ...
- 25 Chief of Staff: Hence-
- 26 Omar Ashmawy: I have a 19-month old. So, I [crosstalk].
- 27 Chief of Staff: Congratulations. That's good, too.

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1 Omar Ashmawy: Yeah. So, if we could just ... actually, before I get more specific, do any of the
2 other staff members for Congressman Huizenga bring their spouses and children?

3 Chief of Staff: When we went to Disney, Martiss brought her husband and her daughter,
4 occasionally, like, I can't remember on how many of the trips, but for a couple of
5 the trips.

6 Omar Ashmawy: Let's specifically talk about the Disney trip. Did all the trips run roughly the same
7 in terms of agenda, sort of style of the trip, or was there ... did it change from
8 your agenda?

9 Chief of Staff: No, I mean, they – pretty much the same. I mean, dinner locations would change.
10 Reception locations would change, but they all basically functioned in the same
11 way.

12 Omar Ashmawy: How would a ... walk me through one. So, I'm attending.

13 Chief of Staff: Yeah.

14 Omar Ashmawy: I paid to come, show up. What happens?

15 Chief of Staff: So, you land on a Thursday or Friday. We do a welcome reception that evening,
16 probably watch the fireworks from the hotel that we're staying at, kind of go over
17 a little welcome, like, "Hey, this is where the members are going to be. There's
18 going to be a breakfast tomorrow for Mr. Duffy. There's going to be a breakfast
19 on Sunday for Mr. Huizenga. These characters might be at those meals. We're
20 going to do a meet-up in the park, grab ice cream with the Huizenga's at such-
21 and-such location on this day." And then you would interact with the lobbyists at
22 the different receptions that we'd do, different meals that we would do.

23 Omar Ashmawy: In between these events, what would attendees do?

24 Chief of Staff: I mean, they would be at the parks or at the pool or golfing or kind of whatever
25 they wanted to do.

26 Omar Ashmawy: So, they'd be on their own time?

27 Chief of Staff: Yes.

28 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. And attending the various meet-ups, was that more or less on their own, if
29 they wanted to?

30 Chief of Staff: Yeah. I mean, they're ... we gave them every opportunity to interact with the
31 members of Congress. It was their choice whether they attended or to what level
32 they participated, but generally, you would find a pretty high level of
33 participation.

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1 Omar Ashmawy: A little granular, but what about these meet-ups in the park, and how often did
2 that happen on these trips?

3 Chief of Staff: You know, generally once a day. Each member would do something one day in
4 the parks, and you know, there's multiple parks there. So each member would
5 take a different park, and they would ... you know, anybody who wanted to stop
6 by and say hi and catch up could do that.

7 Omar Ashmawy: Did you participate in these meet-ups?

8 Chief of Staff: Sure, yeah. I would ... like, generally, if Bill was there, I would be there.

9 Omar Ashmawy: If you weren't staffing, for lack of a better word, staffing Bill, what would you be
10 doing?

11 Chief of Staff: You know, at the pool with family, at the parks with family.

12 Omar Ashmawy: Would you be on your own time?

13 Chief of Staff: Well, you know, I'm traveling for work. Yes, there are enjoyable parts, but you
14 know, I'm on the call 24/7. So, I don't -- "own time" is a relative term in my
15 definition.

16 Omar Ashmawy: If you weren't specifically performing a task necessary, would you otherwise be
17 on your own time?

18 Chief of Staff: Basically, from the time I leave the house to the time I get back, I have the luxury
19 of being able to bring my family, which is nice. I have the luxury of being able to
20 experience the park, which is nice, but I, you know ...

21 Omar Ashmawy: You're still working.

22 Chief of Staff: The boss can call at any time.

23 Omar Ashmawy: Right. Fair ...

24 Chief of Staff: I'm, like-

25 Omar Ashmawy: Fair enough. I [crosstalk].

26 Chief of Staff: When he loses his wallet.

27 Omar Ashmawy: I live that life. I understand.

28 Chief of Staff: And like ... yeah, I-

29 Omar Ashmawy: I lived that life, so I totally understand. How about your spouse and kids? Would
30 they be on their own time during-

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- 1 Chief of Staff: I mean, they would ... you know, they knew they were there to support the
2 campaign, so they were often doing things to be helpful to the campaign.
- 3 Omar Ashmawy: What kinds of things?
- 4 Chief of Staff: You know, they would help with events, when necessary. They would interact
5 with lobbyists. People wanted them to interact with your family, and so they
6 would come to all the events that were on the schedule.
- 7 Omar Ashmawy: Oh, all the events or all the Representative Huizenga events?
- 8 Chief of Staff: All the Representative Huizenga events.
- 9 Omar Ashmawy: When they weren't doing that, were they on their own time?
- 10 Chief of Staff: I mean, yeah. I mean, more so than I was, but yeah, they could ... would I
11 separate from them from time to time? Yes.
- 12 Omar Ashmawy: Yeah. Well, that's all I'm getting.
- 13 Chief of Staff: Yeah.
- 14 Omar Ashmawy: Would they be off on their own, being able to enjoy the opportunity to visit the
15 parks ...
- 16 Chief of Staff: Yeah.
- 17 Omar Ashmawy: ... or spend time by the pool on their own?
- 18 Chief of Staff: Yeah.
- 19 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. How much ... all right. You already answered that, actually. So how about
20 this? Do you know ... do you have any awareness, with regard to Mrs.
21 McManus's spouse and child, what they were doing?
- 22 Chief of Staff: Yeah. I mean, same thing my family was, and they saw themselves as an integral
23 part of the events. People wanted to meet with Brian and Sloan and see them get
24 to know Marliss's family outside of the office.
- 25 Omar Ashmawy: Forgive me if this is a silly question, but other than the attendants at the events,
26 did they have any formal role in the campaign?
- 27 Chief of Staff: No.
- 28 Omar Ashmawy: All right. And that goes for your spouse, Ms. McManus's spouse, and your
29 respective children?
- 30 Chief of Staff: Yeah. Yeah.

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- 1 Omar Ashmawy: All right. Do you know if the campaign reimbursed or paid for all of your travel?
- 2 Chief of Staff: Yes.
- 3 Omar Ashmawy: So, it did?
- 4 Chief of Staff: It did, yes.
- 5 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. Do you know if it paid for all of Ms. McManus's travel?
- 6 Chief of Staff: Yes.
- 7 Omar Ashmawy: Did that include your spouse and kids?
- 8 Chief of Staff: Yes.
- 9 Omar Ashmawy: Do you know if that included McManus's spouse?
- 10 Chief of Staff: Yes.
- 11 Omar Ashmawy: Yes. Okay. Kind of the same questions, honestly, about Deer Valley. You have
12 told me, but forgive me, I forgot. You went to the 2018 one, right?
- 13 Chief of Staff: I did both Deer Valley trips.
- 14 Omar Ashmawy: 2017?
- 15 Chief of Staff: Sea Island was the only trip you mentioned that I did not attend.
- 16 Omar Ashmawy: So, you went to the 2017, 2018?
- 17 Chief of Staff: Correct.
- 18 Omar Ashmawy: All right. Same thing. So, you tell me. Who came to the 2017 one?
- 19 Chief of Staff: 2017, my two older children attended.
- 20 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. To what extent did they participate in campaign events?
- 21 Chief of Staff: If I was there, they were there.
- 22 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. Were there events that didn't involve Congressman Huizenga?
- 23 Chief of Staff: That they attended or-
- 24 Omar Ashmawy: No. I'm just trying to get a sense of [crosstalk].

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1 Chief of Staff: Oh, yeah. Yeah, yeah. I mean, there were multiple members. Greg Walden would
2 go off and do a dinner with some of his folks, you know. Yeah. There were lots
3 of events going on.

4 Omar Ashmawy: About how many days were you guys there?

5 Chief of Staff: I believe three.

6 Omar Ashmawy: And they'd go with you to the events you went to?

7 Chief of Staff: Correct.

8 Omar Ashmawy: And you'd be going to the Congressman Huizenga events?

9 Chief of Staff: Correct.

10 Omar Ashmawy: They wouldn't go to events for other members?

11 Chief of Staff: Occasionally, they would. I mean, they would occasionally go to a reception. I
12 mean, if that was like the reception of the night, we might not be hosting it, but
13 Bill maybe would be there. I can't think of a time when we went and when Bill
14 wasn't there in particular, but I'm not going to say that it didn't happen. So ...

15 Omar Ashmawy: And I won't hold you to it.

16 Chief of Staff: Yeah.

17 Omar Ashmawy: When they weren't doing that, what were they doing?

18 Chief of Staff: I mean, they were skiing.

19 Omar Ashmawy: Got it. Again, recognizing that you're on-call 24/7 –

20 Chief of Staff: Yeah.

21 Omar Ashmawy: If you weren't going to an event, what were you doing?

22 Chief of Staff: I mean, I was out skiing with the lobbyists and interacting with our guests.

23 Omar Ashmawy: All right. Were your children skiing on their own?

24 Chief of Staff: No, they were with me.

25 Omar Ashmawy: With you. All right. And, again ...

26 Chief of Staff: And, I mean, you know, I have a 14-year-old, so he would like ... he may have
27 went off with the Huizenga kids once or twice. So, I just ... for clarification.
28 Yeah.

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- 1 Omar Ashmawy: Did the campaign pick up the tab for everyone?
- 2 Chief of Staff: Yes.
- 3 Omar Ashmawy: And that includes the ski lift and ski rentals?
- 4 Chief of Staff: Yes.
- 5 Sean Quinn: Just a quick question about the Deer Valley trip. Did you have other questions?
- 6 Omar Ashmawy: No, no. I just asked if you had any questions about that.
- 7 Sean Quinn: I think you said, maybe that the Deer Valley trip was sort of a financial services-
8 centered event.
- 9 Chief of Staff: They were with us and Graves, but there were other members from other
10 committees. So, there was definitely a significant financial services portion of the
11 guests.
- 12 Sean Quinn: And I think you also said Ms. McManus is sort of your financial services expert.
- 13 Chief of Staff: Yes, yeah.
- 14 Sean Quinn: Is there a reason she didn't go on the Deer Valley trip?
- 15 Chief of Staff: It's a super expensive trip. Again, to keep overhead low, we decided not to bring
16 her on that trip.
- 17 Sean Quinn: Does Mrs. McManus ski?
- 18 Chief of Staff: I don't know.
- 19 Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman: And was the Deer Valley trip – who was it organized by?
- 20 Chief of Staff: The multiple campaigns. The PAC fundraisers generally did all the arrangement
21 and sent out the invitations and did the kind of the back office work on that.
- 22 Omar Ashmawy: Sean, any other questions? I mean, just about the ...
- 23 Sean Quinn: Deer Valley? Yeah. I think I'm good on Deer Valley.
- 24 Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman: Actually, so was ... on some of the documents that we have, Jeb Hensarling,
25 Representative Hensarling –
- 26 Chief of Staff: Mm-hmm (affirmative).
- 27 Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman: Listed as an organizer.

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- 1 Chief of Staff: Yeah.
- 2 Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman: Was he the primary or his... you know, PAC, the primary organizer for the trip?
- 3 Chief of Staff: So, in 2017, we were a special guest, with the understanding Jeb was retiring. We
4 were going to take over Jeb's slot on this trip, so yes, he was - Hensarling was
5 there in 2017.
- 6 Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman: And, to your knowledge, did that, his PAC, pay for any of the expenses
7 associated with the trip?
- 8 Chief of Staff: In all honesty, fundraisers took care of all the financing details in that regard.
- 9 So, I don't know how the costs were split up, and, you know, you know, I think
10 we had a JFC for that event. I just would have to go back and look. I'm not sure.
- 11 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. Sea Island, you didn't go?
- 12 Chief of Staff: I did not go.
- 13 Sean Quinn: Okay. Did help organize the Sea Island trip at all?
- 14 Chief of Staff: I did not.
- 15 Sean Quinn: Do you know if Representative Huizenga's-
- 16 Chief of Staff: He was a special guest for Mr. Graves, so generally, Mr. Graves incurs all the
17 logistical, organizational obligations.
- 18 Omar Ashmawy: The September 2017 trip to Mackinac, did any of your family members attend?
- 19 Chief of Staff: No.
- 20 Omar Ashmawy: Do you know if any of Ms. McManus's family attended?
- 21 Chief of Staff: No. I don't believe she attended that trip.
- 22 Omar Ashmawy: Alright. With regard to that trip, you were talking a little bit before about the
23 kinds of activities that would go on. Could you just walk me through again, sort
24 of - it's a weekend? Is that how it works?
- 25 Chief of Staff: Yeah. Mackinac was a little bit different than our other fundraising trips, not a
26 fundraiser, more of a grassroots event.
- 27 Omar Ashmawy: What does that mean?
- 28 Chief of Staff: It's interacting with a lot of volunteers, a lot of the party organizers. It is a ...
29 usually a kick-off for the coming year's statewide candidates' campaigns. The

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1 congressional candidates all do a panel discussion while we're there. Lots of
 2 opportunities to interact with potential donors, with folks who end up
 3 volunteering for you in different ways, folks who are influential in the grassroots
 4 efforts of the candidate.

5 Omar Ashmawy: What kind of . . .

6 Charlie Spies: In case it's not clear, I do want to clarify that it's not a Huizenga weekend, but it's
 7 the state parties'.

8 Chief of Staff: Yes. Yeah. And if I hadn't mentioned that already, the state-

9 Omar Ashmawy: Michigan State Republican Party.

10 Chief of Staff: Yeah. Michigan State Republican Party runs it. They invite the members of
 11 Congress to come and be a part of the event.

12 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. And what's common? I mean, have you attended – I want to make an
 13 assumption and say this wasn't your first one.

14 Chief of Staff: That would be fair. I can't even tell you how many – five, seven, in that range,
 15 probably. I've done Mackinac, as we refer to it, a number of times.

16 Omar Ashmawy: You didn't bring your family, right?

17 Chief of Staff: Correct. Yeah, it is-

18 Omar Ashmawy: Why not?

19 Chief of Staff: It's not a family-friendly atmosphere, really. It's for staff. I mean, the members
 20 who will bring their families, they've got a little more control and leeway. It's for
 21 staff. You're just hustling all weekend.

22 Omar Ashmawy: Why isn't it family-friendly?

23 Chief of Staff: Just because of the number of events, probably more alcohol there than at any
 24 other event that we go to. A lot of . . . not younger kids are running around the
 25 island. There's no time to do fun things with your kids, for lack of a better term.

26 Omar Ashmawy: As opposed to some of the other events?

27 Chief of Staff: Yeah, that are a little more family-oriented as they're scheduled.

28 Omar Ashmawy: Disney –

29 Chief of Staff: Yeah.

30 Omar Ashmawy: Deer Valley.

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- 1 Chief of Staff: Yeah.
- 2 Omar Ashmawy: Do you have any questions, Sean, about the Mackinac trip?
- 3 Sean Quinn: Yeah. Just a couple questions about the members of the Huizenga family. Do you
4 know if Representative Huizenga's son, Garrett, attended the event?
- 5 Chief of Staff: He's attended some. Off the top of my head, I cannot remember.
- 6 Sean Quinn: And do you know where -- is Garrett in college? Do you know?
- 7 Chief of Staff: Garrett is. He's a senior this year at the King's College.
- 8 Omar Ashmawy: Do you know if the congressman's son Garrett is active in the campaign at all?
- 9 Chief of Staff: Yes. Very active, yeah.
- 10 Omar Ashmawy: He is?
- 11 Chief of Staff: Yes.
- 12 Omar Ashmawy: What role does he play?
- 13 Chief of Staff: He will do whatever is needed to do. He participates in the majority of our phone
14 calls. He helps organize volunteers. He has -- provides feedback on documents
15 and commercials and things like that.
- 16 Omar Ashmawy: How many children does the congressman have?
- 17 Chief of Staff: Five.
- 18 Omar Ashmawy: Do you recall their age ranges?
- 19 Chief of Staff: This is not going to be disclosed to the congressman?
- 20 Omar Ashmawy: Exactly.
- 21 Chief of Staff: So, his oldest is Garrett. His youngest is the same age as ... **Son** is the same age
22 as my daughter, who's 13, so between 13 and whatever. Garrett just turned 21, so
23 in that age range. I cannot be more specific.
- 24 Omar Ashmawy: Which of them have an active role in the campaign?
- 25 Chief of Staff: Have you ever interacted with a member of Congress's family?
- 26 Omar Ashmawy: So understanding that a member of Congress's family is active to some extent . . .

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- 1 Chief of Staff: Yes.
- 2 Omar Ashmawy: Or another by their very nature, to what extent are – which of the kids are
3 attending events? When I say "active," I mean, you know, making phone calls,
4 attending events, you know, working the campaign outside of a central family
5 event?
- 6 Chief of Staff: Sure. I mean I would say the older ones have had different levels of engagement
7 at different times. Garrett, Adrian, Ally have all played ... had different roles
8 within the ... to help out on the campaign. Will is younger. Sieger's younger. I
9 mean, all participate in parades and come to events and support their dad in the
10 best ways that they can.
- 11 Omar Ashmawy: Why did you bring your spouse and kids to Disneyland?
- 12 Chief of Staff: You know, I don't get compensated by the campaign. That was one of the things
13 that Bill invited us to come and be a part of.
- 14 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. I mean, did you see that or did you have a conversation with
15 Representative Huizenga, establish some way to compensate you for your time?
- 16 Chief of Staff: Yeah, yes. We've had the conversation a number of times.
- 17 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. How about Deer Valley?
- 18 Chief of Staff: I mean, the same, yeah. I mean, the same kind of principle applies for that one,
19 too.
- 20 Omar Ashmawy: Alright. And when you say "principle," just to be clear, we mean that it's sort of a
21 way to thank you or compensate you ...
- 22 Chief of Staff: Yeah. I mean, on top-
- 23 Omar Ashmawy: ... for your energies and efforts?
- 24 Chief of Staff: Yeah, on top understanding this is work. Yeah.
- 25 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. I'm kind of at the end of sort of my questions, I wanted to just wrap up, so
26 before I do that, do you have anything?
- 27 Sean Quinn: I don't think so. Do you mind if we take a five-minute break?
- 28 Omar Ashmawy: Yeah, do you guys mind if we do that?
- 29 Chief of Staff: Yeah. Let's do that.
- 30 Omar Ashmawy: I think we're really done, but do you just want to take a quick break?

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1 Chief of Staff: Yeah.

2 Sean Quinn: Yeah.

3 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. Thank you very much.

4 Chief of Staff: Yeah.

5 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. We are back on the record with Chief of Staff. I think, as I just said, we
6 have one or two questions, and we'll get you on your way.

7 Sean Quinn: Yeah. Just some tiny things that we noticed as we're going through the
8 documents. We were looking at the Deer Valley trip, looking at flights, and it
9 looks like you and **Son**, for some reason, only had one-way flights out to Deer
10 Valley. Everybody else had been on round-trip flights. Does that ring a bell?

11 Chief of Staff: I did come back. That's the only –

12 Sean Quinn: I mean, I would've stayed in Deer Valley.

13 Chief of Staff: Well, you're clearly smarter than me. No, I do not know why that discrepancy is
14 there.

15 Sean Quinn: And then, just quickly another thing or two about Deer Valley, do you remember
16 any of the specific events? I know you said it was a slalom race, it looks like was
17 there. You guys produced a document about a Bloodies with Bill event. So, that
18 was like a Bloody Mary bar.

19 Chief of Staff: Yeah. And those happened at two different events. The '17 event, we hosted the
20 Bloody Mary bar before a Tom Graves dinner or lunch, I believe. The slalom
21 race, we did in last year, or this year, right? I think ...

22 Sean Quinn: Yeah.

23 Chief of Staff: That was the most recent one. So ...

24 Sean Quinn: Okay. I'm guessing the kids didn't go to the Bloody Mary bar event?

25 Chief of Staff: Yeah, I mean, they were in ... it was a reception, and they had non-alcoholic
26 drinks for all the children. I want to make sure that's on the record. So, yes. No,
27 they had lots of alternatives.

28 Sean Quinn: Okay, that's all I had. Jeremy, did you have anything?

29 Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman: I was just curious that – when you would travel to Deer Valley or Disney, how
30 did you pay for the ... was it with the campaign credit card? Was it with – to your
31 recollection?

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1 Chief of Staff: Different time ... different ways, different times. I mean, we've had -- the
 2 Huizengas would, we would use a personal credit card sometimes. I just can't
 3 remember exactly how those were paid for.

4 Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman: And do you recall any conversations about, you know, if somebody was booking
 5 trips, whether it would be on campaign credit card versus a personal credit card?

6 Chief of Staff: I mean, we would have those conversations all the time about what credit card
 7 should be used, yes.

8 Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman: And how would you decide between one or the other, based on the specific event
 9 or just ...?

10 Chief of Staff: Yeah, it depended on the event and the situation. I mean, those conversations
 11 were fleeting and were a while ago. I just can't remember the specifics.

12 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. I mean, just to be clear, we noted that sometimes travel would be booked
 13 on the campaign credit card, sometimes you might book travel ...

14 Chief of Staff: Right.

15 Omar Ashmawy: ... on your personal credit card and then seek reimbursement from the campaign.

16 Chief of Staff: Correct.

17 Omar Ashmawy: Was there any specific reason why it happened that way?

18 Chief of Staff: No, like it just was availability. There were different credits cards being used at
 19 different times. To the best of my recollection, that's why we did those things.

20 Omar Ashmawy: Only other question I had for you was, just to clear, you were the primary person
 21 responsible for managing the document production to our office ...

22 Chief of Staff: Correct.

23 Omar Ashmawy: ... right?

24 Chief of Staff: Yes.

25 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. Can you just explain to me just what process you went through to collect
 26 those documents?

27 Chief of Staff: Sure. We ... Derek and I worked very closely on kind of, like, scope and what we
 28 were looking for, search words, and who we were talking to. When we went
 29 through your guys' list ... and we just tried to identify anybody who would have
 30 touched any of those documents, and we approached them with the requirements
 31 that you gave us. And we asked them to provide, to the best of their ability,
 32 whatever they could. You know, Mary Ellen, who does our official bookkeeping

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1 could only come up with so many documents, and it wasn't really in the format
2 we were hoping for. And we just did the best we could with what we were given.
3 We're not IT specialists, and so we had just moved the campaign office.

4 It took some work, but we got through all the boxes to try to identify all the
5 documents. We have folks in West Michigan looking through hard copies, lots of
6 computer searches. Did whatever we could to be transparent and show you
7 everything that we could.

8 Omar Ashmawy: Was there an instance where you found a document that was responsive to our
9 request but didn't provide it?

10 Chief of Staff: No, we've provided everything we found.

11 Omar Ashmawy: That's all I have for you.

12 Chief of Staff: Okay.

13 Omar Ashmawy: Thank you very much for your time.

14 Chief of Staff: Okay. Thanks.

EXHIBIT 2

Transcript of Interview of D.C. Deputy

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1 Sean Quinn: I'm starting the recording. Today is June 25th, 2019 and we're at the
2 offices of the law firm, Clark Hill, for the interview of D.C. Deputy. D.C.
3 Deputy is accompanied by her counsel, Charlie Spies and Derek Ross.
4 Speaking as Sean Quinn from the Office of Congressional Ethics. And I'm
5 here with Omar Ashmawy. The witness has been given a copy of 18
6 U.S.C. 1001 and has signed the acknowledgement. Okay. So we can start
7 with kind of some easy stuff. Can you just tell me a little bit about
8 yourself? Where are you from? Where did you go to school? Kind of, how
9 did you end up in DC?

10 D.C. Deputy: Sure. Marliss McManus, originally from Louisville, Kentucky. Going off
11 to DC to work like every young, enthusiastic political science major. And
12 been out here for 20 some years.

13 Sean Quinn: Okay, so you moved here directly from college?

14 D.C. Deputy: Right after college.

15 Sean Quinn: Okay. And where did you go to school?

16 D.C. Deputy: University of Louisville.

17 Sean Quinn: Okay, great. And can you tell me how you came to work for
18 Representative Huizenga?

19 D.C. Deputy: I actually was working at the private sector at the time. I was lobbying.
20 And they were looking for a legislative director with financial services
21 experience. So it's-we were connected through a colleague and the rest is
22 history.

23 Sean Quinn: And about when was that?

24 D.C. Deputy: I started working in January of 2011, so late 2010?

25 Sean Quinn: So it's pretty early on in the Huizenga world?

26 D.C. Deputy: Yes. Yeah, he was elected late 2010.

27 Sean Quinn: And you're obviously currently employed by the congressman?

28 D.C. Deputy: Yes.

29 Sean Quinn: And you have been continually since 2010?

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- 1 D.C. Deputy: Yes
- 2 Sean Quinn: And in your work with the congressman, who do you report to?
- 3 D.C. Deputy: I report to Jon Dewitt the chief of staff, and Bill Huizenga the
4 Congressman.
- 5 Sean Quinn: And who reports to you?
- 6 D.C. Deputy: I have three legislative staff who report to me.
- 7 Sean Quinn: So just so I understand, you are the deputy chief of staff, but kind of your
8 issue area expertise is financial services?
- 9 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 10 Sean Quinn: And do you work on kind of any other issues for Representative Huizenga
11 or-
- 12 D.C. Deputy: The overall policy message for the congressman. But primarily financial
13 services.
- 14 Sean Quinn: And I think you said you were originally hired as an LD?
- 15 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Okay. And so kind of-can you map out your progression to the office from
17 LD to Deputy Chief of Staff?
- 18 D.C. Deputy: Let me think about that. Let's see...so we've been to... roughly four years
19 ago. When Bill became sub-chair of one of the subcommittees, I became
20 Deputy Chief of Staff and his designee on the committee.
- 21 Sean Quinn: So you were an LD for five-ish years?
- 22 D.C. Deputy: Give or take, yeah.
- 23 Sean Quinn: And then other than your kind of role as deputy chief of staff and point
24 person for financial services, do you perform any other roles for
25 Representative Huizenga?
- 26 D.C. Deputy: I have on a political side.
- 27 Sean Quinn: And by that you mean you work on the campaign?

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- 1 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 2 Sean Quinn: Do you have a title with the campaign?
- 3 D.C. Deputy: I don't.
- 4 Sean Quinn: Can you, you probably know this morning, we talked to Mr. Dewitt, he
5 said there's not a lot of titles. Can you kind of explain where you-if you
6 don't have a title, just give me an idea of what your role in the campaign
7 is?
- 8 D.C. Deputy: My role is just kind of helping out because there's a lot of financial
9 services interest. Just helping put together events, staffing the Member,
10 making sure he's aware of some of these issues that may be brought up or
11 do get brought up, answering any of the Congressman's questions.
- 12 Sean Quinn: Okay. So you helped put together events and then generally are just kind
13 of staffing the Member.
- 14 D.C. Deputy: And when I say 'put together' it's more just connecting people. People who
15 want to do the events for the boss.
- 16 Sean Quinn: You said before you worked for the congressman, you were working in
17 the private world on financial services matters?
- 18 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 19 Sean Quinn: Okay. And where were you working?
- 20 D.C. Deputy: Right before Bill, National Association Mutual Insurance Companies.
21 NAMIC for short.
- 22 Sean Quinn: And did you have a position before that with another?
- 23 D.C. Deputy: Prior to NAMIC I was on Kemper Insurance.
- 24 Sean Quinn: Before Kemper Insurance, anything?
- 25 D.C. Deputy: I was with-it was the House Banking Committee at the time, which is now
26 the Financial Services Committee.
- 27 Sean Quinn: Have you gotten back to college yet?
- 28 D.C. Deputy: Not yet.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: No? Do you want to-why don't you just give them all to me?
- 2 D.C. Deputy: Prior to that, I worked with Senator McConnell.
- 3 Sean Quinn: And then we're now – we're at college. Okay, great. Good. Thank you for
4 that.
- 5 D.C. Deputy: Sure.
- 6 Sean Quinn: Can you tell me how you met the congressman or how you came to be set
7 up with the LD position?
- 8 D.C. Deputy: It was through a colleague.
- 9 Sean Quinn: Okay. Kind of moving to today, can you just generally describe your
10 relationship with the congressman? Are you kind of personal friends
11 outside of the work atmosphere or is it a pretty kind of professional
12 relationship?
- 13 D.C. Deputy: It's pretty professional.
- 14 Sean Quinn: So not a lot of, outside of work, socializing?
- 15 D.C. Deputy: I wouldn't say so. Occasionally, when I'm back in Michigan, when his
16 family's in town.
- 17 Sean Quinn: How well do you know the congressman's family?
- 18 D.C. Deputy: I've gotten to know them pretty well. Again, eight and a half years.
- 19 Sean Quinn: Yeah, right.
- 20 D.C. Deputy: I see them a fair amount when they come to town, I go to Michigan.
- 21 Sean Quinn: It's mostly either when you're visiting Michigan, or they're visiting here,
22 kind of, any other occasions that you've kind of come to know the
23 congressman's family?
- 24 D.C. Deputy: Not that I can recall, but I mean, I'm sure.
- 25 Sean Quinn: How about kind of the other way around? Does congressman know your
26 family?
- 27 D.C. Deputy: He does.

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1 Sean Quinn: And are you married?

2 D.C. Deputy: Yes.

3 Sean Quinn: Okay. And is your husband's name Brian?

4 D.C. Deputy: Yes.

5 Sean Quinn: And how about children?

6 D.C. Deputy: I have one daughter.

7 Sean Quinn: How old is she?

8 D.C. Deputy: She's getting ready to turn six next month.

9 Sean Quinn: And what does, what does Brian do?

10 D.C. Deputy: Brian Works for the state of Florida. He's a lobbyist for them.

11 Sean Quinn: I'm going to assume your daughter has never worked for the congressman,
12 but has Brian ever kind of performed any functions for Representative
13 Huizenga?

14 D.C. Deputy: No.

15 Sean Quinn: So he's never been a congressional staffer for Representative Huizenga,
16 has he ever performed any campaign functions?

17 D.C. Deputy: No.

18 Sean Quinn: Sort of staying in the same vein, your relationship with Mr. Dewitt, are
19 you guys kind of similar situation? Professionally acquainted, but not a big
20 social interaction outside of that or?

21 D.C. Deputy: We've had a few interactions outside of work.

22 Sean Quinn: Okay. So you'd say you're closer with Mr. Dewitt than the Congressman?

23 D.C. Deputy: Yeah.

24 Sean Quinn: And how about y'all's families today? Did they know each other? Do you
25 know his family?

26 D.C. Deputy: Yes.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Do you know, does Mr. Dewitt's wife do any work for the campaign?
- 2 D.C. Deputy: Not to my knowledge.
- 3 Sean Quinn: And his children are a little older, right?
- 4 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 5 Sean Quinn: Do you know if they've ever done any work for-
- 6 D.C. Deputy: Not that I am aware of.
- 7 Sean Quinn: You earlier kind of described what you do for the campaign for me. Has
8 that changed over time or have you always kind of been in that role of
9 connecting folks, getting events set up and staffing the Member?
- 10 D.C. Deputy: I always have been, yeah.
- 11 Omar Ashmawy: Is there any particular kinds of campaign events that you typically go to
12 over others?
- 13 D.C. Deputy: Typically more financial services related.
- 14 Omar Ashmawy: Basically just because that's really your wheel house?
- 15 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Do you have any process for reporting your time that you work on the
17 campaign?
- 18 D.C. Deputy: Not that I'm aware of. No formal process, no.
- 19 Sean Quinn: Okay. So are you-is your position on the campaign volunteer position or
20 are you compensated for the work that you do?
- 21 D.C. Deputy: I'm not compensated.
- 22 Sean Quinn: Okay, let's talk a little bit about kind of in general campaign trips. You
23 said you mostly will go on the financial services oriented campaign
24 events? Do most of those involve travel or most of those local? Give me
25 an idea kind of where you're going for these events.
- 26 D.C. Deputy: I'd say majority are local. Occasional travel.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: And can you give me an idea of some of that travel? How often, like let's
2 say, let's start with how often a year do you travel for campaign events?
- 3 D.C. Deputy: Maybe...maybe two times a year?
- 4 Sean Quinn: What are those? What are those trips lists? Maybe let's start kind of going
5 back about sort of 2015. Can you think of any campaign trips that you
6 took in 2015? We can go the other way if that makes it easier.
- 7 D.C. Deputy: Yeah I couldn't tell you what I did in 2015, I'm sorry.
- 8 Sean Quinn: Let's start with more recent then, and go and go back. How about 2018?
9 Can you think of when you traveled for the campaign?
- 10 D.C. Deputy: I went back to Michigan.
- 11 Sean Quinn: What was that for?
- 12 D.C. Deputy: That was for the beer tour.
- 13 Sean Quinn: And what time of year was that? If you know the month.
- 14 D.C. Deputy: It was roughly August-September timeframe. I can't remember exactly.
- 15 Sean Quinn: Any other 2018 trips?
- 16 D.C. Deputy: I'll try to remember. I have trouble remembering what I did over the
17 weekend.
- 18 Sean Quinn: I'm in the exact same boat. So we'll talk about this stuff generally and then
19 we can get into some details of some things, but-
- 20 D.C. Deputy: I can't remember, I'm sorry.
- 21 Sean Quinn: No, that's okay. Sure. Why don't we just go into some of the specifics of
22 the trip. So there, Huizenga's campaign, goes to Disney. I understand with
23 some frequency, have you been on any of those Disney trips?
- 24 D.C. Deputy: I have.
- 25 Sean Quinn: Okay. And can you remember when the first time you went on a Disney
26 trip with the Huizenga's was?
- 27 D.C. Deputy: I can't remember exactly.

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1 Sean Quinn: I have-

2 D.C. Deputy: Yeah-I can't remember exactly.

3 Sean Quinn: Okay, the earliest thing I've seen about a trip, I'll just show you this. I
4 think this might be a joke, but I'm interested to see if this was a Huizenga
5 trip or not. But this was -

6 D.C. Deputy: That wasn't a Huizenga trip.

7 Charlie Spies: Wow in color too, nicely done.

8 Omar Ashmawy: Spared no expense.

9 Sean Quinn: Part of me just wanted to know the joke.

10 D.C. Deputy: This was a personal trip and not to give you too much about myself, but
11 this is when I hit five years remission. I did the challenge.

12 Sean Quinn: Congratulations. That's amazing.

13 D.C. Deputy: Thank you. That's what that trip was.

14 Sean Quinn: So some Jim Brand is just making a joke that Jon Dewitt might resemble
15 the dwarf in the photo? That's what that is. If you look at the comment,
16 "didn't realize Jon Dewitt was on this trip, right?" [crosstalk] Okay, so
17 we'll talk about one of your own worthwhile trip, it sounds like.

18 D.C. Deputy: That's a great photo.

19 Omar Ashmawy: Yeah it is a good photo. How long has Representative Huizenga been
20 doing the annual Disney trips?

21 D.C. Deputy: That's a good question. I don't remember. I don't remember when it
22 started. I remember who it was with. It was with Congressman Price but I
23 don't remember the exact.

24 Sean Quinn: Have you done a trip with Congressman Huizenga before you did that
25 race? That might kind of place the time for you a little bit?

26 D.C. Deputy: I have been on a Disney trip prior to that race.

27 Sean Quinn: Right. Okay. So they were before-

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- 1 D.C. Deputy: They were definitely before that. I just don't remember exactly the first
2 time. I'm guessing...Sloan is six, the first one was six or seven years ago. I
3 don't remember the exact time. I just know it's before she was born.
- 4 Omar Ashmawy: So say roughly then around 2012-2013?
- 5 D.C. Deputy: I think that roughly that's when it began, but they could have been a little
6 sooner.
- 7 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. Well it couldn't have been much sooner because he was elected in
8 2010.
- 9 D.C. Deputy: Correct. So there really only could've been 2011 – I don't remember.
- 10 Sean Quinn: Have you gone on a Disney trip every year since they started?
- 11 D.C. Deputy: I'm trying to remember if it was every year. I know I went several years.
- 12 Sean Quinn: Okay. Maybe just to help you remember a little bit, I'll show you one other
13 document. This is a document you all produced to us, a Member produced
14 to us, that's got a header that says McManus HFC Disney Trip, March
15 17th to the 20th, 2016.
- 16 D.C. Deputy: Okay.
- 17 Sean Quinn: This was produced in a folder of documents that came from you, and looks
18 like, maybe you can confirm for me, but looks like this is your kind of
19 report of your expenses, when you were on that trip.
- 20 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 21 Sean Quinn: Okay. And, do you remember that 2016 trip?
- 22 D.C. Deputy: I remember being there.
- 23 Sean Quinn: Okay. Do you remember who else from, kind of, the Huizenga world was
24 on that trip with you?
- 25 D.C. Deputy: The Congressman was there, and Jon DeWitt was there.
- 26 Sean Quinn: Okay. How about families?
- 27 D.C. Deputy: Yes.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: And which family members of Congressman's, of Jon DeWitt's and of
2 yours were there in 2016?
- 3 D.C. Deputy: I know Mrs. Huizenga was there. I don't remember if all the children were
4 there, because I know there was one or two trips where I don't think all the
5 children were there, I'm trying to remember. Jon and his wife, and their
6 two kids.
- 7 Sean Quinn: And then you, and your husband and your daughter?
- 8 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 9 Sean Quinn: And in 2016 your daughter would have been three, four?
- 10 D.C. Deputy: Three.
- 11 Sean Quinn: Three? Do you have any recollection, in 2016, of what kind of campaign
12 events were going on? Well, let's start with that. Do you remember any
13 kind of particular campaign activities that happened on the 2016 Disney
14 trip?
- 15 D.C. Deputy: I don't know specifically, but I know there's usually a dinner. There's a
16 breakfast, and we do meet-ups, throughout the days that we're there.
- 17 Sean Quinn: Maybe you can take me through, kind of, a typical Disney weekend trip.
18 You would come in on a Thursday or a Friday?
- 19 D.C. Deputy: Roughly.
- 20 Sean Quinn: Okay. Then, kind of, how would the trip unfold from there?
- 21 D.C. Deputy: Like I said, there's ... it's varied, because I know we had a reception one
22 night. There was a dinner. Again, there was a breakfast, and then there's
23 meet-ups throughout the day, for people who didn't quite get to see the
24 congressman. A dinner with a reception, so there's lots of events so that
25 people can get face-time.
- 26 Sean Quinn: Okay. And the dinner, is it like one big kind of dinner event?
- 27 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 28 Sean Quinn: Is that like a Saturday night event? Or, when does that normally happen?
- 29 D.C. Deputy: It's usually, again, depending on how it falls on the calendar, but it's
30 usually like the night before everybody leaves.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 2 D.C. Deputy: Mm-hmm (affirmative). There's usually watch the fireworks after dinner.
- 3 Sean Quinn: And do you attend that dinner?
- 4 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 5 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 6 D.C. Deputy: I attend all the meet-ups, and events.
- 7 Sean Quinn: And I assume Jon and the congressman ...
- 8 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 9 Sean Quinn: ... also attend those dinners? How about the families?
- 10 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 11 Sean Quinn: So everybody's at the dinner?
- 12 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 13 Sean Quinn: Can you describe, kind of, a typical day at the ... How much time are you
14 spending at the parks, for example? When you're at Disney?
- 15 D.C. Deputy: That's a good question.
- 16 Sean Quinn: I'm sure when it's hot, it feels like a long time.
- 17 D.C. Deputy: With a three-year-old.
- 18 Sean Quinn: Yep.
- 19 D.C. Deputy: Like I said, there's ... I know we had breakfast meet-ups. There's the one
20 day where we do the sit-down breakfast, but then there's a breakfast meet-
21 up. So meet up with folks. And then usually go to the park, and then
22 there's at least two meet-ups at the park. Right around ...
- 23 Sean Quinn: Each day?
- 24 D.C. Deputy: ... lunch time, and mid-afternoon. Like an ice cream snack.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Okay. So the difference between like, the breakfast event and the meet-up
2 is, the meet-up's just a little less formal?
- 3 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 4 Sean Quinn: Kind of shorter?
- 5 D.C. Deputy: Mm-hmm (affirmative).
- 6 Sean Quinn: Like, meet up for an ice cream cone, or something?
- 7 D.C. Deputy: Mm-hmm (affirmative).
- 8 Sean Quinn: And you go to all those as well?
- 9 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 10 Sean Quinn: Does your family go to the meet-ups with you?
- 11 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 12 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 13 Omar Ashmawy: Does Congressman Huizenga have a meet-up every day? During these
14 events?
- 15 D.C. Deputy: Yes. That I can recall, yes.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Okay. And then can you, I think I have kind of an idea, kind of, schedule-
17 wise what's happening. But, can you describe to me what sort of work for
18 the campaign you're doing, while you're on this trip?
- 19 D.C. Deputy: Again, just making sure everything's, kind of, set up. One being sure for
20 the dinner, or the actual sit-down breakfast, make sure the room is all set
21 up, name tags. Greet people as they're coming in. Be sure the congressman
22 knows who's coming that day, because not everybody comes . . .
- 23 Sean Quinn: Right.
- 24 D.C. Deputy: . . . to things.
- 25 Sean Quinn: And what normally, first, is Jon kind of performing a similar role?
- 26 D.C. Deputy: Yes.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: What do you all's families normally do, while you're doing that sort of
2 work?
- 3 D.C. Deputy: So for my family, they're usually with me. If I do go down a lot earlier,
4 then they will stay in our room.
- 5 Sean Quinn: Okay. And why do you have your family with you, when you're doing that
6 sort of work?
- 7 D.C. Deputy: Because most of the lobbyists, they like to bring their families, and so it
8 just kind of helps put everybody at ease. It's more informal, it gives people
9 a good chance to really see the personal side of people.
- 10 Omar Ashmawy: When your family's not assisting you with a campaign activity, are they in
11 the room? Or are they in a hotel? Or ...
- 12 D.C. Deputy: They're in the room.
- 13 Omar Ashmawy: They stay in the room. Okay.
- 14 D.C. Deputy: She's very small.
- 15 Omar Ashmawy: Okay.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Would you say you, maybe let's split. Do you get any free time with your
17 family, when you're on these Disney trips?
- 18 D.C. Deputy: Very little.
- 19 Sean Quinn: Very little. Give me an idea of what, kind of, how you split it up between
20 work and the personal time that you get, on these trips.
- 21 D.C. Deputy: I'd say maybe a couple hours in between events, if that.
- 22 Omar Ashmawy: So you would describe this as Huizenga for Congress events all day, every
23 day?
- 24 D.C. Deputy: Yep.
- 25 Omar Ashmawy: How about Jon DeWitt? Where is he going while you're doing these
26 events?
- 27 D.C. Deputy: Jon's usually in the same function as me, doing ... What exactly do you
28 mean?

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- 1 Omar Ashmawy: Well, when you're helping get ready for these events, and going from
2 event to event, where is Jon?
- 3 D.C. Deputy: Jon and I are usually helping with the events, with the setting up the room,
4 the name tags, those sorts of things when the event takes place, because
5 they're along with I until the events over.
- 6 Omar Ashmawy: Where is Mr. DeWitt's family?
- 7 D.C. Deputy: I'm sorry?
- 8 Omar Ashmawy: Where is Mr. DeWitt's family?
- 9 D.C. Deputy: I don't know.
- 10 Omar Ashmawy: Are they with him?
- 11 D.C. Deputy: Many times, yes. I don't know about all the time, I don't remember.
- 12 Sean Quinn: Okay, looking at this, the document that you have in front of you, the
13 March 17-20, 2016 reimbursement chart that you submitted. Can you give
14 me an idea of what ... Does the campaign cover all of your expenses
15 during that trip? Or, there anything that you personally cover?
- 16 D.C. Deputy: The only thing that I would personally cover would be maybe a souvenir,
17 something along those, I'm sure.
- 18 Sean Quinn: And so all your meals are covered during the trip?
- 19 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 20 Sean Quinn: And all the meals for your husband and your daughter, as well?
- 21 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 22 Sean Quinn: And it looks like ... I see on a few of these forms that normally you rent
23 the stroller.
- 24 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 25 Sean Quinn: And I assume it's a pain to travel with a stroller.
- 26 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 27 Sean Quinn: And so the campaign covers the stroller?

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- 1 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 2 Sean Quinn: Talking about this document, give me an idea of how you ... So you go on
3 the trip, you kind of keep track of everything you're spending money on.
4 And then you turn this document in to get reimbursed for whatever
5 payments you've made, for the trip?
- 6 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Who do you turn this in to?
- 8 D.C. Deputy: Jon and our finance person.
- 9 Sean Quinn: Okay. Who is the finance person?
- 10 D.C. Deputy: We have a new one now. Paul, don't remember his last name. I have it in
11 my contacts.
- 12 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 13 D.C. Deputy: Sorry.
- 14 Sean Quinn: That's okay. And then the old finance person?
- 15 D.C. Deputy: Ron.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Ron?
- 17 D.C. Deputy: Vander-
- 18 Sean Quinn: Vanderkolk
- 19 D.C. Deputy: Vanderkolk, yes. Unfortunately, he passed away.
- 20 Sean Quinn: Right. And so you would turn this in to Ron or your new finance guy, and
21 Jon would have some visibility?
- 22 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 23 Sean Quinn: Over that, as well?
- 24 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 25 Sean Quinn: How did reimbursement generally work? You were just cut a check for ...

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1 D.C. Deputy: Yes.

2 Sean Quinn: Okay. How did you know to do this Excel spreadsheet format, for
3 example?

4 D.C. Deputy: Coming from the private sector. It's how we do our expenses.

5 Sean Quinn: Were there any particular policies, kind of, in Huizenga's office, or for the
6 campaign, about how to request reimbursement? Or, what you could be
7 reimbursed for?

8 D.C. Deputy: Not that I'm aware of.

9 Sean Quinn: Okay. And did other folks kind of follow different methods for requesting
10 reimbursements? Or, is theirs the same?

11 D.C. Deputy: I don't know.

12 Sean Quinn: Don't know. But you never had, like, a training on how to do
13 reimbursements?

14 D.C. Deputy: No.

15 Sean Quinn: Or handle reimbursements?

16 D.C. Deputy: No.

17 Sean Quinn: Okay.

18 Omar Ashmawy: The new finance person, whose name you can't remember ...

19 D.C. Deputy: Yes.

20 Omar Ashmawy: Any chance it's Paul Kilgore?

21 D.C. Deputy: That sounds familiar. I know it's Paul. Again, I have it in my contacts. I ...

22 Sean Quinn: So I would guess you don't interface with Paul too much?

23 D.C. Deputy: Not a lot, no.

24 Sean Quinn: Basically, just when you're submitting ...

25 D.C. Deputy: Correct.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: ... these sort of ... okay. The cab fare, I assume, is just to and from an
2 airport?
- 3 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 4 Sean Quinn: Or, was there some other sort of transportation going on?
- 5 D.C. Deputy: Nope. To and from the airport.
- 6 Sean Quinn: Okay. I'll give this to you, just in case it helps you again, but a similar
7 document, McManus HFC Disney trip April 6th to 9th, 2017. It's another
8 reimbursement request. And so this would be the next year? The 2017
9 Disney trip, right?
- 10 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 11 Sean Quinn: And who was on the 2017 trip?
- 12 D.C. Deputy: My family. My husband and daughter, myself.
- 13 Sean Quinn: And then Jon and the congressman?
- 14 D.C. Deputy: Jon and the congressman, their families.
- 15 Sean Quinn: Okay. And that is going to be the same for the 2018 trip?
- 16 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 17 Sean Quinn: Okay. I'll stop asking that question, then. And it looks like kind of similar
18 requests for disbursements. Did ... The park tickets, I'll just ask you about
19 quickly. What sort of park ticket did you get? Was it a pass to all the
20 parks?
- 21 D.C. Deputy: No. It was just a daily.
- 22 Sean Quinn: Just a daily?
- 23 D.C. Deputy: Mm-hmm (affirmative).
- 24 Sean Quinn: Okay. And why did you do it that way?
- 25 D.C. Deputy: Um ...

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- 1 Sean Quinn: I admittedly have not been to Disney in a few years, so I'm not sure, but I
2 know there's like a hundred different combinations of types of park
3 tickets, and ...
- 4 D.C. Deputy: Right. Honestly I don't remember. So, probably the easiest and the
5 cheapest.
- 6 Sean Quinn: Okay. I remember seeing, in some of the documents the congressman
7 produced to us, e-mails about getting fast passes for the member and his
8 family, or for folks kind of on the trip. Do you know if you ever had any
9 of those fast passes?
- 10 D.C. Deputy: I never had a fast pass.
- 11 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 12 Omar Ashmawy: For all the trips that you've taken, in support of Congressman Huizenga's
13 annual trip to Disney, has your family joined you?
- 14 D.C. Deputy: Yes. There was one year that Sloan was not there.
- 15 Omar Ashmawy: For each of those years, did the campaign pick up the entirety of the tab,
16 minus souvenirs or things like that?
- 17 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 18 Sean Quinn: On the reimbursements, just kind of the last procedural thing, for how
19 your office handles those. Have you ever seen the finished product?
20 Which is the FEC report that lists this reimbursement?
- 21 D.C. Deputy: I have not.
- 22 Sean Quinn: Okay. You've never seen those reports?
- 23 D.C. Deputy: Never.
- 24 Sean Quinn: And you didn't have anything to do with creating those reports?
- 25 D.C. Deputy: Never.
- 26 Sean Quinn: I'm relatively close to done with Disney stuff. Do you have other Disney
27 stuff you want to talk about?
- 28 Omar Ashmawy: No.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Beat dead horses around here a little bit, sorry.
- 2 D.C. Deputy: You have questions.
- 3 Sean Quinn: Okay. I understand there are a couple of other kinds of trips you take with
4 the campaign. You mentioned the Beer Tour?
- 5 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 6 Sean Quinn: Can you tell me a little bit about that?
- 7 D.C. Deputy: What exactly would you like to know?
- 8 Sean Quinn: What kind of trip was it? Who was on the ... Let's start with ... Describe
9 the trip, itself. How long did it last?
- 10 D.C. Deputy: It's usually, like, a day-and-a-half. Maybe two days. It's like a fly in on a ...
11 It's not always, but say a Thursday. Thursday night there's a dinner. Friday
12 there's the visiting the breweries. There's a dinner that night, and then fly
13 home the following day.
- 14 Sean Quinn: Okay. And who would go on these... the Michigan Beer Tour?
- 15 D.C. Deputy: Just myself. Or do you mean more in general?
- 16 Sean Quinn: Let's talk about from the Huizenga office or campaign first. You and the
17 Congressman-
- 18 D.C. Deputy: And Jon.
- 19 Sean Quinn: And Jon, okay... and how about was this one a family trip, or just you
20 three?
- 21 D.C. Deputy: Just us three.
- 22 Sean Quinn: And is that a Huizenga event, or are there other Congressmen, or... are
23 there other Congressmen that go on that trip-
- 24 D.C. Deputy: It's a-
- 25 Sean Quinn: ... with you?
- 26 D.C. Deputy: It's a Huizenga event. I think it was this past year we did have a special
27 guest... another member of Congress.

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1 Sean Quinn: Can you explain that concept a little bit. I mean, I generally understand the
2 concept of the special guest, but I've seen it used in a particular way. Jon
3 DeWitte told us earlier this morning that, for example, he wouldn't go on
4 the Sea Island trip because the Congressman was a special guest, so it
5 sounds like maybe he was entitled to fewer attendees or something. Is
6 that-

7 D.C. Deputy: Correct.

8 Sean Quinn: ... can you describe the special guest situation?

9 D.C. Deputy: It's mainly... the whole idea of having a special guest is to try and generate
10 more interest in having people come, because-

11 Sean Quinn: Okay.

12 D.C. Deputy: ... you are now getting access to not just one, but in this case, two
13 members.

14 Sean Quinn: Okay.

15 D.C. Deputy: So, then generally your special guest does not bring the staff.

16 Sean Quinn: Okay. Gotcha. And why is that? Is that just a-

17 D.C. Deputy: It's usually just a spacing-

18 Sean Quinn: Spacing. Okay.

19 D.C. Deputy: ... issue.

20 Sean Quinn: Was the... we were talking about who from Huizenga went to the
21 Michigan Beer Tour... was it aimed at a particular industry? Or-

22 D.C. Deputy: It was primarily financial services people.

23 Sean Quinn: Okay.

24 D.C. Deputy: But, there were a few folks that weren't financial services.

25 Sean Quinn: And who were those other folks? Just from different industries?

26 D.C. Deputy: There was one from a grocery... grocery stores. There was one from an
27 energy company that was Michigan based. So, usually they had Michigan
28 connections-

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 2 D.C. Deputy: ... that I can remember.
- 3 Sean Quinn: And does the beer tour that you have been describing so far... what year
4 did that happen?
- 5 D.C. Deputy: When did we start that?... Five years ago, roughly, I think was the very
6 first one. And we've done it annually. It's grown over the years.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Okay. And so, that's a financial services focused event. I understand
8 Representative Huizenga also goes on a Deer Valley trip-
- 9 D.C. Deputy: He does.
- 10 Sean Quinn: ... with some frequency, and that's also a financial services focused event?
- 11 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 12 Sean Quinn: Okay. Did you go on that trip?
- 13 D.C. Deputy: I did not.
- 14 Sean Quinn: Okay. Any reason why you didn't go on that one?
- 15 D.C. Deputy: No particular reason. I think it only gets so many people.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Do you know – so, it's kind of a space issue? Just the number of slots-
- 17 D.C. Deputy: I believe so, but I don't recall that.
- 18 Sean Quinn: Okay. Do you know if Mr. DeWitte went on the Deer Valley trip?
- 19 D.C. Deputy: He went... I believe that he went last... or, was it this year? I believe that
20 he's gone again.
- 21 Sean Quinn: 2017 or 2018?
- 22 D.C. Deputy: Yes. Recently.
- 23 Sean Quinn: And do you know if any of the kids went on that trip?
- 24 D.C. Deputy: I don't know.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Would... when you talk about a scarcity of space, or a certain number of
2 slots on the trip, if the Congressman and Jon went and they brought kids,
3 would those kids take up some of that space, or... ?
- 4 D.C. Deputy: Possibly, again depending on how things are set up. I'm not involved in
5 organizing the Deer Valley one, so I don't know much about it.
- 6 Sean Quinn: When you are talking about the space that's available, do you mean the
7 number of rooms at a hotel, or just... do you have an idea of the number of
8 people you want at the event and there's some cap on that?
- 9 D.C. Deputy: Usually it is the number of hotel rooms, but it's also... we do have a certain
10 amount when it comes to the meals, the functions, those sorts of things.
- 11 Sean Quinn: So, okay... and you've gone on all of the beer tours-
- 12 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 13 Sean Quinn: ... since they started five years ago?
- 14 D.C. Deputy: Yes.
- 15 Sean Quinn: Okay. And then, we also... the Congressman produced a document about
16 a... The Congressman produced in a folder, under your name, a similar
17 Excel spreadsheet requesting reimbursement for some expenses. This says
18 McManus Michigan Golf Trip, August one to third, 2017.
- 19 D.C. Deputy: Mm-hmm (affirmative).
- 20 Sean Quinn: And so, is this another type of fundraising trip that... ?
- 21 D.C. Deputy: We've done the golf trip a couple of... maybe, more like a couple of years,
22 three years, maybe more, but yes.
- 23 Sean Quinn: Okay. And does it happen around the same time every year... late
24 summer?
- 25 D.C. Deputy: It's usually in August.
- 26 Sean Quinn: Okay. And kind of similar questions for this event... can you describe the
27 event itself, and then we can talk about the people that are there and the
28 focus of the event.
- 29 D.C. Deputy: Sure.

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1 Sean Quinn: How long does it last?

2 D.C. Deputy: It's usually, again this is another one that is roughly three days. Folks fly
3 in play golf, there is dinner that night, the next day there is breakfast, play
4 golf, another dinner that night and then the third day... there's three rounds
5 of golf, usually, not always.

6 Sean Quinn: I see you are a runner. Are you a golfer too?

7 D.C. Deputy: I'm a hacker. I play more croquet than I do golf.

8 Sean Quinn: You are an attempted golfer.

9 D.C. Deputy: Yes.

10 Sean Quinn: Okay.

11 D.C. Deputy: [inaudible].

12 Sean Quinn: Is the Congressman a big golfer?

13 D.C. Deputy: He does golf.

14 Sean Quinn: How about Jon?

15 D.C. Deputy: He golfs as well.

16 Sean Quinn: Also, sounds like an attempted golfer.

17 D.C. Deputy: Yes. You will say that when you see Jon DeWitte's swing. I would not say
18 that to Jon's face.

19 Sean Quinn: These interviews are confidential, and Jon will not find out about your-

20 D.C. Deputy: This is something that I would say to him as well.

21 Sean Quinn: It sounded like from Jon, he and the Congressman are skiers. Are you a
22 skier?

23 D.C. Deputy: I am not.

24 Sean Quinn: No? Okay. I attempted skiing for the first time this year. I would say it is
25 pretty fun.

26 D.C. Deputy: Yeah.

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1 Sean Quinn: Yeah... Okay. So, you didn't go on the Deer Valley trips. We talked about
2 the golf trip. Are there any other standard trips or... that we haven't talked
3 about yet?

4 D.C. Deputy: Not that I can remember.

5 Sean Quinn: So, no recurring, yearly trips that we haven't talked about?

6 D.C. Deputy: Not that I can remember.

7 Sean Quinn: How about any one-off trips that you can think of?

8 D.C. Deputy: No. Primarily, I've done the Disney, the golf, beer as far as trips go.

9 Omar Ashmawy: Did you ever travel to New York or Boston or other cities to do
10 fundraisers, any activities?

11 D.C. Deputy: I've traveled a couple... maybe once or twice to New York with the
12 Congressman.

13 Sean Quinn: How about Mackinac Island?

14 D.C. Deputy: Never been.

15 Sean Quinn: Never. Okay, but there is a... I understand it's the Republican – Michigan
16 Republican leadership convention there.

17 D.C. Deputy: They do have a Michigan Republican event there, yes.

18 Sean Quinn: Have you ever been involved helping set that up or plan that event?

19 D.C. Deputy: Not that one, no.

20 Sean Quinn: Okay... When you go up to New York, what kind of events are you doing?
21 I guess you said you've been maybe once or twice?

22 D.C. Deputy: Correct.

23 Sean Quinn: Okay. And what do you-

24 D.C. Deputy: That's within the eight years of working for them.

25 Sean Quinn: Right. Do you remember the sorts of things that you did when you were in
26 New York?

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- 1 D.C. Deputy: Meetings, dinner, couple of lunches. That was only out one day, back the
2 next.
- 3 Sean Quinn: Okay. Any entertainment events?
- 4 D.C. Deputy: No.
- 5 Sean Quinn: Seeing a Broadway show or anything like that?
- 6 D.C. Deputy: No.
- 7 Sean Quinn: For the New York trips, is it normally just the Congressman and Mr.
8 DeWitte that go on these trips?
- 9 D.C. Deputy: Usually, yes. The times I've gone was when Jon was unable to attend.
- 10 Sean Quinn: Okay. And then I think I asked you this about the beer tour, but let's just
11 go back. For the beer tour and the golf trip, did your family or any family
12 members from the Huizenga campaign or office go to those trips?
- 13 D.C. Deputy: Mrs. Huizenga would show up for one event on the beer tour,-
- 14 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 15 D.C. Deputy: ... and she would usually try and show up for the dinner on the golf trip
16 but not always because it's a significant distance.
- 17 Sean Quinn: Could you tell me where does the golf trip happen?
- 18 D.C. Deputy: It's north of our area... Grand Rapids.
- 19 Sean Quinn: Okay. And how about the beer tour?
- 20 D.C. Deputy: The beer tour is Grand Rapids and Holland.
- 21 Sean Quinn: We talked a little bit about that you essentially would submit your
22 reimbursements to whoever the finance person was at the time... either
23 Ron or Paul. Jon had some oversight into that. Did... do any of the... you
24 have three staffers in Representative Huizenga's office, right?
- 25 D.C. Deputy: They report to me, yes.
- 26 Sean Quinn: And do they do any work for the campaign?
- 27 D.C. Deputy: Very little.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Okay. Do they submit reimbursements?
- 2 D.C. Deputy: I don't know.
- 3 Sean Quinn: Okay. Who are those three that work for you?
- 4 D.C. Deputy: Palmer Rafferty is our Legislative Director, and we have a sen-
- 5 Sean Quinn: Sorry, what was the first name?
- 6 D.C. Deputy: Palmer.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Palmer, okay.
- 8 D.C. Deputy: He's our LD. And there's Senior LA, Trevor Tenbrink.
- 9 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 10 D.C. Deputy: And then we have an LC slash LA, kind of a junior LA, Andrew
11 Kohlrieser.
- 12 Sean Quinn: So, to the extent that they worked for the campaign, you've never seen any
13 of their reimbursements?
- 14 D.C. Deputy: No.
- 15 Sean Quinn: Would it be the same people that oversee that for them... it would be the
16 finance person and Jon?
- 17 D.C. Deputy: To the best of my knowledge, yes.
- 18 Sean Quinn: I'm getting close to the end, but maybe if we can take a few minutes
19 break-
- 20 Omar Ashmawy: Yep.
- 21 Sean Quinn: ... talk to Omar, and then we'll wrap things up.
- 22 D.C. Deputy: Sure.
- 23 Sean Quinn: Okay. Unless you have anything immediately on your mind?
- 24 Omar Ashmawy: No, I don't have anything immediate.
- 25 Sean Quinn: Okay. I'll pause this then.

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1 Sean Quinn: I guess in a similar vein, the way you described the Disney trip with your
2 family, I appreciate your doing... it sounds like a lot of work during that
3 trip. I guess if you are working that much during the trip, why did you
4 want to bring your family on those trips?

5 D.C. Deputy: Because, it's time away from my family when I'm gone. And so, just
6 having them close when I can spend time-

7 Sean Quinn: Yeah.

8 D.C. Deputy: ... with them is very helpful.

9 Sean Quinn: Yeah. Okay, great. I think that's... Oh sorry, one other thing... Can you tell
10 me have you had any communications with anybody about the OCE's
11 review?

12 D.C. Deputy: I have not.

13 Sean Quinn: Not with Mr. DeWitte?

14 D.C. Deputy: No.

15 Sean Quinn: And not with the Congressman?

16 D.C. Deputy: No.

17 Sean Quinn: Okay. I assume you've had communications with your counsel?

18 D.C. Deputy: Yes.

19 Sean Quinn: Did you meet earlier today?

20 D.C. Deputy: With my counsel?

21 Sean Quinn: With your counsel.

22 D.C. Deputy: Yes.

23 Sean Quinn: Okay. And how long did you meet with him?

24 D.C. Deputy: I don't know. Roughly...

25 Sean Quinn: An hour, two hours?

26 D.C. Deputy: Roughly 45 minutes.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Did you look at any documents when you were with your counsel?
2 D.C. Deputy: Not that I can recall.
3 Sean Quinn: Did you guys talk about Mr. DeWitte's interview?
4 D.C. Deputy: No.
5 Sean Quinn: Okay. I think that's everything that I have.
6 Omar Ashmawy: Yeah. Thank you very much for your time-
7 D.C. Deputy: You're welcome.
8 Omar Ashmawy: We appreciate it.
9 D.C. Deputy: You're welcome.
10 Charlie Spies: Yeah... you're going to wish you were [crosstalk].
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EXHIBIT 3

Transcript of Interview of Michigan Deputy

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1 Sean Quinn: Okay, I'm starting the recording. Today is June 27, 2019. We're at the
2 offices of the law firm of Clark Hill in Grand Rapids, Michigan for the
3 interview of Michigan Deputy. Ms. Sandberg is accompanied by her
4 counsel, Derek Ross. Speaking is Sean Quinn from the Office of
5 Congressional Ethics, and I'm here with Omar Ashmawy.

6 The witness has been given a copy of 18 U.S.C. 1001 and has signed the
7 acknowledgment. Okay, so we can start with kind of the easy stuff. Jim
8 was telling us your name is Michigan Deputy, but is that a maiden name
9 that you also go by? Jim called you Heather C... something that starts with
10 a C, I think.

11 No? Okay.

12 Michigan Deputy: I've never gone by this name.

13 Sean Quinn: Okay. Okay. Well anyway, it's Michigan Deputy. Can you just start just
14 giving me a little bit about your background, are you from Michigan?

15 Michigan Deputy: From Michigan, yes.

16 Sean Quinn: Did you go to school in Michigan?

17 Michigan Deputy: I did, yes.

18 Sean Quinn: Where'd you go?

19 Michigan Deputy: Grand Valley State.

20 Sean Quinn: So you guys are a whole Grand Valley crew, huh?

21 Michigan Deputy: Well, I guess so. Difference in years.

22 Sean Quinn: Yeah. What did you study at Grand Valley?

23 Michigan Deputy: Public Administration.

24 Sean Quinn: Okay, and then maybe if you can give me kind of a quick sketch of --
25 graduated from Grand Valley, how did you get to -

26 Michigan Deputy: Graduated from Grand Valley in '96, and then went to work for the city of
27 Muskegon in the City Manager's Office, handling more local government
28 issues, and then there was an opening for Congressman Pete Hoekstra's
29 office and they were looking to expand their outreach with local

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- 1 government as well as district projects which affect large numbers of
2 groups of people. So I applied for and got that job.
- 3 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 4 Michigan Deputy: And that was in 2001.
- 5 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 6 Michigan Deputy: So I worked for Congressman Hoekstra the whole time he was in office.
7 He retired, ran for Governor. Bill ran for Pete's seat during Pete's
8 campaign for Governor. He lost and then Bill ultimately won his seat, and
9 then ran for Congress.
- 10 Sean Quinn: Gotcha.
- 11 Michigan Deputy: And I had worked with Bill for Pete, early on.
- 12 Sean Quinn: Yeah. Okay.
- 13 Michigan Deputy: Because he left.
- 14 Sean Quinn: So Bill works for Pete, and then Matt's, Matt Kooiman's father worked
15 with you at all in Pete's office?
- 16 Michigan Deputy: I actually took his job.
- 17 Sean Quinn: Oh, okay. Gotcha.
- 18 Michigan Deputy: When he ran for state office. That's why there was an opening.
- 19 Sean Quinn: Okay, got it. And I think you said this, but what was that position?
- 20 Michigan Deputy: I don't know what they called it exactly. District projects manager, maybe,
21 initially.
- 22 Sean Quinn: And then you were one of the initial hires for Representative Huizenga's
23 office?
- 24 Michigan Deputy: Yes.
- 25 Sean Quinn: What position were you hired into?

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- 1 Michigan Deputy: Deputy chief of staff I think was my title, district deputy chief of staff.
2 Initially we dropped the district part because it was just too much of a
3 mouthful.
- 4 Sean Quinn: And is that your position today?
- 5 Michigan Deputy: It is. Yeah. Just deputy chief of staff.
- 6 Sean Quinn: Okay. And then, so you're on the district, and then Marliss is the deputy
7 chief of staff in D.C.?
- 8 Michigan Deputy: Correct, yep. She handles more of the policy end of things. I handle all of
9 the issues that are impacting the district back here.
- 10 Sean Quinn: Okay. And then, to the extent that you guys have sort of an administrative
11 hat as well, do you and Marliss share those duties?
- 12 Michigan Deputy: No, I primarily do them. The budget, I work with Bill on the budget just to
13 monitor the MRAs and where we are at in different categories. It's
14 normally a chief function, probably, but, it's just- I guess I'm good at it.
15 Ended up doing that. And then, with some of the House changes, in the
16 way that they process vouchers and things like that, they've gone to a new
17 system which if you're unfamiliar, it required someone to be the enterer,
18 someone to be the approver, so we have a finance person who- so all of
19 the invoices come in, you know, look at it. If it looks right, send it to Mary
20 Ellen, she puts it in, and then I have to be the approver.
- 21 Sean Quinn: Okay. Sorry, did you say there's somebody in between, that somebody
22 before Mary Ellen that's looking at invoices? Or Mary Ellen's the one
23 who's looking at -
- 24 Michigan Deputy: No, let's say we get a Verizon bill or something in the office. Someone
25 else could receive it, but then they send it to Mary Ellen and I. And she
26 will wait for me to say yeah, that looks okay, to input or, if it looks like
27 they have something wrong on there and didn't pay that last bill.
- 28 Sean Quinn: Gotcha. So you do sort of spot checks as bills or invoices come in.
- 29 Michigan Deputy: Yeah. So, for instance, there was a fireside invoice for Tele-Town Halls.
30 Early on let's say it's like, I don't know, it was an odd amount, I can't
31 recall it now. But a decent sized bill that we paid for a set of Town Halls,
32 and then our communications guy sent Mary Ellen and I an invoice a few
33 months later, and I was like, "Man, that seems like the exact same dollar
34 amount. I know we haven't used all our Tele-Town Halls, go back." And
35 I'm like, "Hey, did you see this? The invoice number is different but the

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1 amount is exactly the same, maybe because it's an unusual amount, like,
2 that strikes me as being duplicative."

3 Sean Quinn: Yeah.

4 Michigan Deputy: Sure enough, it was. They double billed us. So that's really my role.

5 Sean Quinn: Gotcha. So those spot checks, do you ever do any kind of general audits of
6 the budget or your books?

7 Michigan Deputy: We meet quarterly to review where we're at in certain categories, or try to,
8 to the best of our ability, meet quarterly.

9 Sean Quinn: And that's mostly just to see if you're on track-

10 Michigan Deputy: On target, yep.

11 Sean Quinn: Okay. And so, Mary Ellen is doing the finance in the official office and
12 then on the campaign side, you have someone else that does that work,
13 right?

14 Michigan Deputy: Yes.

15 Sean Quinn: And who are those?

16 Michigan Deputy: Well, it was Ron. He died.

17 Sean Quinn: Passed away, yeah.

18 Michigan Deputy: And now Paul handles all the invoices for the campaign.

19 Sean Quinn: Can you give me an idea of the reporting structure? Who do you report to?
20 Let's start with that. Who do you report to?

21 Michigan Deputy: Which? Official, campaign, what are you talking about?

22 Sean Quinn: Let's start with official and then we can- let's do official and then we'll talk
23 about campaign.

24 Michigan Deputy: Okay. I guess technically, I would report to Jon DeWitte, but Bill's got a
25 pretty flat office where if you need anything from him directly we can all
26 just go to him with any questions. So I suppose technically it would be Jon
27 DeWitte, but it could also be Bill.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Are there particular things that Jon handles, like certain issues you would
2 go to Jon as opposed to Bill?
- 3 Michigan Deputy: Hm, more theoretical I guess, so we're dealing with a lot of tariff issues
4 right now, more bouncing things off of him. Like, how do you think we
5 should best handle this, which usually wouldn't only involve him, it would
6 involve some other people on our team. And those are really kind of the
7 things that I go to him for.
- 8 Sean Quinn: Gotcha. And then everything else, you kind of go straight to Bill.
- 9 Michigan Deputy: Yeah. I guess so.
- 10 Sean Quinn: And then, again, on the official side, who do you have reporting to you?
- 11 Michigan Deputy: Basically everybody in the district.
- 12 Sean Quinn: Okay. And how many employees do you have here in the district?
- 13 Michigan Deputy: We just had one add. Seven. And Boomer, he kind of is. He was a DC
14 original guy, and then he moved out here to do communications. So
15 technically he still- more deals with Jon, but he's based here in the district,
16 so I've got him.
- 17 Sean Quinn: Okay. Is Boomer the communications guy that you're talking about that
18 received that double invoice?
- 19 Michigan Deputy: Yes.
- 20 Sean Quinn: Is Boomer from Michigan?
- 21 Michigan Deputy: Yes, I think he grew up in Rockford.
- 22 Sean Quinn: Okay. And then so Matt also reports to you, Matt Kooiman?
- 23 Michigan Deputy: Yes.
- 24 Sean Quinn: Okay. And what's his position?
- 25 Michigan Deputy: He's now our district director, so he took over for Greg VanWoerkom,
26 who ran for office - the cycle repeats itself.
- 27 Sean Quinn: Right.
- 28 Michigan Deputy: He ran for the state House.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Can you kind of describe Matt's position for me?
- 2 Michigan Deputy: So, as district director, basically the two of us are the primary outreach
3 people for the whole district. So meetings that need being covered, the
4 whole district, that's basically the two of us to cover. To meet with people,
5 and the whole... people have a million reasons for needing to... it's our job
6 to meet
- 7 Sean Quinn: Right. There's a cat in the tree, and the representative needs to solve that
8 problem.
- 9 Michigan Deputy: Right.
- 10 Sean Quinn: Do you guys split up the district in any way?
- 11 Michigan Deputy: No, so I have certain issues that I've kept, just because I did them from the
12 beginning. Army Corps of Engineers is mine, transportation I still do a lot
13 of, EPA, which I handle as well, to an extent, some of our super fund sites
14 have dropped off, so that's good. Coast Guard, we have a lot of water in
15 our district, a whole shoreline, a lot of harbors and there's a ton of related-
16 especially right now, water's high, so there's a lot of issues related to that.
- 17 Sean Quinn: Jon was telling us that there was a lot of rain and that the corn's not getting
18 planted.
- 19 Michigan Deputy: Well, I don't do ag. He can work on that one.
- 20 Sean Quinn: Let's see. We can talk about the campaign side now a little bit.
- 21 Michigan Deputy: Okay.
- 22 Sean Quinn: Do you have a position with the campaign as well?
- 23 Michigan Deputy: I do some Michigan fundraising. I don't think I really have a title.
- 24 Sean Quinn: How long have you been doing the campaign work?
- 25 Michigan Deputy: I think it was 2000- his first year in office would have been 2011. I want
26 to say it was- the best I can remember, 2012, when I started?
- 27 Sean Quinn: Okay. So you worked in the official office first, then started taking on
28 some campaign work as well?
- 29 Michigan Deputy: Right. And I think he got rid of his campaign- or, the fundraiser person.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: We'll come back to some of the campaign work, but just quickly. Any
2 employment that we haven't talked about yet? Any other jobs or positions?
- 3 Michigan Deputy: No.
- 4 Sean Quinn: And you said you met the congressman when you were working for Pete?
- 5 Michigan Deputy: Yeah.
- 6 Sean Quinn: Are you pretty close with the congressman, like friends outside of work?
- 7 Michigan Deputy: We don't hang out, but I mean we've worked together on and off for
8 almost twenty years. So we have a friendly relationship.
- 9 Sean Quinn: Do you know the congressman's family pretty well?
- 10 Michigan Deputy: Yes.
- 11 Sean Quinn: But that's mostly through campaign-
- 12 Michigan Deputy: Right. Just from running into them on occasions. More Natalie than the
13 kids.
- 14 Sean Quinn: Does Natalie work a lot on the campaign?
- 15 Michigan Deputy: I mean, I know that she's involved on the scheduling side of things, I don't
16 work with that myself so I really probably couldn't speak to what she does.
- 17 Sean Quinn: And then a similar kind of relationship to Jon and his family? You know
18 them through work?
- 19 Michigan Deputy: Yeah. Same sort of scenario. I probably worked more closely with him
20 when he was in Michigan, and he's been gone a long time. Now I've met
21 Jodi and the kids, our kids were born around the same time. So we don't
22 see each other socially because he doesn't even live here.
- 23 Sean Quinn: Yeah, he's been in DC for a while, huh?
- 24 Michigan Deputy: Yeah, he has.
- 25 Sean Quinn: And are you married?
- 26 Michigan Deputy: I am.
- 27 Sean Quinn: Is it- is Tom your husband?

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- 1 Michigan Deputy: Yep.
- 2 Sean Quinn: And you said you have kids?
- 3 Michigan Deputy: We do.
- 4 Sean Quinn: How many... two kids. How old are they?
- 5 Michigan Deputy: Fifteen and thirteen.
- 6 Sean Quinn: And do Tom or the kids do campaign work also?
- 7 Michigan Deputy: No, not on a regular basis.
- 8 Sean Quinn: Sorry, what was that?
- 9 Michigan Deputy: Tom will help out if- or, they'll help stuff envelopes or something.
- 10 Sean Quinn: Right. How about the other families, so either Bill's family or Jon's
11 family? Or anybody else, are there any family members that are
12 particularly active in the campaign?
- 13 Michigan Deputy: What? Sorry.
- 14 Sean Quinn: Any other family members, either Bill's family or Jon's family, that work
15 on the campaign a lot? So Natalie, or Jodie, or any of the kids?
- 16 Michigan Deputy: I don't know.
- 17 Sean Quinn: Kind of comparing your work for the campaign and your official work,
18 how do you split your time between those two positions?
- 19 Michigan Deputy: Well, the official office is all primarily during the day, there will be
20 evening events to cover, dinners and things like that. And then the
21 campaign is just nights and weekends, putting together events, which are
22 always in the evening. So staffing that when we have them in Michigan,
23 sending out thank you notes.
- 24 Sean Quinn: Does that work kind of ebb and flow based on how you are to an election?
- 25 Michigan Deputy: Somewhat. A lot of it is based on his availability, so this year, he hasn't
26 had a lot of dates that he's been back in Michigan, so I think we had
27 probably only one event so far. This year. But summer will bring more.
28 It's a little bit seasonal and sometimes, you know obviously in campaign
29 years, there's more time, typically.

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1 Sean Quinn: Gotcha.

2 Michigan Deputy: ... to have events.

3 Sean Quinn: So you mostly handle the fundraising side?

4 Michigan Deputy: Yes.

5 Sean Quinn: Okay. Is there anything else in the campaign that you work on?

6 Michigan Deputy: No, I guess now I'm getting the mail. Now that Ron has passed away. But
7 that also relates to fundraising because it's really the only thing we get in
8 the mail room. Checks and invoices, invoices go to Paul, and then checks
9 go my way, so.

10 Sean Quinn: I know Ron passed away, was it January of this year?

11 Michigan Deputy: I think so.

12 Sean Quinn: And then, but Paul had taken over before that, right?

13 Michigan Deputy: He's been sick for a while. So he had ALS, I guess, to the best of my
14 knowledge or anybody's, what he says it was- the diagnosis. So really, last
15 summer he started getting worse, so we kind of knew we had to make a
16 different plan.

17 Sean Quinn: Right.

18 Michigan Deputy: For worst case scenario.

19 Sean Quinn: And is that when Paul took over, and that's when you started receiving
20 whatever mail Ron would have received before?

21 Michigan Deputy: Yep, to the best of my knowledge. And Matt helps a little bit with that as
22 well.

23 Sean Quinn: Okay. And you are- are you paid for your work on the campaign?

24 Michigan Deputy: I am.

25 Sean Quinn: And how are you paid?

26 Michigan Deputy: Monthly, and then there's a commission based on Michigan, what we
27 raised.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: So you have a monthly salary?
- 2 Michigan Deputy: Mm-hmm.
- 3 Sean Quinn: And then your commission. How does the commission work?
- 4 Michigan Deputy: It's 5%.
- 5 Sean Quinn: Okay. Other than the monthly salary and the 5% commission, any other
6 forms of compensation for your campaign work?
- 7 Michigan Deputy: Uh-uh (negative).
- 8 Speaker 1: And then who else is on the paid campaign staff?
- 9 Michigan Deputy: I don't do the disbursements, but I'd just seen a sheet one time with some
10 names. So I think Matt ... I mean this is all a total guess.
- 11 Speaker 1: Sure.
- 12 Michigan Deputy: I think Matt, I think Boomer, me, I think Jim, and that might be it.
- 13 Sean Quinn: Okay. Let's talk some about the fundraising events. Who else helps you
14 plan those events?
- 15 Michigan Deputy: Usually, I do it all myself.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 17 Michigan Deputy: We have a golf outing that Matt will help with. That's a little bigger than
18 one person can handle.
- 19 Sean Quinn: Got you, and you only do events that are in Michigan?
- 20 Michigan Deputy: Yes.
- 21 Sean Quinn: Okay. Does somebody else handle events outside of Michigan?
- 22 Michigan Deputy: Yes, a fundraiser in D.C.
- 23 Sean Quinn: And who is that?
- 24 Michigan Deputy: That's the Oorbeek group.
- 25 Sean Quinn: Orby?

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- 1 Michigan Deputy: Oorbeek.
- 2 Omar Ashmawy: Oorbeek.
- 3 Sean Quinn: Okay. Oh Oorbeek. Got you. Yeah, yeah. Okay and how about the events
4 that are not in DC? So we've heard that Jon and Bill go to New York and
5 Boston sometimes to do fundraising. You don't do that?
- 6 Marliiss McManus: Uh-uh. (negative).
- 7 Sean Quinn: Okay. How about, I know there's a yearly trip to Disney. Do you have
8 anything to do with planning that?
- 9 Michigan Deputy: I do not.
- 10 Sean Quinn: Have you ever gone on that trip?
- 11 Michigan Deputy: I have not.
- 12 Sean Quinn: I know there's also a Deer Valley trip. Anything to do with that one?
- 13 Michigan Deputy: No.
- 14 Sean Quinn: Okay. And then as far as the ones in Michigan, things I've heard about
15 theirs, so the golf outing that you mentioned, where does that happen?
- 16 Michigan Deputy: The annual one tbat he does is at Macatawa Legends.
- 17 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 18 Michigan Deputy: And then he has on occasion one up North. I know I've had to help with
19 that just staffing wise, but I don't think it's happened in the last two years.
- 20 Sean Quinn: Okay. And then there's also a beer tour.
- 21 Michigan Deputy: Mm-hmm. (affirmative).
- 22 Sean Quinn: Can you tell me a little bit about that?
- 23 Michigan Deputy: Once I arrange transportation for them, it's really more sending local
24 contacts to the DC fundraiser.
- 25 Sean Quinn: Okay.

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- 1 Michigan Deputy: So I sent them the name of a bus company that would be able to
2 accommodate and then they handle it from there, and I did a welcome
3 whatever glass and thanks for being here gift.
- 4 Sean Quinn: Oh okay. Got you. So you'll give contacts to the Oorbeck group-
- 5 Michigan Deputy: Correct.
- 6 Sean Quinn: And then they kind of set up most of that event?
- 7 Michigan Deputy: Yes.
- 8 Sean Quinn: Okay. And why do they do that one as opposed to you?
- 9 Michigan Deputy: That's more PAC folks.
- 10 Sean Quinn: Oh, okay.
- 11 Michigan Deputy: I do individuals.
- 12 Sean Quinn: Individuals. Okay. So the golf tour, the beer tour – I know there's ... Every
13 other year there's a Republican Leadership Conference in Mackinac. Is
14 that a fundraising event?
- 15 Michigan Deputy: I don't know. I don't go.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Yeah. Have you heard about that trip though?
- 17 Michigan Deputy: I have known that there's a couple of things in Mackinaw. I think Detroit,
18 Chamber has one and I want to say there's something else. I don't know
19 whose is whose and when it is but-
- 20 Sean Quinn: Okay. But they're not big fundraising events for you guys?
- 21 Michigan Deputy: Well, not that I'm involved with.
- 22 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 23 Michigan Deputy: That I would know about. They may do PAC fundraising there or anything
24 I'm not personally involved in.
- 25 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 26 Michigan Deputy: To the best of my knowledge.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Any other kind of recurring or a yearly fundraisers that we haven't talked
2 about?
- 3 Michigan Deputy: I mean we have several individual, we've been trying to do them more
4 geographically based, Grand Rapids, Muskegon. Nobody's got the dates
5 but the ones that you're mentioning are PAC ones.
- 6 Sean Quinn: Okay. Got you. Are the individual events normally smaller than these kind
7 of organized PAC events?
- 8 Michigan Deputy: It depends. I think they're starting to build a decent group for the beer tour.
9 Apparently these are thing now.
- 10 Sean Quinn: Yeah.
- 11 Michigan Deputy: So I think those are maybe getting larger with every year, but we'll have a
12 range of people depending on the year, depending on the date for an event
13 in Muskegon, or an event in Grand Rapids. Last year's Grand Rapids event
14 was very big. The years before was not, so-
- 15 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 16 Michigan Deputy: Just depends.
- 17 Sean Quinn: And I know you said you don't do it on the New York, or the Boston trip,
18 or the Disney trip. Have you ever traveled with the campaign for any
19 fundraiser outside of the state?
- 20 Michigan Deputy: No.
- 21 Sean Quinn: Okay. And then just kind of going back to some of the structure and who
22 handles what on the official side and on the campaign side. So Ron and
23 now Paul do the finance work for the campaign?
- 24 Michigan Deputy: Mh-hmm. (affirmative).
- 25 Sean Quinn: And then for the official office, it's Mary Ellen?
- 26 Michigan Deputy: Mh-hmm. (affirmative).
- 27 Sean Quinn: Okay. And then Marliiss kind of works on ... I know she's sort of the
28 financial services expert. Is that-
- 29 Michigan Deputy: Mh-hmm. (affirmative).

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1 Sean Quinn: Okay. And then you do kind of the local stuff. Does Jon have an issue area
2 that he focuses on?

3 Michigan Deputy: I think all of them.

4 Sean Quinn: Everything. Yeah.

5 Michigan Deputy: Yeah.

6 Sean Quinn: Just kind of the overseer.

7 Michigan Deputy: Right.

8 Sean Quinn: Got you.

9 Michigan Deputy: The policy umbrella.

10 Sean Quinn: Who would you ... so Jim was telling us that for ethics issues, he runs that
11 stuff by Jon. Is that the person you would go to also?

12 Michigan Deputy: Probably.

13 Sean Quinn: Okay.

14 Sean Quinn: And have you ever had a concern or a conversation with Jon about any
15 ethics issues that you've wanted to check with him on?

16 Michigan Deputy: Not that I can recall.

17 Sean Quinn: How about with anybody else in the office? Just any concerns, discussions
18 in the office about whether or not something can be handled by the
19 campaign, or the office, or ...

20 Michigan Deputy: Not to my knowledge.

21 Sean Quinn: Okay. So I know you said that for you and Matt, your work kind of takes
22 you all over the district. Can you just try and describe kind of a typical
23 week for me? Are you traveling every day? Just particular days ...

24 Michigan Deputy: I can tell you about today, if that helps?

25 Sean Quinn: Sure. Yeah.

26 Michigan Deputy: There's really no typical day because every day is different, every week is
27 different, every month's different.

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- 1 Michigan Deputy: But so today for example, I'm here this morning, I'll go to our Grandville
2 office to finish up with inventory that's due, that needs to be turned into
3 house inventory. I'll do that and then I head all the way up to Luddington.
4 So what, I'm an hour here, I'm another half hour there, probably another
5 two hours 15, two and a half up to Luddington to deal with an army corps
6 issue. They've got some flooding at a museum.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 8 Michigan Deputy: Need to get a permit to get some stuff in order. Last week I was up in
9 Luddington for a funeral and then a few days later I was down in Mears
10 for another army corps issue. Nobody coordinates when they call, which is
11 fine, but there's a lot of ground to cover and there's only two of us and
12 especially right now with the high water, well the low water doesn't do us
13 any favors either because then nobody's getting dredged and that's a set of
14 issues. But so yeah ...
- 15 Sean Quinn: Do you and Matt have any system for splitting up how travel works? It's
16 just kind of whatever comes up?
- 17 Michigan Deputy: No. It's more ... Yeah, it's more who's best to suit or handle that issue.
- 18 Sean Quinn: Okay, Got you. I assume it's sort of a whack a mole game as --
- 19 Michigan Deputy: Yeah we get a lot of requests in and we can't possibly cover everything,
20 but we know. I think you're expected to be out in the district, that's-
- 21 Sean Quinn: Yeah.
- 22 Michigan Deputy: We all came from the environment. Well, I mean Matt came into it later,
23 but Bill and I both served in an environment where the previous
24 congressmen said, if you're at your desk every day, you're not doing your
25 job. There's a lot of ground to cover. We have a lot of people that meet
26 with you need to be the eyes and ears. People need to know who to come
27 to. So we try to be at every possible thing we can all the time.
- 28 Sean Quinn: Okay. Got you.
- 29 Michigan Deputy: So today, yeah I'm here, there, up to Luddington, an hour and a half back
30 home and thankfully no dinner tonight. So-
- 31 Sean Quinn: Right.
- 32 Michigan Deputy: Otherwise that's another 45 minutes probably to a dinner.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Yeah. Yeah. So that's kind of a look at a specific day.
- 2 Michigan Deputy: That's just my day today.
- 3 Sean Quinn: Yeah. Over the course of a week, would you say you're traveling two or
4 three days a week? Are you traveling five days a week?
- 5 Michigan Deputy: Every week is different. So there's no one answer for that. I mean, some
6 days it's five days a week, some days it's three days a week. Some days it's
7 -
- 8 Sean Quinn: Yeah.
- 9 Michigan Deputy: Very rarely it's less than three. That's a lot and there's a lot of ground to
10 cover- and it's a big district, so it's probably two and a half would be the
11 best time you could make from one end to the other and prior to
12 redistricting, we had another three counties to factor in. So that's a long
13 way to go. Still a long way to go. But it's not metropolitan. It's a lot of
14 driving. There's just no way around it.
- 15 Sean Quinn: Yeah. Are you traveling on weekends often?
- 16 Michigan Deputy: On occasion, but yeah, I can't think of - I mean I've had some local stuff
17 I've had to cover recently, but it'll happen.
- 18 Sean Quinn: Yeah. To the extent you can ...
- 19 Michigan Deputy: Yeah I mean we've had occasion where we've had floods and so then
20 FEMA comes in and they come, you come.
- 21 Sean Quinn: Yeah. Got you. And then when you're traveling, so it sounds like most of
22 the work you've described so far is official work.
- 23 Michigan Deputy: Yes.
- 24 Sean Quinn: Would you say most of your travel is on the official side or you're doing a
25 lot of campaign travel also?
- 26 Michigan Deputy: Well depending on again the year, like if it's an election year, if we have a
27 lot of events, I'm going down now to get the mail a couple of times a
28 week. So, last night I went and picked it up. So most of my driving will
29 be, I would say it's hard to match as far as I can imagine. But I also drive
30 for the campaign too, so.
- 31 Omar Ashmawy: Well, when you go pick up the mail, where's the mail?

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- 1 Michigan Deputy: Zeeland.
- 2 Omar Ashmawy: Zeeland. Okay. And where are you when you start out?
- 3 Michigan Deputy: Muskegon.
- 4 Omar Ashmawy: And because I have no idea about Michigan geography –
- 5 Michigan Deputy: 45 minutes.
- 6 Omar Ashmawy: There we go. Okay. A 45 minute drive.
- 7 Michigan Deputy: Yeah.
- 8 Omar Ashmawy: And you do that about how often?
- 9 Michigan Deputy: Depending on how many chances Matt has to get there, I have to get there.
10 We just had a direct mail piece hit, so I'll be there probably three or four
11 times this week.
- 12 Sean Quinn: Three or four times in the week.
- 13 Michigan Deputy: Mh-hmm. (affirmative)
- 14 Sean Quinn: Got you.
- 15 Michigan Deputy: Yeah, because we only have a little PO box so we have to kind of –
- 16 Sean Quinn: And are you traveling outside the district a lot?
- 17 Michigan Deputy: For?
- 18 Sean Quinn: Official or campaign work?
- 19 Michigan Deputy: On occasion, yeah.
- 20 Sean Quinn: For your official work, what takes you outside of the district?
- 21 Michigan Deputy: So the army corps has briefings. Asian Carp was one that they recently did
22 in Chicago.
- 23 Sean Quinn: Sorry, what was that?
- 24 Michigan Deputy: Asian Carp. Are you familiar?

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- 1 Omar Ashmawy: I thought that's what you said.
- 2 Sean Quinn: Yeah.
- 3 Omar Ashmawy: Asian Carp?
- 4 Sean Quinn: I thought you said you Asian Car.
- 5 Omar Ashmawy: As in the fish?
- 6 Michigan Deputy: As in the fish.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Right, it's like an invasive species –
- 8 Michigan Deputy: Yeah and there's a barrier, they're trying to prevent it from coming into
9 Lake Michigan. The federal executive board has regional congressional
10 briefings. Last year it was in Chicago, this year it's in Detroit. I'll go to
11 Lansing for legislative meetings here and there. I mean Grand Rapids
12 technically is not the heart of our district, but we have so many meetings
13 here because the large chambers here, the economic development group is
14 here.
- 15 Sean Quinn: Right.
- 16 Michigan Deputy: I would say all of us are in Grand Rapids a lot just because it's the closest
17 Metropolitan hub that hosts a lot of activities and in big convention
18 centers.
- 19 Sean Quinn: Okay. So you do go outside the district, but for the most part your work is
20 in the district?
- 21 Michigan Deputy: For the most part.
- 22 Sean Quinn: And so when you're traveling, how do you get around?
- 23 Michigan Deputy: By car.
- 24 Sean Quinn: By car. Okay.
- 25 Michigan Deputy: Yeah.
- 26 Sean Quinn: Personal car?
- 27 Michigan Deputy: Yes.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Okay and you're reimbursed for that mileage, right?
- 2 Michigan Deputy: Correct.
- 3 Sean Quinn: Okay. How do you keep track of your miles?
- 4 Michigan Deputy: I have a calendar I guess, if you will. And I just - yeah, so today I wrote
5 down starting miles, tonight I'll write down ending miles and-
- 6 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 7 Michigan Deputy: Write the total miles down in the day, and then another one for the
8 campaign side. So I went to the P.O. Box last night, wrote down the miles.
9 Two separate calendars.
- 10 Omar Ashmawy: How do you figure out how many miles you drive?
- 11 Michigan Deputy: The odometer.
- 12 Omar Ashmawy: Okay.
- 13 Sean Quinn: Matt and Jim said they use Google maps so everyone's got their own
14 system it seems. Yeah.
- 15 Michigan Deputy: Oh yeah.
- 16 Sean Quinn: So I guess given that you use the odometer and we know Joe and Matt
17 used Google maps, there's no set policy or like one way to do it for
18 everybody.
- 19 Michigan Deputy: I guess not.
- 20 Sean Quinn: And then so you said you'll just write down the miles every day in the
21 calendar and then how often do you submit those miles?
- 22 Michigan Deputy: Just depends how busy I am. So I try, but it doesn't happen that way to do
23 monthly reimbursements because that's easiest to stay on top of and then
24 I'm not ...
- 25 Sean Quinn: Yeah.
- 26 Michigan Deputy: Just having to deal with backlog later, but it doesn't usually happen that
27 way. Sometimes I'll have to do one, two, three months at a time to get
28 caught up. And it's this way that they have of doing the sheet is, it's just
29 long, so-

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Yeah.
- 2 Michigan Deputy: So and you have to sit down and have some time to do it. So that's part of
3 the thing. I can't be on the road and I need to have some dedicated
4 computer time.
- 5 Omar Ashmawy: When you say they, you mean the House of Representatives?
- 6 Michigan Deputy: Yes.
- 7 Omar Ashmawy: Okay.
- 8 Sean Quinn: So you have a form that you use for the official travel that gets submitted
9 to the House.
- 10 Michigan Deputy: Mh-hmm.
- 11 Sean Quinn: Do you have anything like that for the campaign side?
- 12 Michigan Deputy: No. Well, oh wait, yes we do. Now we do. We used to just -- you can do
13 your own spreadsheet or whatever, but now Paul has a form.
- 14 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 15 Sean Quinn: When you're -- You live in Muskegon right?
- 16 Michigan Deputy: Mh-hmm. (affirmative).
- 17 Sean Quinn: Okay. When you're traveling, are you normally starting at home or what's
18 your starting point normally?
- 19 Michigan Deputy: Primarily because I'm on the road almost every day and that's just ... I start
20 with a morning meeting and go on from there. There are occasions if I
21 have to go into the Grand Haven office that I'll take off from there and use
22 that as my start point. But typically because I'm on the road so much, it is
23 from home.
- 24 Sean Quinn: Okay. And so you mentioned there's the Grand Haven office. There's one
25 other office, right?
- 26 Michigan Deputy: Granville, yeah.
- 27 Sean Quinn: Granville. A lot of Grand, Grands.
- 28 Michigan Deputy: Grand River, Grand Rapids.

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- 1 Derek Ross: I haven't been confused at all about it yet.
- 2 Sean Quinn: And like Omar, my Michigan geography's not very good. Is Muskegon
3 closer to Grand Haven or Granville?
- 4 Michigan Deputy: Closer to Grand Haven.
- 5 Sean Quinn: Grand Haven. Okay. And so do you find yourself working out of Grand
6 Haven more often or how do you split between the two offices?
- 7 Michigan Deputy: It just all depends. So geographically it's closer, but it really is dictated by
8 what other meetings I have and their location. So today, I'll been in
9 Granville, which isn't atypical either because of the majority of our staff is
10 in Granville. So if I need to communicate with any of them on an issue I
11 head there, and if I'm coming to Grand Rapids, like I said, is typical for an
12 event, then that happens to be the closer office.
- 13 Sean Quinn: Okay, got you. So if you're starting from your house and then going out to
14 some place in the district where somebody's flagged some issue for you,
15 you would count that mileage. Is there any mileage that you don't count?
16 Like if you're going from your house just to the Grand Haven office?
- 17 Michigan Deputy: Yeah, I don't count that. Because I think technically you're supposed to
18 have a home base office and I think that that's what I just consider as
19 mine, even though I haven't been there in a week and a half.
- 20 Sean Quinn: So Grand Haven is the home base office?
- 21 Michigan Deputy: Yeah.
- 22 Sean Quinn: Would you, if you were driving from home to Granville, would you count
23 that?
- 24 Michigan Deputy: Yeah.
- 25 Sean Quinn: How far is Granville?
- 26 Michigan Deputy: 45- 50 minutes.
- 27 Sean Quinn: And then the Grand Haven office is?
- 28 Michigan Deputy: 15-20.
- 29 Sean Quinn: Any other drives you make with some frequency that you don't count as
30 mileage?

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- 1 Michigan Deputy: I suppose, but I couldn't recall.
- 2 Sean Quinn: For the most part, just home to Grand Haven.
- 3 Michigan Deputy: Yeah.
- 4 Sean Quinn: Don't count that though. We can just quickly look at one of these mileage
5 reimbursements and maybe you can tell me if it looks kind of typical.
- 6 Michigan Deputy: Is it okay if I grab some more water?
- 7 Sean Quinn: Sure. Yeah, absolutely. I should've said earlier, if you need to take a break
8 at any point just let me know.
- 9 Michigan Deputy: No, I'm just thirsty.
- 10 Sean Quinn: So this is a document that we got when we asked the congressman for
11 certain documents and it was produced to us and it has a header that says
12 Heather mileage September 18th to December 30th, 2015. So I recognize
13 this is kind of an early one, but does this look like kind of how you
14 normally would submit your mileage to Ron at that time?
- 15 Michigan Deputy: It looks rather typical best of my recollection.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Okay. So it looks like you were saying, so you live in Muskegon and you
17 start there frequently. So that's why basically most of the start places are
18 Mkg. Okay. And then Zeeland's where you're picking up the mail. So
19 that's probably a lot of those trips.
- 20 Michigan Deputy: Well and it's not just mail. So we had an office, we would have had an
21 office in 15 there, letterhead was there, you know, other supplies,
22 envelopes. So if I needed to reload on anything all the supplies were kept
23 down there. If we had an event then I needed to go and grab something.
- 24 Derek Ross: Can I ask you a question for clarity? Were you picking up the mail in
25 Zeeland before Ron passed or was Ron – I'm trying just to get the
26 timeframe when you were picking up mail?
- 27 Michigan Deputy: Well it's more regular now that Ron is not there, but it could have been an
28 occasion if he were on vacation or if he wasn't able to be there for some
29 reason for a couple of days.
- 30 Sean Quinn: For the ones that are like if you look at December 2nd, 2015, you have
31 MKG local. So I assume you were just driving around Muskegon. How do
32 you keep track of that? You're just, that's odometer also?

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- 1 Michigan Deputy: Mm-hmm. (affirmative).
- 2 Sean Quinn: Okay. And what would you normally do? Just look at your odometer when
3 you start and do the math?
- 4 Michigan Deputy: So it's not very official, but I think so. Typically.
- 5 Sean Quinn: And how, when you're writing it down like that, how do you keep track of
6 whether it's official miles or campaign miles?
- 7 Michigan Deputy: Well today it's all official miles because that's what I'm doing. Last night
8 was a different story and I only did – they're very separate typically.
- 9 Sean Quinn: It's easy to keep them separate. So at the end of the day, when you do that,
10 when you've finished racking up your miles for the day, what do you do
11 with that piece of paper?
- 12 Michigan Deputy: And then, well, the paper I don't care about, I need the number and then
13 that goes on the calendar.
- 14 Sean Quinn: On the calendar. Okay. And you just do that every day.
- 15 Omar Ashmawy: Do you keep your calendar paper or digital on your phone?
- 16 Michigan Deputy: Oh, paper.
- 17 Sean Quinn: Do you have those calendars going back?
- 18 Michigan Deputy: I don't know that I would have them going way back. I mean, I have this
19 year's.
- 20 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 21 Michigan Deputy: Really wouldn't have a reason probably to keep them.
- 22 Sean Quinn: And then nobody else would see that calendar though because you would
23 check the calendar and then draw up this kind of excel sheet or list?
- 24 Michigan Deputy: Correct.
- 25 Sean Quinn: And then that's where it got submitted to Ron?
- 26 Michigan Deputy: Yes.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Okay or Mary Ellen, depending on. And you said the ideal situation is that
2 you do it monthly. It doesn't always work out that way?
- 3 Michigan Deputy: Well, I would say more often than not, it does not work out to be monthly.
4 I try to have a goal, I guess.
- 5 Sean Quinn: I'm going to look at one more. So I think you said when Paul took over
6 that you have a form that you use for Paul now. I'll give you that
7 document. So this is an expense reimbursement request and mileage
8 reimbursement for 8-01-2018 to 8-31-2018 for Heather Sandberg. So this
9 is the form that you now use for Paul?
- 10 Michigan Deputy: Correct.
- 11 Sean Quinn: Okay. Is there any more detail that's going on this form than what you
12 used to provide to Ron?
- 13 Michigan Deputy: No. I mean it looks like it's all the same. I mean, we spell out Muskegon.
- 14 Sean Quinn: Paul's not local, right?
- 15 Michigan Deputy: Paul's not local.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Let's see. So this is about a month or it is a month. Does this look like a
17 typical month? Is this a lot of travel, little travel?
- 18 Michigan Deputy: I mean it's hard for me to recall exactly what was going on, but it's an
19 election year, so it's not striking me as out of the ordinary in an election
20 year leading up to. I mean, that's a primary month. Things are gearing up.
- 21 Omar Ashmawy: The Michigan Primary is in August?
- 22 Michigan Deputy: August.
- 23 Sean Quinn: Okay. And then I know you guys have a campaign van also, right?
- 24 Michigan Deputy: Mm-hmm. (affirmative).
- 25 Sean Quinn: Who uses the campaign van mostly?
- 26 Michigan Deputy: I know Matt used it to do signs. Jim, maybe, whoever else was helping
27 with signs. It's a large transport of that stuff.
- 28 Sean Quinn: But you guys aren't using the campaign van for day to day travel for the
29 campaign?

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- 1 Michigan Deputy: No. If anything, it's in storage, actually.
- 2 Sean Quinn: It's in storage?
- 3 Michigan Deputy: I believe so.
- 4 Sean Quinn: Any reason you don't use the campaign van for standard travel?
- 5 Michigan Deputy: I think it broke down four times. It's not like the most probably reliable
6 source of transportation. I don't want to be stranded, you know, in it.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Jim was really talking up the van. He likes the van.
- 8 Michigan Deputy: Well good for him.
- 9 Sean Quinn: But he did agree with you that it's not worth trying to travel in the van.
- 10 Michigan Deputy: Yeah. It's probably not even efficient. It's old.
- 11 Omar Ashmawy: Apparently it's a plumber's van.
- 12 Michigan Deputy: That would explain a lot then.
- 13 Sean Quinn: Were you involved in buying the van and the hot debate over the wrapping
14 the van?
- 15 Michigan Deputy: No, but I did see a lot of emails. I just didn't comment and I thought, you
16 guys can do what you want.
- 17 Omar Ashmawy: Wise.
- 18 Sean Quinn: I've seen a bunch of those emails too and they're entertaining. But also I
19 noticed that on those emails, Natalie and Garrett are on them a lot. Is that
20 typical? Do they kind of chime in and offer advice on that sort of thing?
- 21 Michigan Deputy: Natalie has a background in graphic design. So she typically would have a
22 say in a lot of layout, our materials, logo design or working on the golf
23 outing invitation and she'll usually have feedback about it. She likes
24 something to look a certain way from a graphic design standpoint. It's her
25 background so that's great. Got some good input.
- 26 Sean Quinn: And then how about Garrett? So Natalie is like your design go to. Does
27 Garrett ...
- 28 Michigan Deputy: He's the one that looks at it from a younger set of eyes.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Got you. How old is Garrett? Is he college age?
- 2 Michigan Deputy: Yeah. He's in his last year of college, whatever age that is.
- 3 Sean Quinn: Where is he in school?
- 4 Michigan Deputy: New York.
- 5 Sean Quinn: Do you know what college he's at?
- 6 Michigan Deputy: It's Kings.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Okay, cool. So then other than just being a young college age set of eyes,
8 does Garrett do anything else for the campaign?
- 9 Michigan Deputy: I don't know specifically because I haven't worked with him. I've seen his
10 name on a lot of emails. Up in Mackinac and I know that he's gone and it's
11 been helpful like whatever it is they do up there, but he's very politically
12 minded, so yeah, more of that grassroots sort of thing which is not
13 anything I'm involved with.
- 14 Sean Quinn: Any of the other kids? Is Garrett the most active?
- 15 Michigan Deputy: I don't know. I wouldn't know.
- 16 Sean Quinn: We're getting pretty close to the end. If Omar and I can just pow-wow for
17 a few minutes, we can see if we've got anything else, but then I can just
18 ask kind of a couple of closing questions and then we'll get you out of
19 here. Then you can start driving all of these trips. We'll just step outside
20 for a little bit.
- 21 Omar Ashmawy: Back on the record.
- 22 Sean Quinn: Okay. You said your home office, I think is Grand Haven?
- 23 Michigan Deputy: I consider that to be. I have a computer at home as well which helps a lot
24 because I'm gone so much.
- 25 Sean Quinn: Does Matt have an office that is like his home office?
- 26 Michigan Deputy: Granville would be his main office.
- 27 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. So just you guys are in two different offices then?
- 28 Michigan Deputy: Correct.

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- 1 Omar Ashmawy: To the extent that you're in the office?
- 2 Michigan Deputy: Yes. Thank you.
- 3 Sean Quinn: Because you're doing your job so you're not in the office. Okay. And then
4 just kind of some questions that we always ask. Can you tell me a little bit
5 about what you did to prepare for this interview, if anything?
- 6 Michigan Deputy: Not really anything.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Did you have some conversations with Derek or Charlie?
- 8 Michigan Deputy: Yeah, just you know, okay, this is going on. We need you to show up at
9 this time. So it's the nature of, you know what the letter says you had
10 documents I had to send.
- 11 Sean Quinn: Were you involved in collecting any of the documents?
- 12 Michigan Deputy: I had to send emails about mileage reports. So I had to go back and pull
13 those.
- 14 Sean Quinn: And so you just talked to Derek and Charlie the one time?
- 15 Michigan Deputy: Yes.
- 16 Sean Quinn: And when did you first hear about the OCE's review?
- 17 Michigan Deputy: I would say I was coming home from the airport and that was, I want to
18 say May.
- 19 Sean Quinn: And who did you hear about it from?
- 20 Michigan Deputy: I think Matt and Sarah had called because they were compiling most of
21 everything and I'd been out of the country for a few days and so they said,
22 you know, we need, but I'm like, I don't know, I don't know what you're
23 talking about. So they had to back up and kind of bring me up to speed.
- 24 Sean Quinn: Okay. And what did they tell you to bring you up to speed?
- 25 Michigan Deputy: That I had to go through and pull emails related to mileage
26 reimbursements on both the campaign and official side and send them in a
27 certain formatted way.
- 28 Sean Quinn: And then, and what did they say about why you had to do that? Did they
29 like explain the review to you or tell you what –

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- 1 Michigan Deputy: Yeah, they said that there was a request for information, I think is maybe
2 how it was phrased to get those mileage – well from my standpoint.
- 3 Sean Quinn: Okay. And then so you met with Derek and Charlie?
- 4 Michigan Deputy: We just did a phone call.
- 5 Sean Quinn: Okay. How long did that phone call last?
- 6 Michigan Deputy: 20 minutes maybe.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Okay. And did they flag anything about the review in particular for you?
8 Any topics that were going to be covered in the interview?
- 9 Michigan Deputy: No, they didn't talk specifically, more about process.
- 10 Sean Quinn: Okay. So I know you talked to Matt and Sarah some when they kind of
11 caught you up on what was going on. Have you had any conversations
12 with anybody else in the campaign or the official side about the review?
- 13 Michigan Deputy: I think I talked to Jon just because he was confirming that I had talked to
14 them and understood what I had to supply and I said I did and I was
15 looking for that and he said, do you think you have it? I said, yeah, I think
16 I have pretty well, you know, like yeah, email makes it easy. I had
17 switched computers at one point in there, but I said, I think I've got what
18 they're looking for, and I did.
- 19 Sean Quinn: Okay. And then have you heard anything about the other interviews that
20 have been conducted?
- 21 Michigan Deputy: No.
- 22 Omar Ashmawy: Did anyone ever tell you how or suggest how to answer questions?
- 23 Michigan Deputy: No.
- 24 Sean Quinn: That's all I've got. You got anything?
- 25 Michigan Deputy: They just said be honest.
- 26 Sean Quinn: Yeah, so that's always good.
- 27 Omar Ashmawy: Kindergarten rule. No, I don't have anything else.

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1 Sean Quinn: Okay. That's all I've got too. Thank you very much for your time again.
2 Appreciate it.

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6	13	We just had one add	
6	15	he still; not he's still	
6	26	who ran for office	
7	6	to meet	
7	11	I did them from the; ^{not} _{for the}	
7	29	got rid of his	
8	16	work with <u>that</u> myself	
8	21	"our" kids; not the kids	
12	16	Macatawa	
13	3	being here <u>gitt</u>	
14	3	"them", not "one"	
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19	13	Economic development; not academic development	
20	5	"ending" miles; not any miles	
20	9	"Calendars"; not "Counters"	
20	28	And <u>this</u> new way; not its new way	
20	28	"Sheet" not shade	
22	8	"I'll be in"; not I've been in	
22	11	" <u>is</u> typical" not it's typical	

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EXHIBIT 4

Transcript of Interview of District Director

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1 Sean Quinn: So I'm starting the recording Today is June 26, 2019. And we're at the
2 offices of the law firm Clark Hill and Grand Rapids, Michigan, for the
3 interview of District Director. District Director is accompanied by his
4 counsel Derek Ross, speaking is Sean Quinn from the Office of
5 Congressional Ethics, and I'm here with Omar Ashmawy. The witness has
6 been given a copy of 18 U.S.C. 1001 and has signed the
7 acknowledgement.

8 Okay, so, Matt, if we can just start with some easy stuff. Can you just give
9 me a little bit of information about your background? Where'd you go to
10 school? Kind of How'd you end up working for Representative Huizenga?

11 District Director: Yeah. So I'm born and raised here in Grand Rapids. Graduated from
12 Grand Valley State University, currently pursuing a master's degree from
13 Grand Valley as well. Graduated with a degree in Public Administration.
14 Out of college, actually, during college interned in the Congressman's
15 district office during my senior year. After graduation went worked on a
16 U.S. Senate race for a year. The candidate did not win. But the
17 Congressman had an opening in his office after that race. So I moved over
18 and started working in his official office then.

19 Sean Quinn: Great and what was your first position in the-

20 District Director: Staff assistant.

21 Sean Quinn: And why don't you just kind of tell me your progression in the office-

22 District Director: Yes. So, staff assistant to Public Policy Manager, Two years later. And
23 then, just this past, I don't remember exactly when it was but was
24 promoted to district director.

25 Sean Quinn: And then, so you said two years later. So when did you start as a staff
26 assistant?

27 District Director: It would have been December of 2012.

28 Sean Quinn: So you're currently the district director?

29 District Director: Correct.

30 Sean Quinn: Is there only one district office or how many offices?

31 District Director: It's just two.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Okay, and where are those?
- 2 District Director: Grandville and Grand Haven.
- 3 Sean Quinn: And do you work primarily at one of those, or are you back and forth?
- 4 District Director: My home office is the Grandville office.
- 5 Sean Quinn: My Michigan geography is sadly lacking. Any idea, kind of relative to
6 where we are now where's Grandville? Where's Grand Haven?
- 7 District Director: Grandville is a suburb of the city, Grand Rapids, just south west.
- 8 Sean Quinn: About how far?
- 9 District Director: At least 15 minutes on a highway, maybe 10 miles, something like that.
10 Grand Haven is in northwest Ottawa County, which is the county directly
11 west of here. It's on the Lake Michigan just south of Muskegon.
- 12 Sean Quinn: About how far from here?
- 13 District Director: From here 45 minutes.
- 14 Sean Quinn: Okay. And so Grandville is your home office, do you work out of Grand
15 Haven also, sometimes?
- 16 District Director: Yes.
- 17 Sean Quinn: How do you kind of split your time between those two offices?
- 18 District Director: So, a lot of my time is on the road, with meetings and events and stuff. So
19 if I'm in the northern part of the district, I end up in Grand Haven. If I'm in
20 southern part of the district of Grand Rapids I end up in Grandville.
21 Depends on where the meetings were that day.
- 22 Sean Quinn: So basically, you just go to whatever offices most convenient and since
23 you're, you live closer to here normally that's Grandville?
- 24 District Director: That's correct.
- 25 Sean Quinn: Okay. And how did you get set up with the internship with Representative
26 Huizenga? And then kind of..
- 27 District Director: Yep. So going way back. So my dad was district director for the
28 Congressman before Congressman Huizenga – with Bill, with the

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1 Congress. So he was a district director before. So I've known him since I
2 was a kid. But then I worked with his chief of staff, Jon DeWitt on a
3 different political race when I was in college. So I got to know, Jon,
4 through that, and a bunch of the district staff.

5 Sean Quinn: And that is not the Senate race?

6 District Director: Correct. That was a governor's race in 2010.

7 Sean Quinn: So that's when you met Jon?

8 District Director: Yes.

9 Sean Quinn: Had Jon worked with Representative Huizenga previously?

10 District Director: I do not recall. Jon was district director for the Congressman before I do
11 not know or remember if their times overlap or anything like that.

12 Sean Quinn: Okay. And can you give me a little bit of an idea of what your role as
13 district director is? What sort of things are your responsibility?

14 District Director: Yeah, so the easiest way to explain it is, when the Congressman is in
15 Washington, I represent him at meetings and meeting with people. So if
16 constituents have issues, if nonprofits, businesses, chambers, you name
17 your organization, Farm, Bureau. If they want to know what's going on in
18 Washington, or want to hear what's going on, or have a problem with a
19 federal agency, they call our office and I'm usually the point of contact to
20 have the meeting with them.

21 Sean Quinn: Got you. And how many folks do you have in the Grandville office? Well,
22 its, yeah, how many folks do you have in the Grandville office here?

23 District Director: We have four full-time and then I guess me, and then we have one part-
24 time.

25 Sean Quinn: And then how about the Grand Haven office?

26 District Director: Two.

27 Sean Quinn: Two full-time?

28 District Director: Yes, one is transitioning. She was in our Grandville office, but well, more
29 than likely to be working more on the Grand Haven office than
30 Grandville. So I guess she flows back and forth.

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1 Sean Quinn: There will be various times for this interview that I'll ask you sort of
2 tedious questions, but do you mind giving me the names of all those folks
3 and what offices they're in? So we'll start the Grandville.

4 District Director: Grandville, you need first and last or just first?

5 Sean Quinn: First and last will be great.

6 District Director: Beatriz Mancilla.

7 Sean Quinn: Okay. And what's her position?

8 District Director: She is a district representative. Krista Umanos, who is also a district
9 representative. Presley Scolton who's the staff assistant. Brian Patrick,
10 who's our communications director. Me --

11 Sean Quinn: Is that Boomer?

12 District Director: Yes. And then Jennifer Duthler is the part-time one. She's also a district
13 representative in Grandville.

14 Sean Quinn: Sorry, what was that last name?

15 District Director: Duthler.

16 Sean Quinn: So there are three district representatives?

17 District Director: That is correct. They are caseworkers, but they all have the same title of
18 district representative.

19 Sean Quinn: Okay. And then how about Grand Haven?

20 District Director: Grand Haven is, Heather Sandberg. She's Deputy Chief of Staff. And
21 Sarah Lisman, She has a long title and I'm not exactly sure what it is.
22 Some sort of District Project Coordinator of some sort. Actually, she's the
23 one that just moved from Grandville to work on Grand Haven office.

24 Sean Quinn: Can you give me an idea of what, kind of how a district representative's
25 job differs from yours?

26 District Director: Yes, so the district representatives are truly caseworkers. So, a lot of times
27 I'm out in the community and I find a business or person, a nonprofit has
28 an issue with a federal agency that I pass it along to the district
29 representatives who then coordinate with the agencies directly. So I'm not
30 necessarily the person helping her solve the problem. I'm more of the one

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Let me know if it comes to mind. Okay, so I think I've got an idea of
2 everybody in the offices. Do all these people maybe save Heather report to
3 you? Or-
- 4 District Director: So they all report to Heather That's actually what I was going to add. So
5 everyone reports to Heather, I'm sort of an offshoot. I report to Heather as
6 well. But none of them report directly to me. They all report to Heather.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Great. And do you hold – do you kind of wear any other hats or hold any
8 other positions for the representative?
- 9 District Director: Yes, I do work on the campaign as well.
- 10 Sean Quinn: And you have a title for the campaign?
- 11 District Director: Campaign manager.
- 12 Sean Quinn: Okay. And how long have you been the campaign manager?
- 13 District Director: I can't remember exactly when it happened but it happened during last
14 cycle. I would say summer of 2018. I don't have an exact date for you
15 though.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Was Jim Barry the former campaign manager?
- 17 District Director: So Jim Barry was a campaign manager very early on. Now he is called –
18 his title is campaign chairman. So he does the lot of the big picture
19 strategy type stuff.
- 20 Sean Quinn: Did you hold any positions with the campaign before 2018 summer of
21 2018?
- 22 District Director: I never had the official title. I was compensated for work but I never had
23 an official title.
- 24 Sean Quinn: From what we've heard titles are not a big thing on the campaign side.
- 25 District Director: No.
- 26 Sean Quinn: Congratulations on your title, one of the special few. And I think just to
27 kind of close the loop, I think we went through most of your employment
28 history. But other than working on the senate campaign after college, did
29 you hold any other jobs?
- 30 District Director: After college?

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- 1 Sean Quinn: After college before working for the representative.
- 2 District Director: Just this one.
- 3 Sean Quinn: Okay. And can you just, obviously you work for the Congressman, can
4 you describe your relationship with the Congressman? And I know you
5 said, your father and him are acquainted from working together when they
6 were younger. Just give me an idea of what your relationship with
7 Congressman is like.
- 8 Mostly professional, friendly, family friends?
- 9 District Director: I mean, it's definitely a professional relationship. But I consider him a
10 friend.
- 11 Sean Quinn: And how about Jon DeWitte?
- 12 District Director: It's been definitely a professional relationship, but I would definitely
13 consider him a friend.
- 14 Sean Quinn: And then for the campaign, so you told me you're the campaign manager.
15 Jim is the campaign chairman. You said Jim kind of handles the big
16 picture strategy issues. Can you tell me what you do as the campaign
17 manager?
- 18 District Director: Yeah. I did a lot of the nuts and bolts of the campaign. Helped . . . we had
19 a few interns that I managed and sort of helped with strategy and working
20 with ad placement and that kind of stuff.
- 21 Sean Quinn: How big is the campaign organization here in Michigan?
- 22 District Director: The paid staff is me and Jim, and Heather, and Boomer (Brian).
- 23 Sean Quinn: And so I assume. do you report to Jim? Or give me an idea of how the
24 reporting structure of the campaign.
- 25 District Director: There's really not a lot of structure to the campaign. We all report to Bill.
26 There really is no other way to put it but we all report to Bill.
- 27 Sean Quinn: Do, does Heather have a title for the campaign?
- 28 District Director: Not that I'm aware of.
- 29 Sean Quinn: And then Boomer is comms. director for the office, but does he have a
30 campaign title?

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- 1 District Director: Not that am aware of.
- 2 Sean Quinn: And you said you are compensated for your work on the campaign?
- 3 District Director: Correct.
- 4 Sean Quinn: And how are you compensated?
- 5 District Director: Monthly, I'm a 1099 employee, so, but a monthly check. No benefits or
6 anything like that.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Is that a salary or do you report some sort of hourly?
- 8 District Director: That's salary.
- 9 Sean Quinn: Any kind of like other forms of compensation or like perks you get from
10 the job?
- 11 District Director: It's more work.
- 12 Sean Quinn: How do you, give me an idea of what, how much time you spend kind of
13 on the official side and how much time you spend on the campaign? I'm
14 sure it probably varies by year. So you can give me, kind of give me some
15 detail on that as well.
- 16 District Director: Yeah. I mean, my nine to five, eight to five job is the official office. So I
17 spend that time in the official office doing official work. With my role, I
18 also tend to have a lot of breakfasts and dinners and happy hours and other
19 things to attend. So it's never nine to five on the official side. Campaign
20 side is fluctuating depending on the year. And an off year like this, it's not
21 a ton of time spent on the campaign. It's some random things early in the
22 morning and late at night. When the campaign ramps up, it's definitely
23 more. But again, it's all it's after hours. So it's, I couldn't give you an hour
24 estimate if I tried.
- 25 Sean Quinn: Okay. And do, does any of your family work for a Representative
26 Huizenga or volunteer on the campaign?
- 27 District Director: My wife might walk in a parade if I convince her to.
- 28 Sean Quinn: Okay. So you're married?
- 29 District Director: Yes.
- 30 Sean Quinn: Okay. Do you have any children?

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- 1 District Director: No.
- 2 Sean Quinn: So I understand the representative does have lots of fundraising activities.
3 We've talked with other folks about some of the Disney trips and trips to
4 New York and Boston. And then I know there's a beer tour that happens in
5 Michigan, I think yearly. And also golf tour. Have you ever gone on any
6 of those trips? Or gone to the beer tour, or the golf event?
- 7 District Director: I visited one stop on the beer tour last year.
- 8 Sean Quinn: Where exactly does the beer tour happen?
- 9 District Director: It's different every time. I don't know where it is this time and I don't know
10 exactly where they've gone every time so...
- 11 Sean Quinn: And do you ever go to the, I think there's the Republican leadership
12 conference in Mackinac every other year. You go to that?
- 13 District Director: Yes.
- 14 Sean Quinn: How many... When did you start going to that?
- 15 District Director: It happens in odd years. This year's an odd year. So it would have been
16 2013 was the first one I went to.
- 17 Sean Quinn: And you've gone every other year since then?
- 18 District Director: Yes.
- 19 Sean Quinn: Can you tell me a little bit about that event? You can just kind of generally
20 describe it. I'll ask you some specifics after that.
- 21 District Director: Yeah, it's a conference put together by the Michigan Republican Party. It's
22 sort of the unofficial kickoff to the next cycle's election. They bring in
23 some big keynote speakers from around the country. Sort of to help
24 fundraise for the Michigan Republican party organization and sort of get
25 the grassroots teams organized. There's anyone running for any elected
26 office in the state especially statewide offices tend to have receptions and
27 in sort of their own parties and stuff like that.
- 28 Sean Quinn: And who, has the one for 2019 happened yet?
- 29 District Director: No.
- 30 Sean Quinn: When is it normally?

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- 1 District Director: It's always in September? I don't know the dates.
- 2 Sean Quinn: So let's you're probably most fresh in your memory would be 2017. Can
3 you tell me who from Congressman Huizenga world goes to the Mackinac
4 trip?
- 5 District Director: Best to my recollection. It's me and Jim Barry. Bill and the family. Greg
6 VanWoerkom went, Brian Patrick went. I believe Jon was there. I can't
7 remember because Jon hasn't gone to all of them. So I can't remember
8 which one Jon has gone to which one he hasn't.
- 9 Sean Quinn: Okay. And how about... So those are the folks that work for the
10 Congressman. How about their families? Do families normally go to that
11 as well?
- 12 District Director: Yes.
- 13 Sean Quinn: Everybody you just named, so yourself, Jim-
- 14 District Director: Yep. So my spouse, Jim's spouse was there. Bill's family was there.
15 Brian's family was there. I can't remember who else I named.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Greg and Jon.
- 17 District Director: Greg's family was there. Jon did not have any family. Jon has not had
18 family on the island when he's gone. Like I said, I can't remember if he
19 was there in '17 or not.
- 20 Sean Quinn: Okay. And when you go for that, does the campaign pay for that trip?
- 21 District Director: Yes.
- 22 Sean Quinn: And does the campaign also pay for your family?
- 23 District Director: Yes.
- 24 Sean Quinn: And do you know if that's true for all the people we just talked about?
- 25 District Director: Best to my understanding, yes.
- 26 Sean Quinn: And maybe this is kind of an odd question, but why do you bring your
27 family to the Mackinac trip?
- 28 District Director: It's a big family – I mean, everyone that's running for office, everyone that
29 goes up there comes up with their families. It's a family event. So.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Are you kind of – the representative will do kind of like a, some sort of
2 reception during that time normally?
- 3 District Director: We have some years and we haven't in other years.
- 4 Sean Quinn: Okay. Can you describe for me the sort of, to the extent you're doing work
5 while you're up there, what kind of work are you doing?
- 6 District Director: Yeah, it's all for the campaign. It's meeting with other campaign managers
7 meeting with other members of Congress offices. Bill schedules meetings
8 with other individuals on like, I'm not exactly sure who he meets with the
9 whole time. I just became the district director so I never totally tied in the
10 schedule. So I don't know who all he met with. But it's a lot of meeting
11 and networking with fellow campaign staff from around the state.
- 12 Sean Quinn: Cool. And how long is that? How long does the conference normally, or
13 how many days to stay up there?
- 14 District Director: It's a weekend. So I think we go up on, usually go up on a Friday, come
15 home on a Sunday.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Okay. Do the families normally come to those meetings or the receptions
17 or cocktail hours that-
- 18 District Director: It depends on what the meeting is and what the reception is. A lot of this
19 stuff is family friendly. So the family tends to go if he has a one on one
20 meeting, family might not come to that.
- 21 Sean Quinn: What kind of stuff are you doing for fun when you're up in Mackinac? I've
22 heard it's, I lived in Michigan for a year and everybody kept saying I had
23 to go to Mackinac. I never made it, but –
- 24 District Director: The islands always a good time. I mean, so the conference ends on Sunday
25 morning. So I've ridden bike around the island before I left but usually, I
26 mean, it's a four hour drive and a ferry trip and everything. So it's not a
27 whole lot of free time afterwards either.
- 28 Sean Quinn: There are no cars on the island?
- 29 District Director: No.
- 30 Sean Quinn: And is it just the Grand Hotel that's on the island? Or are there other
31 hotels? I've heard people talking about the Grand hotel.

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- 1 District Director: There's others. I guess you could call it the Downtown. There's all sorts of
2 hotels.
- 3 Sean Quinn: Okay. So while, if there are meetings that families aren't attending, what
4 sorts of things are the families doing? While you guys are busy working
5 on campaign stuff.
- 6 District Director: My wife might go shopping, but I'm not sure what the other families do.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Okay. So kind of going back to your work in the district, unless do you
8 have any more questions about Mackinac? Okay. So I know you said your
9 work kind of takes you all over the district. Let's talk a little bit about how
10 frequently you're traveling for work. How many days a week would you
11 say you're off going somewhere in the district to meet with a constituent or
12 some group?
- 13 District Director: I typically have meetings five days a week. It may not be a full day of
14 meetings, but I will be driving somewhere to a meeting on average, every
15 day of the week.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Okay. And are those always in the district or do you have any occasion to
17 go outside the district?
- 18 District Director: There're occasions I go outside the district every once in a while. I'll have
19 a trip to Detroit. That's where all of the, a lot of the regional offices are
20 either Detroit or Chicago. So if we're going to meet with an agency or the
21 federal... I don't remember the name of the organization. There's a Federal
22 Reserve Board or something like that that convenes the other district
23 offices to get together to talk with agencies and stuff like that. So there's
24 times where we'll go to Detroit or Chicago.
- 25 Every once in a while we'll go I mean, in Michigan, just because our
26 district has a line on it doesn't mean that we can't cross it. So one of the
27 issue areas that I always focus on was forest service. The forest service
28 main office have this being Cadillac, which is outside the district, but if
29 they want to meet, they always want to meet in their office in Cadillac, so
30 I'll go to Cadillac to meet with them. Technically, Grand Rapids here is
31 not in our district, but the Grand Rapids chamber itself, like there's a lot of
32 overlap with the surrounding cities that are in our district. So I find
33 myself, the Farm Bureau or those kind of organizations pick Grand Rapids
34 to hold their events because it's Central. So there's times I leave the
35 district.
- 36 Sean Quinn: Okay. But would you say most of your work is in the district?

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- 1 District Director: Yeah, the majority.
- 2 Sean Quinn: So you said five days a week? I know I'm sure meeting with organizations
3 in early morning or at night might bleed into weekends also. Do you find
4 yourself working on weekends a lot? Or do you have you somehow made
5 this sacred?
- 6 District Director: I've attempted to, I can't say it never happens. My schedule is open to
7 when people schedule their meetings. When the Congressman is here and
8 available, I'll tend to travel with him. So if there's a weekend event that
9 he's got to attend it, I will usually attend with him.
- 10 Sean Quinn: Okay, but on a typical week, it's a week day and you're driving all around
11 five days a week?
- 12 District Director: Yes.
- 13 Sean Quinn: I think I probably know the answer to this questions from what you've told
14 me, but during the week do you have a predictable schedule?
- 15 District Director: No.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Do you normally... Monday is in this city, Tuesday is in that city?
- 17 District Director: No.
- 18 Sean Quinn: No? Okay.
- 19 District Director: You know, sometimes a month there will be like the west coast Chamber
20 has their government affairs breakfast the third Monday of the month. I
21 don't know which. It's on a Monday, I know that. I don't remember which
22 one it is, so those type of things will be every month this group meets on
23 the third this or the second this. I'll try to build my schedule around those,
24 the reoccurring events, but a typical Monday, you know, the first Monday
25 is way different than the second Monday, and it's different from the third
26 Monday.
- 27 Sean Quinn: Right. Okay. Got you. Okay, and how do you get around?
- 28 District Director: I drive my car.
- 29 Sean Quinn: And you get reimbursed for the mileage, right?
- 30 District Director: That's correct.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: How do you keep track of the miles that you're driving?
- 2 District Director: I use... in most situations I schedule everything in my Outlook calendar
3 with addresses, and then I'll go back. I file my... in a typical situation, file
4 my expense reports monthly, so I'll go back and look at my Outlook
5 calendar and remember where I drove on those days and use a Google
6 Maps type.
- 7 Sean Quinn: And do you know is that sort of typical for people in the office? Do you
8 have any insight to how other people manage their-
- 9 District Director: I have no idea how other people do theirs.
- 10 Sean Quinn: So there's no policy in the office, it's just kind of be accurate and as
11 accurate as you can be.
- 12 District Director: To my understanding, I have not seen a direct policy of do this or do that.
- 13 Sean Quinn: Did anybody kind of teach you that method or that was just the one that
14 worked best for you?
- 15 District Director: That's just what's worked best for me.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Okay. We're going to look at just one of your mileage reimbursements. I'm
17 going to give you a few documents throughout the interview, and if you
18 could just keep them to the side, I'm going to take them back because I'm
19 going to recycle some tomorrow, so-
- 20 District Director: Okay.
- 21 Sean Quinn: Try to save a few trees. That's fine, I probably won't since it's your email,
22 but this is an email from you to Ron, January 29, 2016.
- 23 District Director: Okay.
- 24 Sean Quinn: There's nothing special about this one, but I just want to know if this is
25 sort of a typical mileage reimbursement request. Is this how you normally
26 do it?
- 27 District Director: I mean, for the campaign on a typical month. On the campaign side, it's a
28 little different. I might not send one in every month, depending on the
29 year. If I didn't drive that much for a campaign, I'm not going to send in
30 for one item.
- 31 Sean Quinn: Right.

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- 1 District Director: Typically, I tend to send in monthly mileage reimbursement, so.
- 2 Sean Quinn: So on the official side, it's pretty much monthly and then campaign, it just
3 kind of depends on how busy you are?
- 4 Sean Quinn: So this one, you sent this to Ron. Is it different if it's for the campaign or
5 does everything go to Ron, or did everything go to Ron?
- 6 District Director: For the campaign reimbursements, Ron. We sent all. I sent all of my
7 reimbursements to Ron.
- 8 Sean Quinn: Okay, and then how about for your official work?
- 9 District Director: The official office, we have a... I don't know what her title is or what her...
10 she does payroll-type stuff, finance stuff for the office, and she processes
11 our expense reports.
- 12 Sean Quinn: Is that Mary Ellen?
- 13 District Director: Yes.
- 14 Sean Quinn: Okay. So she's the finance person for the office.
- 15 District Director: Correct.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Then I know... and I understand that Ron passed away recently, but he had
17 stopped working for the campaign before he passed away, right?
- 18 District Director: To the best of my understanding. I can't remember exact dates of when he
19 passed and when he quit working for the campaign, but it was before he
20 passed, yes.
- 21 Sean Quinn: And do you know who is handling the campaign reimbursements now?
- 22 District Director: Paul Kilgore.
- 23 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 24 District Director: PDS I think is the name of the company.
- 25 Sean Quinn: Okay. When you make submissions to Mary Ellen for your official work,
26 do they look like this as well?
- 27 District Director: No, no.

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1 Sean Quinn: She has a form?

2 District Director: The House has a form that we have to fill out.

3 Sean Quinn: Do you have any idea why Ron was kind of let go or stopped working for
4 the campaign?

5 District Director: From my recollection, it was health reasons.

6 Sean Quinn: Okay, let's look at this a little bit. It looks like in general, or for the most
7 part, you're reporting kind of destinations. It looks like on January 5, you
8 didn't say where you were going. This is, I understand, 2016. Any memory
9 of where you were going on January 5, 2016?

10 District Director: No recollection of what I was doing on January 5 of '16.

11 Sean Quinn: So if you're not reporting a destination, do you know maybe why that
12 might be?

13 District Director: I do not know.

14 Sean Quinn: Okay. Does that happen often or that's sort of a one-off?

15 District Director: To my recollection, I usually put where I was going.

16 Sean Quinn: And we've got what I guess, correct me if I'm wrong, are destinations... are
17 you always starting from your house?

18 District Director: Everything depends on the day. If I ended working in the official office
19 but didn't go home, I might start from the official office just because that's
20 where I started driving from. Most of the time, it was to home.

21 Sean Quinn: So this was back in 2016. Has anything changed about the way that you
22 report mileage in the last three years or so?

23 District Director: When we started working with Paul, we had switched over to a
24 spreadsheet. It's a little bit more uniform for the campaign stuff, at least I
25 have.

26 Sean Quinn: What do you mean? Like Paul provided you kind of a form spreadsheet to
27 fill in or you just use Excel now instead of-

28 District Director: Paul provided a generic form that he had used for other... I don't know,
29 that he gave us, provided us, and we sort of tweaked it for our own use.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Okay. As you were doing in 2016, is it still generally your practice to
2 basically just give a destination and then the mileage?
- 3 District Director: Usually what I do is a start point, end point and mileage.
- 4 Sean Quinn: But you weren't doing that here, right? In 2016?
- 5 District Director: That's correct.
- 6 Sean Quinn: Okay. When did that... did that change when Paul started?
- 7 District Director: I can't... doing this monthly, I can't remember what each month looks like.
8 I guess sometimes I just did where I went to and I knew where I started
9 from and where I am, so-
- 10 Sean Quinn: Right. But no specific event or training you went to, or something.
11 Nothing happened that made you start writing start point and end point.
12 You just kind of evolved into that?
- 13 District Director: I guess you could say that, yeah.
- 14 Sean Quinn: Okay. So other than Google Maps, do you ever do anything to verify your
15 mileage or double-check yourself?
- 16 District Director: Google Maps is fairly accurate, in my opinion. There may be times where
17 I drove from multiple different spots and I would just change my trip, but
18 that happened on rare occasions.
- 19 Sean Quinn: I can actually just take that back unless you want to keep one copy? Okay.
- 20 Derek Ross: You're going to... I mean, I've got it already but you're going to use it
21 again tomorrow, right?
- 22 Sean Quinn: This one, I'm probably not going to, but since it's Matt in particular, but
23 some of these I might.
- 24 Do you have a -- just talk about how much you're traveling. Do you have a
25 guess, what's an average day, how far you're driving? How long are you
26 driving?
- 27 District Director: I don't, because if I drive to Ludington from home, it's way larger than if I
28 drive to Holland to home, so it's hard, it's really hard to average it out, so I
29 don't know.
- 30 Sean Quinn: Okay. So it varies a lot by day?

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1 District Director: Yes.

2 Sean Quinn: Okay. Moving on from mileage, a little bit related, do you – there's a
3 campaign vehicle, right?

4 District Director: That's correct.

5 Sean Quinn: And it's a big van, like a cargo van?

6 District Director: It's a... yeah, a former work van, I guess you could call it. Somebody
7 bought it used.

8 Sean Quinn: And what do you guys use that for?

9 District Director: Putting up signs, parade, we use it as a moving billboard at times, going to
10 events to park it out in front so that people can see that we're there. It's
11 more of an advertising vehicle for the campaign.

12 Sean Quinn: And when did you guys get the van?

13 District Director: To the best of my recollection, it was summer of '18, spring/summer of
14 '18.

15 Sean Quinn: So pretty recent, then?

16 District Director: Yeah, I think our goal was to have it for the Fourth of July parades, but I
17 don't remember the exact timing beyond that.

18 Sean Quinn: So it's not... nobody really uses it for just day-to-day travel?

19 District Director: No.

20 Sean Quinn: Has it been a sort of, do you use it all out or does it stay parked
21 somewhere?

22 District Director: It depends on the time. Right now, it has storage insurance on it and it sits
23 in a storage unit because it's not necessarily campaign season, but it was a
24 huge asset for putting up signs and stuff. It's something that we used to
25 have to do with a truck and a trailer, and signs would blow out. It was nice
26 to be able to have a vehicle that large signs could slide inside of and not
27 have to blow around in the wind as you're driving down the highway and
28 worry about them flying out, so it was used significantly during the
29 campaign. In an off-year, it's not. We bring it out for parades and stuff like
30 that.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Decreases the campaign's tort liability a little bit.
- 2 District Director: As someone that's put up a lot of large signs, it was one of the best ways to
3 put up signs that I've had.
- 4 Sean Quinn: Yeah. So mostly during campaign season. Otherwise, sitting in storage.
- 5 District Director: Correct.
- 6 Sean Quinn: This is an email from you to Bill and some others; Jon, Jim, Bill's wife
7 Heather, Boomer, Sarah, with an attachment. Is that on the back? Is that
8 what the van looks like?
- 9 District Director: Pretty close. I think there might've been a tweak or two after that, but
10 that's pretty close to what the van looks like, yeah.
- 11 Sean Quinn: I think I saw on some of the emails somebody wanted more social media
12 presence on the back.
- 13 District Director: That is correct. We've added the logos of all the social media stuff next to
14 the license plate on the back, but other than that, this looks pretty close to
15 what it looks like.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Cool. I just read enough emails about the thing, but I wanted to see it. I
17 was like finally I came across one where there was an attachment. It
18 sounded like it was a hot topic of debate over a couple months.
- 19 District Director: It went back and forth quite a while about what it should look like, but it
20 actually ended up looking very nice. Logos very large on the side of it,
21 easy to see, easy to read. Very identifiable.
- 22 Sean Quinn: And then you said now you just store it... it's in a storage unit?
- 23 District Director: That is correct.
- 24 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 25 Omar Ashmawy: I had a tangential question actually, and bear with me, but some basics.
26 Who is Natalie Huizenga?
- 27 District Director: That's the congressman's wife.
- 28 Omar Ashmawy: Just out of curiosity, why was she included on the email?

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1 District Director: She likes to be included on design-related stuff. She has an understanding
2 of what looks good and what doesn't, and wants to be included in that.
3 Way better than I do.

4 Sean Quinn: Sort of on that, are there other family members, either Bill's family or any
5 other family members that are particularly active in the campaign?

6 District Director: Particularly active . . . they all volunteer and walk in parades, and stuff
7 like that.

8 Sean Quinn: Okay.

9 District Director: We might ask them for opinion on what a van looks like at some point, but
10 involved in day-to-day and big picture and stuff like that, it's not much.

11 Sean Quinn: Okay. How about is that true for Garrett also?

12 District Director: Of all the kids, Garrett's probably the one that is the most interested and
13 will ask us sometimes what's going on with it, and stuff like that, and give
14 insight and ideas.

15 Omar Ashmawy: Does he have a regular role in the campaign?

16 District Director: To my recollection, no.

17 Sean Quinn: He's a senior in college?

18 District Director: Don't quote me on age, but he's in college.

19 Sean Quinn: He's in college? Okay.

20 We were talking about Mackinac a little bit ago, and I think I remember
21 seeing... did Garrett go to Mackinac in 2017? I saw some emails talking
22 about Garrett and then Garrett brought some friends to Mackinac as well?
23 Three friends?

24 District Director: I cannot remember if he came in '17 or not, because he was away at
25 college, so I can't remember. I know he came up with some friends to help
26 us at an event at one of the years. I can't remember if it was '17 or if it was
27 '15, so I can't remember.

28 Omar Ashmawy: Can you elaborate on that a little bit?

29 District Director: Yeah. We... again, I don't remember which year we had the event, but we
30 had an event, a public event, and needed some volunteer help, so I think

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- 1 this must not have been '17, because they were high school buddies that
2 wanted some campaign volunteer experience where they were interested
3 in helping out, so they helped with that. Then being on the island, passing
4 out knickknacks and goodies and stuff like that.
- 5 Omar Ashmawy: Do you recall what kind of work they did?
- 6 District Director: They helped with registration, being outside the event, letting people know
7 where to go, coordinating where people were going and when, passing out
8 campaign stuff, I guess you could call it. I don't know what you want to
9 call it, tchotchkes.
- 10 Omar Ashmawy: Swag.
- 11 District Director: Swag, that's a good word, and that kind of stuff.
- 12 Omar Ashmawy: What was the nature of the event that they were helping out of? I know the
13 whole thing's a state Republican event. Specifically this particular event
14 they were helping out at, what kind of event was it?
- 15 District Director: We held an ice cream social. It was an event just to let people on the
16 island, other Republicans from around the state, get to know Bill a little bit
17 better and get to see our team and what we're up on, so.
- 18 Omar Ashmawy: Were there any other events that weekend that they helped out with?
- 19 District Director: I can't recall.
- 20 Omar Ashmawy: Were there any other Representative Huizenga events that weekend?
- 21 District Director: Not that I'm aware of, no.
- 22 Omar Ashmawy: So then unlikely for another event.
- 23 District Director: Unlikely nothing else directly related that we did as our own campaign.
24 There were a lot of other member-related events that they could've
25 volunteered for, or they could've volunteered for other organizations. I'm
26 not sure.
- 27 Omar Ashmawy: Just for the sake of clarity, other member events... you mean other events
28 not having to do with Representative Huizenga's campaign?
- 29 District Director: Correct.

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- 1 Omar Ashmawy: Other small point. How long does a Mackinac ice cream social go? I've
2 never been to Mackinac. I don't know if I've ever been to an ice cream
3 social.
- 4 District Director: Most of the events on the island are an hour and a half, two hours. I
5 couldn't tell you how long this one was, but most events are in that range.
- 6 Sean Quinn: Oh, by the way, I should have said at the beginning, if you need to take a
7 break at any point, just let me know. Are you good to go right now?
- 8 District Director: I'm good.
- 9 Sean Quinn: Okay. We talked earlier about your mileage reimbursement and how for
10 the campaign you'd go through it used to be Ron, now it's Paul, then for
11 official work it's Mary Ellen. Is that the same for other types of
12 reimbursements, like if you buy something or needed to be reimbursed for
13 it?
- 14 District Director: Yes.
- 15 Sean Quinn: All right. How does the process for submitting that sort of request work?
16 You can start with the campaign.
- 17 District Director: The campaign? Right now, on Paul's spreadsheet there's a separate spot.
- 18 Sean Quinn: Okay. I think since we're talking about a spreadsheet, I think I've got one
19 we can look at. This is a spreadsheet, it looks like, for expense
20 reimbursements and mileage reimbursements, and it covers dates 7/21 to
21 8/31, and that's 2018. Is that the sort of spreadsheet you're talking about?
- 22 District Director: That is the type of spreadsheet we use now, correct, that I use now.
- 23 Sean Quinn: Okay. And do you know, does everybody use this spreadsheet for the
24 campaign now?
- 25 District Director: To the best of my recollection, yes. I can't say I've seen everyone's
26 expense reports.
- 27 Sean Quinn: Okay. Right, so as you said, it's got a section for mileage reimbursements
28 and then also your expense reimbursements. Would you normally submit
29 any supporting receipts or material with this? Do you submit your Verizon
30 bill?
- 31 District Director: If there was an expense, yes. The Verizon bill is the same every month.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Okay. So this is for the campaign. How about for your official work? How
2 do you submit these sorts of expense reimbursements?
- 3 District Director: The official office has a... the House Finance has a form that includes
4 mileage and all other reimbursements all on one document organized by
5 date, earliest to latest. You're only allowed to put one month per page, so
6 all are on the same page.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Is there anything different that you do for the House document than you
8 do for the campaign submissions?
- 9 District Director: Different? I have different types of expenses on the official side. Most
10 events that I go to require me to pay in advance then I get reimbursed, so
11 if I go to a Chamber breakfast, I go and pay out of my own pocket, and
12 then get reimbursed for that event. So there's a lot more actual... in the
13 parking, I pay the parking and get reimbursed for that. Whereas the
14 campaign is pretty much all mileage, the official office has different parts
15 to it, so.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Okay. For the campaign side, mostly mileage and then it looks like your
17 Verizon bills. I guess I understand it's probably not frequent, but can you
18 tell me what other sorts of things you would pay for, for the campaign
19 side?
- 20 District Director: To the best of my recollection, that's the majority of what I do. There
21 might be one or two other ones here and there, but it's the majority of that.
- 22 Sean Quinn: Okay. Do you have a campaign card?
- 23 District Director: I do now, yes.
- 24 Sean Quinn: You do?
- 25 District Director: Yes.
- 26 Sean Quinn: When did you get the campaign card?
- 27 District Director: I can't remember the exact date.
- 28 Omar Ashmawy: This year?
- 29 District Director: I had... I can't remember when. I did get one this year, yes, but I had
30 access to a campaign card last fall.

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1 Sean Quinn: Okay. Okay, and when you say you had access for it or access to it, what
2 do you mean?

3 District Director: It was a card that was shared between a couple different people, so it
4 wasn't always in my possession.

5 Sean Quinn: What kind of card was it? What bank was it?

6 District Director: That one, it was a Huntington Bank.

7 Sean Quinn: And the card you have now?

8 District Director: The card I have now is a... I don't know. It's not a debit card, it's a credit
9 card, but I'm not sure exactly.

10 Sean Quinn: You don't have it with you right now, I guess?

11 District Director: I do have it with me.

12 Sean Quinn: Can you look and see what kind of card it is?

13 District Director: It's an American Express card.

14 Sean Quinn: Okay. What kind of things... so presumably you don't have to seek
15 reimbursement oftentimes for campaign stuff because you just put it on
16 the campaign card instead?

17 District Director: Correct.

18 Sean Quinn: So what kind of stuff are you buying on the campaign card?

19 District Director: Office supplies, supplies for signs, gas for the van. It really depends on
20 what's going on at that time, but it can be used for anything that we need
21 to be paid for, events, so a little bit of everything.

22 Sean Quinn: Okay. Have you, when you got your campaign card, was there any
23 training you went through or anybody that gave you an idea of what
24 should go on a campaign card, what should be paid for personally, which
25 should be put on the official expense side? Any sort of training like that?

26 District Director: No official training. It's pretty easy to delineate between the official office
27 and the campaign to know which entity can pay for what, just through the
28 years of working on it, it's pretty easy to delineate payments.

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1 Sean Quinn: Okay. Any official policies that you know of related to spending on the
2 campaign card? Or?

3 District Director: Nothing.

4 Derek Ross: Do you want some more water?

5 District Director: Thank you.

6 Derek Ross: Yep.

7 Sean Quinn: I'll have a little water too. Coffee's getting warm. Thank you very much.

8 Derek Ross: Yep.

9 District Director: Don't want to ruin Derek's nice tan.

10 Sean Quinn: Okay, so, on either the official side or the campaign side, have you ever
11 submitted a reimbursement and been told, "No, you can't get reimbursed
12 for that," or, "we need more documentation," or anything like that?

13 District Director: Yes, I've been asked for more documentation.

14 Sean Quinn: Do you remember any specific instances?

15 District Director: Just this week, I was actually asked on the official side why I attended an
16 event, what the event was.

17 Sean Quinn: And what was that about?

18 District Director: It was the Tulip Time Governor's Lunch. It's something that we've gone to
19 for ten years, but sometimes people don't in Washington that don't know
20 the district, don't know what Tulip Time is.

21 Sean Quinn: I was just going to say, I had that question. What is Tulip Time?

22 District Director: Tulip Time's a weeklong festival in Holland celebrating the Dutch culture
23 and every year there's, the governor comes and gives and speech and a
24 luncheon.

25 Sean Quinn: Okay.

26 District Director: They just asked what the event was, so there was more clarification, you
27 know that.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: And so that's an example of something you, on the official side, you pay
2 for personally but then you get reimbursed for it?
- 3 District Director: Correct.
- 4 Sean Quinn: Okay. How about the campaign side, ever had any request for
5 reimbursement rejected or asked to be modified?
- 6 District Director: Not that I'm aware.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Do you... I know you've got interns and there are other people in the
8 campaign office. Do you oversee anybody else's spending?
- 9 District Director: I did in the fall. All the interns and everyone sent their stuff to me, but
10 right now, there's just not a lot going on to oversee.
- 11 Sean Quinn: And when you say, "sent their stuff to you," what?
- 12 District Director: If they had a mileage expense report or something like that, they would
13 send it to me and then I would send it to Paul.
- 14 Sean Quinn: Okay. Do interns ever have expenses other than mileage?
- 15 District Director: To the best of my recollection, no. I can't say 100 percent no, but we try...
16 we almost never send an intern away by themselves to go do something,
17 so more than likely, there was... I was with them. So to the best of my
18 recollection, no.
- 19 Sean Quinn: Okay. So you said, since you have the campaign card, if you're... if there's
20 a Huizenga event and you need to go get refreshments or drinks or
21 something like that, that sort of charge, how would you handle that?
- 22 District Director: So, I guess to clarify, we are hosting an event. We ran out of coke and had
23 to go buy coke for the event, I would use the campaign card, yeah.
- 24 Sean Quinn: Got you. Okay. Let's just look at a couple specific instances that I had one
25 or two questions about.
- 26 District Director: Do you need these back?
- 27 Sean Quinn: Yeah. I'll take those back.
- 28 District Director: Do you want these?

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Thanks. So this is an email from you again to Ron dated January 4, 2016. I
2 was just curious about this, just the first sentence, "wanted to let you know
3 that per Bill I'm going to be paid \$500 a month." Is that your salary at that
4 time for the campaign?
- 5 District Director: Yep. That was when I started getting compensated by the campaign for
6 that election.
- 7 Sean Quinn: And so you sent that to Ron, Ron would then, did he just cut you a check
8 for that, plus your mileage, or how did that payment work?
- 9 District Director: As far as I can remember, he always did two separate checks. One for the
10 payroll, I guess you could call it. That was Ron, always on the first of the
11 month, and then one for any mileage, if there was mileage.
- 12 Sean Quinn: Okay. And this is what you submitted to Ron. Have you ever seen... so
13 these eventually go through a process and will become an FEC report
14 that's publicly filed. Have you ever seen those FEC reports?
- 15 District Director: I've looked at some of the FEC reports, yes.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Did you ever prepare any of them or help Ron with them?
- 17 District Director: I never helped Ron prepare an FEC report.
- 18 Sean Quinn: Okay. Have you ever seen any reports that were specific to you that
19 reported payments to you, for example?
- 20 District Director: I've looked at our FEC reports that had my name on them, yes.
- 21 Sean Quinn: Oh okay. Do you know how your salary is reported on FEC reports?
- 22 District Director: I'm not exactly sure what term was used for my salary.
- 23 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 24 District Director: Administrative something, I would assume, but I'm not 100 percent sure.
- 25 Sean Quinn: Administrative expense.
- 26 District Director: Is that what it is?
- 27 Sean Quinn: Yeah. On some of them, it is. So you've seen that sort of report before.

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1 District Director: I've looked at some of the FEC reports, yes, but I can't remember all of
2 them.

3 Sean Quinn: Okay. That's all for that one.

4 Let's look at this one. This is another email from you to Ron. This one's
5 July 13, 2018. So, if that's July 2018 and it's going to Ron, Ron was at
6 least working for the campaign up until the summer of 2018?

7 District Director: That seems correct.

8 Sean Quinn: Okay.

9 District Director: I know somewhere in 2018 he made the transition, but I do not...
10 according to this email right here, Ron was sending stuff to Paul, so I don't
11 know exactly what happened with the transition, or date and time.

12 Sean Quinn: There was some overlap. Okay. Did... this is summer of 2018. I think you
13 said you had access to the campaign card in the fall of 2018, so at this
14 point, you wouldn't have been able to put a payment directly on the
15 campaign, right?

16 District Director: As far as I know, I did not have a campaign card at that point.

17 Sean Quinn: So then, if you look at other expenses, on the first one, so that's probably
18 why for this event, you would have bought this candy for the 4th of July
19 event?

20 District Director: Yes. It was candy for a 4th of July parade.

21 Sean Quinn: Okay. And there's the Verizon charge again.

22 District Director: Yep.

23 Sean Quinn: Do you... does the campaign still pay your Verizon bill?

24 District Director: The campaign is still paying for my personal Verizon bill.

25 Sean Quinn: So do you split it with the campaign or do they pay for the whole bill?

26 District Director: So my wife is also on the bill, so they pay for my half of the Verizon bill.

27 Sean Quinn: Okay. But you pay the bill in the first instance and then get reimbursed by
28 the campaign?

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- 1 District Director: That's correct.
- 2 Sean Quinn: Are there any other similar recurring charges that you have that the
3 campaign pays for? Or just the phone bill?
- 4 District Director: Just the phone bill.
- 5 Sean Quinn: And then so for the candy, it looks like you went to Gordon, Costco and
6 Meijer and then just totaled that up.
- 7 District Director: That's correct.
- 8 Sean Quinn: And you spent, let's see, \$156 at Gordon, \$156.70 at Gordon, \$334.56 at
9 Costco and then \$79.90 at Meijer?
- 10 District Director: That's what it looks like.
- 11 Sean Quinn: Did... now we look at these to your own... Are there other instances of
12 going to either Gordon and Costco or Meijer and buying food or candy or
13 similar purchases?
- 14 District Director: To the best of my recollection, no.
- 15 Sean Quinn: Okay. For the year that I lived in Michigan, I was calling Meijer "Me-
16 Hair" for the first month that I lived there.
- 17 District Director: A lot of people add an S to the end of it too, for some reason they call it
18 Meijer's.
- 19 Sean Quinn: Meijer's. Well, everybody in Michigan does that. For any... for
20 everything, I suppose.
- 21 District Director: For non-Michiganders, Gordon's. Meyer is the local Wal-Mart. All... it's
22 got everything. Groceries, clothes.
- 23 Omar Ashmawy: I was too shy to ask.
- 24 District Director: It's alright.
- 25 Omar Ashmawy: Thank you.
- 26 District Director: Headquartered right here in Walker. It's the local version of a Wal-Mart.
- 27 Sean Quinn: Would you call it Gordon's, not Gordon. I'm going to Gordon's?

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- 1 District Director: Probably, yeah.
- 2 Sean Quinn: Yeah, right?
- 3 District Director: Gordon's Food.
- 4 Sean Quinn: Yeah.
- 5 District Director: Do you want these back?
- 6 Sean Quinn: Yeah, I'll take that.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Okay. We're getting close to the end. If you need to take a break.
- 8 District Director: I'm good.
- 9 Sean Quinn: Okay. And then, this email, another from you to Ron. March 27, 2017.
10 And this one, you're telling Ron that you, well why don't you tell me
11 what's going on in this March 27 email?
- 12 District Director: Yep. So I was buying beer. Bottled beer for an event. I had a check that
13 was going to be made out to Perrin. Got up to the front of the line and they
14 didn't accept checks. This was a one-day release, and so I put it on my
15 own card and just made the check out to myself and went to the bank right
16 afterwards. So. It's a small brewing company right here in town and they
17 don't accept
- 18 Sean Quinn: One day sales?
- 19 District Director: It was a one-day, special release type event.
- 20 Omar Ashmawy: Can you elaborate on what that means? What is a one-day special release?
- 21 District Director: So they made a special barrel-aged, beer aged in a whiskey barrel that they
22 released once a year. After that time, you can only buy it that one day at
23 their shop. They don't distribute it. They only sell it that one time.
- 24 Omar Ashmawy: Are there a lot of people trying to buy it?
- 25 District Director: Yes.
- 26 Sean Quinn: Yeah, it's a thing.
- 27 District Director: It was a two-hour wait in line.

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- 1 Omar Ashmawy: So you waited two hours in line?
- 2 District Director: Yes.
- 3 Omar Ashmawy: And then realized...
- 4 District Director: And then I got up there and there was a sign that said, "No checks."
- 5 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. Just wanted to understand.
- 6 District Director: Yep.
- 7 Sean Quinn: My sister's husband gets up – They live in North Carolina so there's a lot
8 of microbreweries and he'll get up at six a.m. to go get in line.
- 9 District Director: And this is Beer-City, USA here in Grand Rapids.
- 10 Omar Ashmawy: I keep hearing that.
- 11 District Director: Yeah.
- 12 Sean Quinn: They told us that at the hotel.
- 13 Derek Ross: There's one in Richmond that people always talk about camping out
14 outside of-
- 15 Sean Quinn: Oh, I've been to that one. Anyways. Okay, so that's what you were doing
16 that day.
- 17 District Director: Yes.
- 18 Sean Quinn: Got you. I'll take that.
- 19 Sean Quinn: Was this for one of the beer tours?
- 20 District Director: So, it was used for, I don't recall, exactly what all. I think it was partly the
21 beer tour and partly I think they do a Michigan-related beer event in
22 Washington where they focus on Michigan beers. Again, this is a one-
23 time, one-day release and it won some award.
- 24 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 25 Omar Ashmawy: Now I think I've got a logistical question.
- 26 Sean Quinn: Yes.

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- 1 Omar Ashmawy: How did you get all those bottles of beer to Washington?
- 2 District Director: So, most of the time, our staff drive back and forth every once in a while
3 and we just waited until someone drove back. Because it's impossible to
4 ship beer.
- 5 Omar Ashmawy: Yep, that's what I was wondering.
- 6 District Director: We waited for an opportunity that the staffer happened to be driving back
7 for a family vacation or something like that.
- 8 Sean Quinn: Okay, moving on from some of that stuff. So, I understand Ron
9 VanDerKolk passed away in January of this year.
- 10 District Director: It could be. I...
- 11 Sean Quinn: Okay. Recently?
- 12 District Director: Recently, yes.
- 13 Sean Quinn: Are you now the holder of Ron's documents with... We requested
14 documents from the Member and they produced to us associated with
15 different staffers and most or all of Ron's documents came in in a file
16 under your name.
- 17 District Director: That's probably because I was the one that went and found them. They're
18 not under my possession. The campaign has a storage unit. In that storage
19 unit, we have banker boxes with all of the files.
- 20 Sean Quinn: Okay. So you have access to those documents?
- 21 District Director: Yes.
- 22 Sean Quinn: And then, does Paul hold hard copies of anything that's been submitted to
23 him since he took over?
- 24 District Director: I am not sure Paul's filing process. Everything we send him is electronic,
25 so I don't know exactly if he keeps electronic or hard or what he does. But
26 I'm not exactly sure.
- 27 Sean Quinn: Okay. What's your general process with Paul to submit a receipt? Do you
28 ever... do you keep the receipts, for example?

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- 1 District Director: Most of what I send is mileage, so I don't have a whole lot of receipts that
2 I send to him. I do send in invoices if we're doing something and then I
3 send it to him and he – I believe, he is keeping all of those files.
- 4 Sean Quinn: How about with Mary Ellen? Did you submit copies of receipts to her?
- 5 District Director: Yes. I don't mail originals, so I scanned copies of all the receipts.
- 6 Sean Quinn: Okay. What do you do with the originals?
- 7 District Director: I have a file in the drawer in my desk that has all of the originals.
- 8 Sean Quinn: So it's just up to each individual to maintain their originals? Is there any
9 policy about what you maintain and for how long?
- 10 District Director: Not that I'm aware of.
- 11 Sean Quinn: Do you have a personal policy?
- 12 District Director: I've kept every single one since the day I started. It's a big file. It probably
13 should get shredded at some point, but I've kept them all for my own
14 personal... I don't know why I do. But I have them all.
- 15 Sean Quinn: Do you have a separate official file and a campaign file?
- 16 District Director: Again, I don't have a whole lot of documents that I send in to on the
17 campaign side. It's mostly mileage and as you saw from the email, it was
18 mostly done through email, so there was no paper trail, I guess you could
19 say. It's all electronic.
- 20 Sean Quinn: Okay. So you said that you went and collected the documents that Ron had
21 held.
- 22 District Director: That's correct.
- 23 Sean Quinn: Did you do anything else to help out with collection of documents to
24 respond to our office's request?
- 25 District Director: I helped search emails.
- 26 Sean Quinn: Okay. And can you describe that process to me?
- 27 District Director: Yeah. We... so based on different questions that you had asked, had
28 different search keywords and time frames to look up. So the van, we had
29 an approximate date and knew when to look so knew what to look for.

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1 Sean Quinn: Okay.

2 District Director: I don't know a city, but I know he's down south.

3 Sean Quinn: Okay.

4 Derek Ross: Everything is south of here...

5 District Director: Not much north...

6 Omar Ashmawy: The Dakotas, or one of them.

7 District Director: Yeah.

8 Sean Quinn: He is in the geographic region we refer to as "the south."

9 District Director: Yes.

10 Sean Quinn: Okay.

11 Omar Ashmawy: Do you know if the campaign banked with Huntington before you guys
12 worked with Paul?

13 District Director: My recollection is we've been with Huntington as long as I've been
14 around.

15 Sean Quinn: I just had a few other questions left. Do you have anything substantive?

16 Omar Ashmawy: No, I don't.

17 Sean Quinn: Okay. So my last few questions here are about stuff you may have done to
18 prepare for this interview. So have you talked to anybody else about the
19 OCE's investigation?

20 District Director: I had a brief call with Derek and Charlie on Monday, sort of on process
21 stuff. Derek and I met a little bit before you guys came in here just again,
22 about process stuff and what to expect and that kind of stuff, but that's sort
23 of my briefing, other than just trying to think back and remember what I
24 can about it.

25 Sean Quinn: Okay. And how long did your call last when you spoke on, did you say
26 Monday?

27 District Director: It was Monday, wasn't it? Monday. 25 minutes, 20 minutes?

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- 1 Sean Quinn: And how long did you meet with Derek today?
- 2 District Director: I was here 30 minutes early, but we didn't talk about just this the whole
3 time. It was probably 20 minutes, 15, 20 minutes.
- 4 Sean Quinn: Some beer talk, I imagine?
- 5 District Director: He asked which brewery to visit tonight.
- 6 Derek Ross: Put that on the record.
- 7 Sean Quinn: What was Kavanaugh's quote? "I drank beer. I like beer." So other than
8 counsel, have you talked with anybody in the official office or the
9 campaign about the investigation?
- 10 District Director: About the investigation? Throughout the whole time, I've been working
11 with other people that were named in there to help get the documents and
12 stuff like that, but about this interview? No.
- 13 Sean Quinn: Did you look at any documents to prep for the interview?
- 14 District Director: For this? No.
- 15 Sean Quinn: Okay. And did you talk to Derek or Charlie about yesterday we did
16 interviews with Mr. DeWitte, Ms. McManus. Have you talked about those
17 interviews?
- 18 District Director: Again, we just talked more about process.
- 19 Sean Quinn: And what do you mean when you say, "talked about process?"
- 20 District Director: What to expect, the general scope of where your questioning was going,
21 about... We had an idea of what the questions were going to be about
22 based on the letters you had sent, but just what direction that the questions
23 were going to go.
- 24 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 25 Omar Ashmawy: Were the answers that other witnesses have given in this case told to you?
- 26 District Director: No.
- 27 Sean Quinn: What topics... you said you guys flagged issues or areas that were going to
28 be covered? What topics were flagged for it?

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1 District Director: It was based on the original inquiry, it was some of the travel-related stuff
2 and some of the individualized expenses that you had brought out were
3 again, the two directions... and the van, the directions that the questions
4 were going to go.

5 Sean Quinn: Okay. Do you have any other ones?

6 Omar Ashmawy: Uh-huh (negative).

7 Sean Quinn: All right, then thank-

8 Omar Ashmawy: Actually, I'm sorry, I do have just... I know, almost last one, promise.

9 Sean Quinn: Never promise that it's the last question.

10 Omar Ashmawy: That's true. Would you say you drive the most of the staff that's here in
11 Michigan?

12 District Director: The staff that currently is on staff?

13 Omar Ashmawy: Yeah.

14 District Director: That's probably a fair assessment. I think Heather and I and Sarah are the
15 three that are out mobile and are driving around. I haven't seen their
16 expense reports, so I don't know exactly how many miles they drive, but I
17 probably am the one that does most of the driving.

18 Omar Ashmawy: And what do you base that observation on?

19 District Director: Based on hours I see them in our office versus where they're out not in the
20 office.

21 Omar Ashmawy: That's all I have, unless I created a question for you.

22 Sean Quinn: No. Just give me one second and... I think probably we're done.

23 Sean Quinn: Does Jim drive a lot for the campaign as well? Or campaign or as official?

24 District Director: Jim does not work in the official office. On the campaign, he... I don't
25 know how much Jim drives for the campaign.

26 Sean Quinn: Okay. That's all I have then. You're good to go. I'll stop the recording
27 unless you guys have anything else? Okay.

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EXHIBIT 5

Transcript of Interview of Campaign Chairman

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1 Sean Quinn: I'm starting the recording. Today is June 27th, 2019 and we're at the law
2 offices of the law firm Clark Hill for the interview of Campaign
3 Chairman. Mr. Barry is accompanied by his counsel Derek Ross. Speaking
4 is Sean Quinn from the Office of Congressional Ethics and I'm here with
5 Omar Ashmawy. The witness has been given a copy of 18 U.S.C. 1001
6 and signed the acknowledgement. Jim maybe we can star – do you prefer
7 Mr. Barry or Jim?

8 Campaign Chairman: Jim's fine.

9 Sean Quinn: Okay. We can start with some easy stuff. If you just give me a little bit
10 about yourself, your background, how you came to work for
11 Representative Huizenga?

12 Campaign Chairman: Where should I begin. Bill Huizenga is actually my half-brother. We have
13 the same mother but different dads. I'm actually 14 years older than Bill.
14 My poor mother went through a second marriage and a second family
15 basically. As far as background, that kind of brings me to the campaign.
16 I've got a bachelor's degree in arts and media from Grand Valley State
17 University. I worked in television news as a reporter and producer for six
18 years. I spent 20 years in financial services and in 2009 as he started his
19 race for Congress asked me to help with the campaign and it quickly
20 became could I manage the campaign. So for 10 years now I've been
21 either the campaign manager or the chairman for the campaign committee.

22 Sean Quinn: And had you worked in... And you said you were in financial services and
23 a reporter and producer. Had you worked in politics before?

24 Campaign Chairman: Just in covering politics in broadcasting. Worked at several television
25 stations and radio.

26 Sean Quinn: Got you. But you had never worked on a campaign before?

27 Campaign Chairman: Helped out on some campaigns.

28 Sean Quinn: And so you've been working for Representative Huizenga since 2009,
29 since you started on that campaign?

30 Campaign Chairman: Correct.

31 Sean Quinn: Okay. And do you have any other positions or employment?

32 Campaign Chairman: Yeah. I'm an associate broker and realtor with Coldwell Banker Woodland
33 Schmidt.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Okay. And I think you said when you were talking about your campaign
2 position you used two titles, campaign manager and also campaign
3 chairman. Are those two different positions?
- 4 Campaign Chairman: Mm-hmm (affirmative).
- 5 Sean Quinn: Can you kind of describe those two positions?
- 6 Campaign Chairman: Campaign manager's more the chief operating officer where campaign
7 chair is a little more higher view.
- 8 Sean Quinn: Okay. So a campaign manager is sort of boots on the ground doing work
9 and as campaign chairman you're doing more strategy?
- 10 Campaign Chairman: Correct. But of course in 2009 it was everything.
- 11 Sean Quinn: Of course. Right. Smaller operation I'm sure in 2009. And is it Matt
12 Kooiman is now the campaign manager?
- 13 Campaign Chairman: Correct.
- 14 Sean Quinn: And as far as paid campaign staff go, can you tell me who else works on
15 the campaign?
- 16 Campaign Chairman: It sort of varies where we are in the cycle of course. I'm part of the paid
17 campaign staff. Matt is part of the paid campaign staff. Brian Patrick is
18 part of the paid campaign staff.
- 19 Sean Quinn: That's Boomer?
- 20 Campaign Chairman: Correct. You apparently know Boomer. When we're in cycle we have
21 some additional people that are brought on. That's just very temporary at
22 that point. Of course we've had a campaign bookkeeper since the
23 beginning in 2009. It was Ron VanDerKolk who passed away earlier this
24 year and we've transitioned that off to PDS which is a compliance firm out
25 of Georgia.
- 26 Sean Quinn: All right. And your kind of point man there, is it Paul?
- 27 Campaign Chairman: Paul Kilgore.
- 28 Sean Quinn: And did things switch over from Ron to Paul before Ron passed away?
- 29 Campaign Chairman: Correct.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: And when did that switch come about?
- 2 Campaign Chairman: It was kind of during '18. Ron wanted to stay involved with the campaign,
3 but we kind of knew he had a condition that we had to make some long-
4 term adjustments to that. I'm not sure of the exact date that we had.
- 5 Sean Quinn: Okay. And was there overlap for some period with Ron and Paul? Did
6 Ron hand things over to Paul?
- 7 Campaign Chairman: Yes. To the best of my ability to recall that is correct.
- 8 Derek Ross: Just to clarify, correct that there was overlap or correct that he just handed
9 it off?
- 10 Campaign Chairman: Correct that there was overlap.
- 11 Sean Quinn: And then so it's you, Matt, and Brian essentially in the paid campaign
12 staff. Can you tell me who are kind of the other frequent flyers in the
13 campaign structure that maybe are not paid staff?
- 14 Campaign Chairman: Jon Dewitt certainly is. And then other than that campaign worker bees so
15 to speak just kind of come through on the cycle and they're typically
16 college kids.
- 17 Sean Quinn: Okay. Anybody else kind of on the official side that does a lot of
18 campaign work?
- 19 Campaign Chairman: No.
- 20 Sean Quinn: Okay. How about Marliss?
- 21 Campaign Chairman: She's volunteered on campaign time when we're on. You get down in the
22 home stretch on things, there's a lot of door-to-door activity and she's one
23 of the staffers that's volunteered to come in the district and help with that.
- 24 Sean Quinn: Okay. So that's sort of the official side. How about are there family
25 members, either Bill or other staffers or yourself that work on the
26 campaign with some frequency?
- 27 Campaign Chairman: Other than who now?
- 28 Sean Quinn: So we talked about the folks in the official office who volunteer for the
29 campaign. Are there family members of campaign staffers or official
30 staffers that work on the campaign?

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- 1 Campaign Chairman: I'm sorry. I'm still not following the question.
- 2 Sean Quinn: Just family members like Bill's kids or wife, Jon's kids or wife?
- 3 Campaign Chairman: Bill's wife of course. There are certain public events, campaign events that
4 she attends. Son, Garrett, helped out on the campaign this last cycle.
- 5 Sean Quinn: Okay. And how did Garrett help out?
- 6 Campaign Chairman: Doing doors and just being part of the campaign team. There's just all
7 these things that need to be done.
- 8 Sean Quinn: Okay. So it sounds like so far we've mostly been talking about campaign
9 work in the sense of like I said doing doors and events that are specific to
10 kind of lead up to an election. How about fundraisers? Are there people
11 that participate more?
- 12 Campaign Chairman: I'm sorry. Heather, Heather Conklin does local fundraising.
- 13 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 14 Campaign Chairman: And-
- 15 Sean Quinn: Sorry, what was Heather's last name?
- 16 Campaign Chairman: Conklin.
- 17 Sean Quinn: It's not Heather Sandberg?
- 18 Campaign Chairman: Oh, I'm sorry. In hyphenated stuff. It's the same person.
- 19 Sean Quinn: Oh, okay. Okay.
- 20 Campaign Chairman: I think maybe she's on Facebook as that.
- 21 Sean Quinn: Got you. So just back to that question, is it the same set of people that are
22 working on fund raisers kind of in the off season, or different people that
23 work on fund raising?
- 24 Campaign Chairman: There's a DC fundraiser as well. Jon Dewitt is primary contact on that.
- 25 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 26 Campaign Chairman: Heather primarily heads up the district and state fundraising.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Let's talk a little bit about fundraising more. I understand there are certain
2 fundraising trips that the campaign takes. So like Disney – I know Jon and
3 Bill maybe go up to New York and Boston with some frequency. Have
4 you ever gone on any of those trips?
- 5 Campaign Chairman: I went on one of the trips to Boston.
- 6 Sean Quinn: And what did you all do in Boston?
- 7 Campaign Chairman: Met with a few folks at Fidelity, State Street, and Putnam and during the
8 meeting I gave an update on the advance look on the campaign.
- 9 Sean Quinn: And when was that?
- 10 Campaign Chairman: March of last year.
- 11 Sean Quinn: Okay. Have you ever done any of the New York trips?
- 12 Campaign Chairman: No.
- 13 Sean Quinn: Okay. I know there are a few kind of recurring fundraisers in Michigan.
14 We've heard about the beer tour, and maybe a golf-
- 15 Campaign Chairman: Golf outing.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Golf outing. Have you ever taken part in any of those?
- 17 Campaign Chairman: I've attended a dinner at the beer tours and helped staff our local golf
18 outing. Have not played golf.
- 19 Sean Quinn: Not a golfer?
- 20 Campaign Chairman: Little bit, but not when we're working.
- 21 Sean Quinn: And the other one's I've kind of heard about are Disney. Have you ever
22 been on the Disney trips?
- 23 Campaign Chairman: No.
- 24 Sean Quinn: No. Okay. Ever been involved in planning any of the Disney trips?
- 25 Campaign Chairman: No.
- 26 Sean Quinn: Okay. And then how about I know there was a every other year
27 Republican Leadership Conference in Mackinac? Have you attended that?

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- 1 Campaign Chairman: Yes. I've attended those since Bill was elected.
- 2 Sean Quinn: Okay. And then just quickly, so we've got Boston and Mackinac. Did you
3 bring your family to Boston?
- 4 Campaign Chairman: No.
- 5 Sean Quinn: Okay. Did you bring your family to Mackinac?
- 6 Campaign Chairman: My wife accompanied me.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Okay. Is your wife Liza? Lisa?
- 8 Campaign Chairman: Liza.
- 9 Sean Quinn: And do you have any children?
- 10 Campaign Chairman: Yes.
- 11 Sean Quinn: How many children do you have?
- 12 Campaign Chairman: I've got two and she's got two, so together we've got four.
- 13 Sean Quinn: Got you. Good math. It's about the limit of my math skills. Okay. Let's
14 see. I am going to assume you're pretty close to the congressman given
15 that you're his brother. Can you describe your relationship with Jon
16 Dewitt?
- 17 Campaign Chairman: I would consider him a friend and a colleague. First met him working on
18 campaigns.
- 19 Sean Quinn: And met him working on Representative Huizenga's campaign?
- 20 Campaign Chairman: Probably going back to Pete Hoekstra days.
- 21 Sean Quinn: Okay. And am I right? Representative Huizenga worked for Pete
22 Hoekstra?
- 23 Campaign Chairman: Correct.
- 24 Sean Quinn: And then also was it Matt's father, Matt Kooiman's father worked for
25 Hoekstra also?
- 26 Campaign Chairman: I don't know that.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 2 Campaign Chairman: Matt Kooiman's father was a state representative.
- 3 Sean Quinn: Okay. So in your work for the campaign, do you report to anybody?
- 4 Campaign Chairman: It's sort of a committee structure between Bill, Jon, Matt, and myself.
- 5 Sean Quinn: How would you describe Jon's role in the campaign?
- 6 Campaign Chairman: Jon's primarily a person in DC. There's robust fundraising that goes on
7 there. He's the contact person when we have any questions that need to be
8 run through ethics. Jon is through his work with Congressman Hoekstra is
9 very knowledgeable about the district and is obviously an important part
10 of the team.
- 11 Sean Quinn: So you mentioned for Jon that he's your point of contact when you need to
12 run something like an ethical issue or do an ethics check. What sorts of
13 things have you run by Jon in that way?
- 14 Campaign Chairman: Well for instance, the Disney trip.
- 15 Sean Quinn: Oh. And what about the Disney trip did you talk with Jon?
- 16 Campaign Chairman: Just wanted to make sure that that passed on any ethical questions that
17 might have been there.
- 18 Sean Quinn: Okay. And you didn't go on the Disney trip though, right?
- 19 Campaign Chairman: No.
- 20 Sean Quinn: So for you, how did the Disney trip come up?
- 21 Campaign Chairman: I just knew it was coming up and knew family would be involved, so I just
22 wanted to make sure, just ask the questions. Part of my role is if I see
23 something, I like to ask questions and...
- 24 Sean Quinn: Gotcha. And what was your concern about the Disney trip?
- 25 Campaign Chairman: The family being involved and is that appropriate.
- 26 Sean Quinn: And when was this?
- 27 Campaign Chairman: I don't recall specifically.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Was it the last Disney trip? I think it was 2018 was the last trip.
- 2 Campaign Chairman: I don't recall.
- 3 Sean Quinn: And can you describe that conversation? Was it just a single conversation
4 or...
- 5 Campaign Chairman: Yeah.
- 6 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 7 Campaign Chairman: Just simple question, is somebody looking at this on an ethics side?
- 8 Sean Quinn: And what did Jon say?
- 9 Campaign Chairman: Yeah. That it was part of the joint fundraising committee.
- 10 Sean Quinn: And for that event, why did people bring their families on the Disney trip?
- 11 Campaign Chairman: That I don't know.
- 12 Omar Ashmawy: Was your concern that the congressman was bringing his family or was it
13 something else?
- 14 Campaign Chairman: That anybody was bringing their family. So I was just asking a question.
15 Not really saying whether they should or shouldn't but just from
16 appearances has somebody signed off on this?
- 17 Sean Quinn: And do you mean Jim signed off on it? I'm sorry, I mean Jon signed off
18 on it, or did Jon that he did have it checked out?
- 19 Campaign Chairman: He did have it checked out.
- 20 Sean Quinn: And do you know who he had it checked out with?
- 21 Campaign Chairman: No I don't.
- 22 Sean Quinn: I'd like to just try for a minute to figure out when that happened. Do you
23 think it was more than a year ago?
- 24 Campaign Chairman: Probably.
- 25 Sean Quinn: So not likely for the 2018 trip, but maybe 2016 or 2017?

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- 1 Campaign Chairman: That would be my best guess. I think the first time it came up whenever
2 that is.
- 3 Sean Quinn: Okay. So you think it might have been just the first Disney trip that
4 everybody took? Do you know of any other campaign trips where
5 everybody brings their family?
- 6 Campaign Chairman: I've not attended, so I don't really know.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Any other kind of similar conversations or other similar concerns, not
8 necessarily just the family, but sort of an ethics check conversation you
9 ever had with Jon?
- 10 Campaign Chairman: I wouldn't necessarily say ethics check but just making sure that if he
11 could direct me on pieces or anything like that that meets our requirements
12 because things can change periodically.
- 13 Sean Quinn: Yeah. Right. The rules are in flux and complicated sometimes. Anything
14 else that you can think of?
- 15 Campaign Chairman: No.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Okay. So we talked about the compensated campaign staff, Brian, Matt.
17 How were they compensated?
- 18 Campaign Chairman: With a monthly stipend.
- 19 Sean Quinn: And so that's basically like a salaried position?
- 20 Campaign Chairman: Correct.
- 21 Sean Quinn: And does that change based on the season? Are they all-
- 22 Campaign Chairman: Correct.
- 23 Sean Quinn: It does. Can you give me an idea of how that changes?
- 24 Campaign Chairman: No hard-fast rule there.
- 25 Sean Quinn: You just negotiate it every campaign season?
- 26 Campaign Chairman: Correct. We're also sort of in a world of campaigns never stop too, it's a
27 little different landscape than in 2009.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Right. Maybe, can you expand on that just a little bit? So would you say,
2 just in general, you're more busy these days? Throughout the Congress,
3 you're working on the campaign?
- 4 Campaign Chairman: Yeah. The other issue with that, it's a rather large district. It's Ottawa,
5 Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, parts of Mason, all the Lake, parts of Kent
6 County. And we try to have somebody from the team at every county
7 Lincoln Day Dinner, as many meetings as possible. The brat fries, the-
- 8 Sean Quinn: Tulip Time?
- 9 Campaign Chairman: All the parades. So we're covering a lot a territory, and try to have people
10 there as much as possible. That's one of the roles I have.
- 11 Sean Quinn: Okay. And, who are the primary folks that are making that contact
12 throughout the district?
- 13 Campaign Chairman: Matt, Boomer to a certain degree, and myself.
- 14 Sean Quinn: So to the extent, you're far-flung around the district. It's mostly you, Matt
15 and Boomer?
- 16 Campaign Chairman: Primarily, yeah. What do they say, "We've had a lot of chicken dinners."
- 17 Sean Quinn: Let's see. Let's talk a little bit more about that specifically, the travel
18 around the district. Matt talked us through a lot of his work throughout the
19 week, and how he is on the road most days. Is that the same for you?
- 20 Campaign Chairman: Correct, but probably not as much as Matt does.
- 21 Sean Quinn: And so is most of your travel within the district?
- 22 Campaign Chairman: Most of it, correct. State conventions are held in Lansing, in Detroit. But
23 basically, most of my travels are within district.
- 24 Sean Quinn: Can you maybe take me through a typical week, and just focus on where
25 you're going, and travel. Or, feel free to tell me if there's not a typical
26 week.
- 27 Campaign Chairman: There's probably not a typical week. A Poli-sci professor at Hope College
28 that helps out with the Ottawa County GOP has a saying that campaigns
29 run in cycles of two. Two years out, two months out, two weeks out, two
30 days out. And how incrementally, speed increases as you are at those
31 twos.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Things are ramping up at every two? Got you.
- 2 Let's say on, let's start with to the extent of there is an off season anymore
3 in a normal week. How often are you on the road?
- 4 Campaign Chairman: Since I live in Ottawa County and I'm involved in Ottawa County GOP, I
5 can attend anything that is happening with them. It's more probably three
6 or four times a month, at least.
- 7 Sean Quinn: And then, forgive me, my Michigan geography is not the best. Are there
8 two campaign offices? Sorry, two official offices?
- 9 Campaign Chairman: Correct.
- 10 Sean Quinn: Remind me of where those are.
- 11 Campaign Chairman: The primary official office is in Grandville. And there's a secondary office
12 where they hold meetings by appointment in Grand Haven.
- 13 Sean Quinn: Grand Haven, Okay.
- 14 And do you have campaign space? Office space?
- 15 Campaign Chairman: We just gave up our campaign space a couple of months ago. We had been
16 using office space but with smart phones, and all the rest of that. Found it
17 a lot cheaper to just buy a storage facility for signs and everything, and
18 then we just, everybody meets virtually.
- 19 Sean Quinn: Where was that office space you were renting?
- 20 Campaign Chairman: I believe the street address was 5 State Street in Zeeland, but we always
21 went with a post office box. We never actually use the street address.
- 22 Sean Quinn: But Zeeland. And then, Ottawa County is north of here?
- 23 Campaign Chairman: West of here.
- 24 Sean Quinn: West of here. And about how far is that?
- 25 Campaign Chairman: Pretty much once you get outside of Grand Rapids to the west, you're
26 pretty much in Ottawa County. And then, that runs all the way to Lake
27 Michigan.
- 28 Sean Quinn: So you were talking about the off season, a typical week, you're driving
29 how often?

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- 1 Campaign Chairman: I couldn't really tell you, because I wouldn't say that there's a typical week
2 or whatever. But, any campaign-related mileages are put in as a
3 reimbursement, which is on file with the FEC.
- 4 Sean Quinn: Maybe I'll just talk a little bit about that. How do you keep track of your
5 miles?
- 6 Campaign Chairman: Google Maps. And I just keep a log which I transfer to a form that PDS
7 has, that we submit for reimbursement.
- 8 Sean Quinn: When you say you use Google Maps too, so you're traveling on a given
9 day-
- 10 Campaign Chairman: Where do I start, where do I go, and how do I get home again.
- 11 Sean Quinn: And so, you'll just look that up on Google Maps and add up the mileage?
- 12 Campaign Chairman: Uh-huh (affirmative).
- 13 Sean Quinn: And do you do that every day?
- 14 Campaign Chairman: I've got a app for my real estate business, which has a built-in GPS
15 system. I do that every day. For the campaign stuff, it's just when I'm
16 doing something campaign-related, I do that manually.
- 17 Sean Quinn: So on a day that you're traveling for the campaign, you'll finish your day,
18 write down where you were, and then add up your mileage?
- 19 Campaign Chairman: Correct.
- 20 Sean Quinn: I'm assuming you don't submit the reimbursements immediately or every
21 time you travel?
- 22 Campaign Chairman: Correct.
- 23 Sean Quinn: What's your standard time period?
- 24 Campaign Chairman: If I've got a certain amount that it's worth reporting. Outside of campaign
25 season, it might be monthly or sort a out of season, I recently did one and
26 it was over several months because it was post-election.
- 27 Sean Quinn: Let's just say it's been a month, and you racked up miles, and you get to
28 the point where you're going to report it. Where have you been keeping
29 track of that month, do you have like a single piece of paper that you're
30 writing on?

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- 1 Campaign Chairman: I keep all my appointments on a calendar.
- 2 Sean Quinn: So you'll go back to that calendar and reconstruct your travel.
- 3 Campaign Chairman: Correct.
- 4 Sean Quinn: How did you develop that system? Just trial and error, just what worked
5 for you, or did somebody-
- 6 Campaign Chairman: How else would you do that, I guess would be my question.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Well sometimes, there might be like a training that you went to, and they
8 said, "A good way to keep track of your mileage is to use your Outlook
9 calendar", or it's just your personal system or does everybody use that
10 system?
- 11 Campaign Chairman: That's my personal system.
- 12 Sean Quinn: So there is no office policy about how to keep track of your mileage?
- 13 Campaign Chairman: No.
- 14 Sean Quinn: Do you know how other people keep track of their mileage?
- 15 Campaign Chairman: No.
- 16 Sean Quinn: For the campaign, I know you submit your reimbursements, do you have
17 any role overseeing other people's mileage reimbursements?
- 18 Campaign Chairman: Not formally. When Ron was handling reimbursements, he would just tell
19 us what the mileage reimbursement was, and then he would double-check
20 the math and calculate it with PDS' system, the form. But any other
21 reimbursements, we require receipts. Not necessarily a lot of that. So if
22 you saw an outlier, that's one thing, but that's about it.
- 23 Sean Quinn: No general audits of people's mileage usage, or expense reimbursements?
- 24 Campaign Chairman: No.
- 25 Sean Quinn: And I should have said this from when we were starting, but if at any
26 point, you want to take a break, you need five minutes here or there, just
27 let me know.
- 28 Campaign Chairman: Okay.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Are you doing all right?
- 2 Campaign Chairman: Sure.
- 3 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 4 Campaign Chairman: I might need more water though.
- 5 Sean Quinn: Yeah, that's fine too. Yeah actually, if you want to grab some water...
- 6 So you were saying that you've never really done any audits of mileage or
7 expense reimbursements. Do you know if Ron did anything like that?
- 8 Campaign Chairman: No, I don't know.
- 9 Sean Quinn: And then, can you give me in comparison to Matt and Boomer, how does
10 your mileage compare to theirs? I think you said Matt probably drives
11 more than you do?
- 12 Campaign Chairman: Right.
- 13 Sean Quinn: How about Boomer?
- 14 Campaign Chairman: I can't really answer that. I haven't really compared that directly, so not
15 that I could answer.
- 16 Sean Quinn: But you know Matt does just from your general sense of he's on the road a
17 lot.
- 18 Anybody else-
- 19 Campaign Chairman: That's not to say that Boomer isn't on the road a lot too. He covers things
20 in Oceana County occasionally, and we rotate that stuff around.
- 21 Sean Quinn: How about other folks either in the district official office, or work on the
22 campaign, I think there's either seven or eight district official employees in
23 the district offices, is that right?
- 24 Campaign Chairman: I'm not too involved with official district stuff. So I couldn't answer that
25 for you.
- 26 Sean Quinn: How about Heather? Is Heather driving with any frequency?
- 27 Campaign Chairman: Yes, I would say she drives as part of the function of fundraising.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: And how often is Heather doing fundraising activity?
- 2 Campaign Chairman: Dependent on Bill's schedule and availability. So, that's been a little light
3 lately.
- 4 Sean Quinn: Are there particular times you can think of when it was pretty heavy, or
5 you can imagine Heather was traveling a lot?
- 6 Campaign Chairman: No.
- 7 Sean Quinn: And just so I know where everybody is based. You're in Ottawa County
8 right?
- 9 Campaign Chairman: Correct.
- 10 Sean Quinn: And most of the time, when you're driving, are you coming from home?
- 11 Campaign Chairman: Correct. Or else from my office, which is in Holland too.
- 12 Sean Quinn: And then, how about Matt? Where is he based?
- 13 Campaign Chairman: I think he lives in Kentwood, I believe. Kentwood or Wyoming.
- 14 Sean Quinn: And then-
- 15 Campaign Chairman: I've never been to his house.
- 16 Sean Quinn: And how about Boomer?
- 17 Campaign Chairman: I believe he's Kentwood-Wyoming area too.
- 18 Sean Quinn: And Heather?
- 19 Campaign Chairman: She's in Muskegon area. I'm not sure if that's Norton Shores or...
- 20 Sean Quinn: Muskegon. And how does everybody get around? Are you using a
21 personal vehicle?
- 22 Campaign Chairman: Correct.
- 23 Sean Quinn: Okay. And is that true for Matt and Boomer and Heather?
- 24 Campaign Chairman: Correct.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: And so, when Ron was working for the campaign, you would submit your
2 mileage reimbursements to him. And now, it's Paul?
- 3 Campaign Chairman: Correct.
- 4 Sean Quinn: And I think, did you say Paul has a form that you fill out?
- 5 Campaign Chairman: Mm-hmm (affirmative)
- 6 Sean Quinn: Did Ron have anything like that?
- 7 Campaign Chairman: No.
- 8 Sean Quinn: So how did you do it for Ron?
- 9 Campaign Chairman: Put it on Word document and print it, and give it to him.
- 10 Sean Quinn: I think, I know, Matt was telling us something yesterday about the
11 campaign van. When did you guys buy the van?
- 12 Campaign Chairman: Up there didn't know. Summer of 2018 I guess. Yeah, it was last cycle.
- 13 Sean Quinn: Has the van been an asset for that?
- 14 Campaign Chairman: Definitely.
- 15 Sean Quinn: How so?
- 16 Campaign Chairman: With a big district, a lot of rural area, we're always moving 4' x 8' signs.
17 None of us own a pickup truck or anything like that. So we tried leasing,
18 but we couldn't find anybody that wanted to lease it for our purposes,
19 because it was short-term. We were thinking to short-term. And we
20 wanted to wrap the van, were you forwarded photos of this van?
- 21 Sean Quinn: I have seen the van, yeah.
- 22 Campaign Chairman: So what else, it does double-duty as parade-vehicle, because it's so
23 obnoxiously decorated. It's very noticeable. But when we are putting up 4'
24 x 8's, we have to have steel stakes, the signs 4' x 8', got to have tools in the
25 truck to be able to do it. This van has two seats to it, and it was originally a
26 plumber's truck, I believe. So it's got like this heavy-duty suspension that
27 feels like you're bouncing around in a tank when you're driving it. But it's
28 very noticeable when it's out and around in the district. Sometimes we take
29 it to public events, where Bill is going to be just parking at conspicuous

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- 1 spot. I think we paid \$9,000 or something like that. I can't even remember
2 exactly what we paid for it, but it's still running.
- 3 Sean Quinn: That's pretty good. So you use it mostly in the campaign season. What do
4 you do with it when you're not?
- 5 Campaign Chairman: We have sort of a storage facility. And we got it in covered-facility to
6 protect the wrap that was done on it. And if we need it for something in
7 particular, we get the insurance put back on temporarily before we take it
8 out. Like I said, it's been used for parades, or for a public event that a
9 congressman might be at.
- 10 Sean Quinn: Okay, so you don't keep insurance on the car when you're in the off
11 season?
- 12 Campaign Chairman: Well when it's in storage, no. But if it's coming out of the garage, it's going
13 to have insurance.
- 14 Sean Quinn: What's the van's dormancy period? How long does it stay in storage?
- 15 Campaign Chairman: We just got it last year, so it's . . . time flies when you're having fun. So,
16 we got in 2018 so it's tough, we haven't even had it a full year yet so it's
17 getting a little tough to say. But you know it was probably – well before
18 we moved out of the office space, we hadn't seen it. We just had it parked
19 behind the office and since we've moved into storage I think we've only
20 had it out one time.
- 21 Sean Quinn: I saw at some point in some of the emails that the, that the congressman
22 produced to us that you guys were thinking about trying to park it kind of
23 in a prominent place maybe instead of storage but just to keep it in the
24 public eye. Did you end up doing that?
- 25 Campaign Chairman: No.
- 26 Sean Quinn: You just put it in storage?
- 27 Campaign Chairman: Mm-hmm (affirmative).
- 28 Sean Quinn: And why did you do that?
- 29 Campaign Chairman: Security of the vehicle for one thing.
- 30 Sean Quinn: Who gets credit for coming up with the van idea?

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- 1 Campaign Chairman: Kind of the committee. We had the need and we're trying to figure out the
2 best way to satisfy the need of how are we going to get these four by
3 eights all over the place. Because it's always been a struggle. We've
4 borrowed trucks in the past. It just was always something and just there
5 are certain things in life you need a truck for. We seem to have enough of
6 those events that it could justify that.
- 7 Well, I guess, that that's when we looked at trying to lease. I talked to a
8 couple of car dealerships that we've got good relationships with and we've
9 gotten parade vehicles from in the past and couldn't put anything together
10 on that. And then Bill and I frankly were headed to Allendale for
11 something and we're going down 48th Avenue, and came across this lot
12 where there was nothing but service vans.
- 13 Sean Quinn: So took a detour and ended up with a new car?
- 14 Campaign Chairman: Yeah.
- 15 Sean Quinn: Well, used car.
- 16 Campaign Chairman: A very used car, but serves our purposes.
- 17 Sean Quinn: Who, who uses the van the most? Is it Matt, that's normally wrangling
18 signs or...
- 19 Campaign Chairman: Well, probably uses it the most would be these college kids we hire at
20 campaign season, to go put signs up from here to Baldwin to Luddington
21 to Muskegon to wherever.
- 22 Sean Quinn: Got you. With everybody driving around so much. Have you ever used the
23 van just for general travel?
- 24 Campaign Chairman: No.
- 25 Sean Quinn: No. Okay. And why is that?
- 26 Campaign Chairman: That's probably not a good idea, and it's not a desirable van to be traveling
27 in.
- 28 Sean Quinn: Okay, don't feel like driving a tank all the way...
- 29 Campaign Chairman: Yeah.
- 30 Sean Quinn: ... everywhere.

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- 1 Campaign Chairman: It wouldn't be appropriate either.
- 2 Sean Quinn: Why is that?
- 3 Campaign Chairman: Because it's a campaign vehicle.
- 4 Sean Quinn: But I mean for campaign work, have you ever thought about for campaign
5 travel? Like during the year.
- 6 Campaign Chairman: Only if there was a benefit in parking in a prominent location at an event.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Just too big of a pain to deal with for everyday travel?
- 8 Campaign Chairman: Well, because there's only one other seat in it.
- 9 Sean Quinn: Okay. Do any other questions about travel or...
- 10 Omar Ashmawy: No.
- 11 Sean Quinn: Okay, let's talk about... Can you tell me about the Art Prize event
12 fundraiser?
- 13 Campaign Chairman: Sure.
- 14 Sean Quinn: Just what's the event kind of? Is it a yearly thing? Kind of just generally
15 talk about it, not going to ask specifics.
- 16 Campaign Chairman: You're not familiar with that at all?
- 17 Sean Quinn: Art Prize?
- 18 Campaign Chairman: Yeah.
- 19 Sean Quinn: No, no, no, no.
- 20 Campaign Chairman: Okay. It has become an annual event, it's probably the biggest thing that
21 happens in city of Grand Rapids over about a two week period. Art
22 installations and just all over the city, primarily downtown of course. But
23 it's just a cultural event. It's just, it's tough to explain it if you haven't seen
24 it. Tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of people come into
25 downtown over two weeks. Art Prize promotes engagement with people,
26 by with apps, there's people going around, they can vote on their favorite
27 pieces, so it kind of encourages people to get out and be around.

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- 1 It gets heavy media attention. Very heavy media attention. Community
2 leaders are involved with this. Corporations will use it to have events and
3 bring people in and it's quite a big event.
- 4 Sean Quinn: Okay. And so you said it's over a two week period?
- 5 Campaign Chairman: Mm-hmm (affirmative).
- 6 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 7 Campaign Chairman: Well approximately. I don't know if it's 10 days or two weeks.
- 8 Sean Quinn: Right. Got you.
- 9 Campaign Chairman: I don't want to mislead you on anything.
- 10 Sean Quinn: No, no, I won't hold you to exact days.
- 11 Is there a culmination of the... Do they award some winner?
- 12 Campaign Chairman: Correct. Yeah, and it's like six figures for the winner.
- 13 Sean Quinn: Oh, wow, really.
- 14 Campaign Chairman: I mean this is a very major deal. This is...
- 15 Sean Quinn: I need to get into the art business.
- 16 Campaign Chairman: ... and this year they've switched the format to instead of hundreds of
17 artists, it's going to be a select group of artists with more, a smaller set
18 pieces and then it's going to encourage people to explore those pieces of it
19 more thoroughly.
- 20 But it's just, that this is the first year they're doing a little bit different, but
21 it's been an annual thing for about 10 years I think. I think where it's just
22 been these art installations all over the city and some of are large pieces in
23 the Grand River and big visual things in public squares and you know, that
24 sort of thing. There's a lot of people there, and it's a place to be seen.
- 25 Sean Quinn: Interesting. I'll have to come back to Grand Rapids for that.
- 26 Campaign Chairman: A lot of people do.
- 27 Sean Quinn: Is it the same time every year?

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- 1 Campaign Chairman: Yeah, September.
- 2 Sean Quinn: September. Beginning of September, end of September?
- 3 Campaign Chairman: Towards the end of September.
- 4 Sean Quinn: So it draws a lot of people. Other than just kind of walking around and
5 enjoying the art, are there other like specific events that either you go to or
6 that are kind of centered around Art Prize?
- 7 Campaign Chairman: Like I said, sometimes corporations will, might have a reception or an
8 open house because it's people walking and it's a very mobile kind of
9 thing.
- 10 Sean Quinn: Got you. Do you guys ever use it as a campaign event?
- 11 Campaign Chairman: Now let's, we did when brought Bill down for dinner. It was, when we...
12 This is the dinner that seems to have gotten some attention here, but this
13 was about six weeks from election day and a very heavy schedule from
14 lots of events that were happening. But that particular day we did not have
15 a hard event on the schedule but we knew Art Prize was going on and, but
16 overall around that, it's parades and you know, we rally, we were
17 supporting a Republican Senate candidate that cycle.
- 18 Did a rally for her in Coopersville. A tailgate with college Republicans at
19 Grand Valley, I mean we were, you get into that, like I was saying-
- 20 Sean Quinn: Right.
- 21 Campaign Chairman: ... that finally two months, it's the vortex starts moving.
- 22 Sean Quinn: Right.
- 23 Campaign Chairman: So figured at Art Prize, huge crowds, lots of media. Bill's very
24 recognizable and accessible. Let's just get downtown and walk around and
25 meet some folks.
- 26 Sean Quinn: Right. Since you brought it up, let's talk about the dinner a little bit.
- 27 Don't worry, I was going to bring it up so it's not, not all on you.
- 28 Campaign Chairman: I kind of figured.
- 29 Sean Quinn: Can you describe that dinner for me? You said you didn't have like a hard
30 event that day planned. How did the dinner come about?

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1 Campaign Chairman: Just we wanted to get down and try to meet people with the expectation,
2 we're likely to run into some folks we know, which is exactly what
3 happened.

4 Sean Quinn: Got you.

5 So you didn't invite anybody to the dinner beforehand, you just went down
6 and ran into folks?

7 Campaign Chairman: Correct.

8 Sean Quinn: And who was it that you ran into?

9 Campaign Chairman: It was so not unusual and unremarkable, I can't remember any specifics
10 and it's also five years ago.

11 Sean Quinn: Yeah, I understand. So you don't remember any of the specific folks that
12 were there?

13 Campaign Chairman: No.

14 Sean Quinn: Okay.

15 Let's see. I have a document that we can look at quickly and it will maybe
16 help you remember who was there?

17 Campaign Chairman: Will you just pass the picture of...

18 Sean Quinn: Facebook picture? There you go, you've seen that before I'm sure.

19 Campaign Chairman: I'm sure somebody had fun going through five years of my personal
20 Facebook page to find that.

21 Sean Quinn: Let's see. You want to take a look at that. Derek here's a copy for you.

22 Derek Ross: I think I've seen this before.

23 Sean Quinn: Yeah. This is a letter from your counsel to my office. And on that third
24 page there's a... That's the third page that you're looking at. Just for the
25 recording the letter is dated May, 17th, 2019 to Jeff Brown. And so on that
26 third page, there's a list of the folks that might have been at that dinner.
27 Does that ring any bells for you?

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- 1 Campaign Chairman: Not specifically, but I know Dave Hildebrand. I know Peter McGregor
2 and I see him frequently around so, like I said, there's nothing remarkable
3 or unusual about...
- 4 Sean Quinn: Right.
- 5 Campaign Chairman: Seeing them.
- 6 Sean Quinn: So even looking at this list, you can't really remember who was, who was
7 at the dinner?
- 8 Campaign Chairman: No.
- 9 Sean Quinn: Okay. Do you know... So then I guess it probably wasn't you that provided
10 these names.
- 11 Campaign Chairman: No.
- 12 Sean Quinn: Okay. Do you know who did?
- 13 Campaign Chairman: No.
- 14 Sean Quinn: Okay. And the dinner was at Ossteria Rosa, right?
- 15 Campaign Chairman: Correct.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Is that a kind of go-to spot?
- 17 Campaign Chairman: Not necessarily.
- 18 Sean Quinn: Okay. How'd you end up there?
- 19 Campaign Chairman: It's a newer restaurant and it was just kind of a casual, just sort of a
20 moderate priced place that's right smack dab in the middle of everything.
- 21 Sean Quinn: Got you. And then, so I have, let's see, I also have the receipt from that
22 night that I'll hand you. It's the receipt from September 27th, 2014 so like
23 you said, it looks like it's end of September and the amount was \$328. Do
24 you, I know you don't remember the folks that were there, but do you
25 remember, would you have paid for everybody that was at that dinner?
- 26 Campaign Chairman: Yeah. And what I do remember, is there was a waiting line to get in. So
27 we started a bar tab, and I think Bill might've picked up a couple of drinks,
28 or glasses of wine for folks while, because we ran into people he knew.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Okay. Got you. Do you think you ran into the folks at the restaurant or you
2 met them at art fair and then brought them to the restaurant?
- 3 Campaign Chairman: Art Prize is just outside the door.
- 4 Sean Quinn: I'm sorry, Art Prize. Yeah. Okay. So you think you went into the
5 restaurant, saw some folks you knew and sat down to dinner with them?
- 6 Campaign Chairman: Correct.
- 7 Sean Quinn: And does that kind of... Is that kind of a frequent or common occurrence
8 to go out to dinner and just bring folks with you?
- 9 Campaign Chairman: No.
- 10 Sean Quinn: It's specific to that Art Prize event?
- 11 Campaign Chairman: Correct.
- 12 Sean Quinn: Okay. Have you done that in the years since at Art Prize?
- 13 Campaign Chairman: Just go to a restaurant expecting to see people... no.
- 14 Sean Quinn: Okay. And again, I know you don't remember the people that were there,
15 but do you have any recollection of what you talked about at the dinner or
16 kind of what was the...
- 17 Campaign Chairman: Ask my wife, when I'm with Bill, we're usually talking politics, especially
18 two months out of a...
- 19 Sean Quinn: Right, yeah. Is your wife-
- 20 Campaign Chairman: With a heavy schedule of events and activities going on.
- 21 Sean Quinn: Right, right. Is your wife a political junkie as well?
- 22 Campaign Chairman: Well, I think to most people probably, yes. Not to me no, but she does.
23 She's a good sport. She's always ready for a parade or doing some doors or
24 just being part of the team.
- 25 Sean Quinn: Right.
- 26 Campaign Chairman: Or as I'm reminded by Boomer and Matt, they like seeing her they don't
27 care if I'm at an event. So it seems to be consensus on that.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Got you. Sounds like she was a good dinner guest then.
- 2 Campaign Chairman: Yes.
- 3 Sean Quinn: Good person to have around. Do you have any more on that, on the
4 dinner?
- 5 Omar Ashmawy: I don't.
- 6 Sean Quinn: Okay. I think we're pretty much getting to the end. If you wouldn't mind
7 just giving us a few minutes, we'll kind of pow wow, and then we can ask
8 a couple close out questions then we'll be done.
- 9 Campaign Chairman: Sure.
- 10 Sean Quinn: Cool. We can step out or, how do you want to.
- 11 Derek Ross: There's a room right around the corner if that's easiest.
- 12 Sean Quinn: Perfect, sure. Perfect. Yeah.
- 13 Derek Ross: I assume nobody's in it. If somebody's in it, I'll find us another place.
- 14 Sean Quinn: I'm going to pause.
- 15 Okay. We've started the recording again.
- 16 So like I was saying, I think we're mostly done with the substance. I just
17 kind of always ask about things that you've done to prepare for this
18 interview.
- 19 So why don't you just kind of start, have you talked to anybody about my
20 office's, the OCE's review?
- 21 Campaign Chairman: I guess I had not heard of the organization before this came up so I talked
22 to Dewitt a little bit about what's the structure or what is this exactly.
- 23 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 24 Campaign Chairman: That's about it.
- 25 Sean Quinn: Okay. And how did you first hear that there was a review by my office?
- 26 Campaign Chairman: I was notified by Jon Dewitt.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: And what did he tell you?
- 2 Campaign Chairman: Just that there's a review by your office.
- 3 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 4 What did he tell you it was about?
- 5 Campaign Chairman: I didn't believe that we were really clear on what it was about. It seemed to
6 be just a review.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Okay. And have you talked with anybody else and either the official office
8 or the campaign about the review?
- 9 Campaign Chairman: Not about anything really in the specifics. Talked to my brother, obviously
10 about this to a certain degree. But that's about it, it's... and we feel we've
11 got nothing to hide. We've cooperated fully on this from the get go and
12 we're looking forward to getting this resolved.
- 13 Sean Quinn: Yeah, absolutely. We appreciate... Yeah. Like I said, we appreciate your
14 time today and just kind of the over the course of the review.
- 15 Campaign Chairman: But I think we supplied a lot of information for you.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Yeah, absolutely. And I assume you've also talked to Derek and maybe
17 Charlie some about the process.
- 18 Campaign Chairman: Yeah, just a little bit the other, couple of days ago.
- 19 Sean Quinn: Okay. And when was that?
- 20 Campaign Chairman: A couple of days ago. When'd we have a conference call, Monday I guess.
- 21 Sean Quinn: Monday. Okay. And who was on the conference call?
- 22 Campaign Chairman: Derek and Charlie and myself.
- 23 Sean Quinn: Okay. And how long did you guys talk?
- 24 Campaign Chairman: 20 minutes. I don't, they bill by the hour so.
- 25 Sean Quinn: So you keep a chart.
- 26 Campaign Chairman: How long was it?

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- 1 Sean Quinn: How many sixths of an hour was the... Have you, 20 minutes is close
2 enough. I don't need an exact...
- 3 Campaign Chairman: Could have been 30.
- 4 Sean Quinn: Have you had any other conversations with Derek or Charlie?
- 5 Campaign Chairman: No.
- 6 Sean Quinn: Other than talking to Derek or Charlie, have you done anything else to
7 prepare for the interview?
- 8 Campaign Chairman: Not really, I mean, just out of curiosity and I knew this dinner thing was
9 going to come up, so I just, briefly reviewed my calendar, what was
10 happening, the weeks around that and yeah, it reflects it's campaign
11 season, that's for sure.
- 12 Sean Quinn: Got you. Did you look at any other documents or anything else to kind of
13 refresh your recollection?
- 14 Campaign Chairman: No.
- 15 Sean Quinn: And then when you talked to Derek and Charlie on Monday, did you
16 address kind of any specific topics or anything in particular that my office
17 would be looking into?
- 18 Campaign Chairman: I don't believe so. It was more just sort of an explanation with what the
19 review was, sort of an affirmation of be sure you tell the truth and the
20 whole truth. And I thought that goes without saying, but...
- 21 Sean Quinn: It's always worth, worth stressing.
- 22 Okay then I think, that's all that I have. Do you have anything, Omar?
- 23 Omar Ashmawy: I don't. No.
- 24 Sean Quinn: Okay, great. With that, then I will, then we can go off the record.
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EXHIBIT 6

Transcript of Interview of Representative Huizenga

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1 Sean Quinn: Okay. I am starting the recording. Today is July 10, 2019. We're at the
2 offices of the law firm Clark Hill in DC for the interview of
3 Representative William Huizenga. The congressman is accompanied by
4 his counsel, Charlie Spies and Derek Ross. Speaking is Sean Quinn from
5 the Office of Congressional Ethics. I am here with Omar Ashmawy and
6 Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman. The witness has been given a copy of 18 U.S.C.
7 1001 and has signed the acknowledgement. First, I just kind of want to get
8 a general picture at a high level of how your office, the official office and
9 the campaign office, function. We can start with the official office, if you
10 could tell me who Jon DeWitt is and what his role in your office is?

11 Rep. Huizenga: He's my chief of staff, traditional chief of staff role.

12 Sean Quinn: Okay, great. Does he handle any specific issue areas or just oversees all
13 the goings on?

14 Rep. Huizenga: He's more general overseeing things, does not have issue assignments
15 specifically.

16 Sean Quinn: Okay. Then I understand your two deputy chief of staffs are Marliiss
17 McManus and Heather Sandberg?

18 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.

19 Sean Quinn: Let's talk about Marliiss. Can you explain her role?

20 Rep. Huizenga: Marliiss as my deputy chief of staff handles all things regarding financial
21 services and previously had also been a dual employee with the committee
22 when we were in the Majority and I was chair of my two subcommittees.

23 Sean Quinn: Okay. Great. Then how about Heather?

24 Rep. Huizenga: Heather Sandberg as deputy chief back in the district handles office
25 management issues, budget, and then does have specific issue areas that
26 she handles such as Army Corp of Engineers.

27 Sean Quinn: When you she say she handles office issues, is that office issues in the
28 home district or also office issues in DC?

29 Rep. Huizenga: She does all of our onboarding with new employees, for example. Part of
30 her change of title included her becoming responsible for being the
31 connection in with our official office bookkeeper. As we're tracking
32 budgeting, she's the one that looks at what our budgeting is, equipment

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1 needs, but then also manages personnel back in the district as far as
2 caseworkers, but I run a pretty flat organization.

3 Sean Quinn: Okay. Then you mentioned your bookkeeper. Is that Mary Ellen?

4 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.

5 Sean Quinn: Okay. What's her role?

6 Rep. Huizenga: I don't know exactly her number of offices that she covers, but she is the
7 person who does all of the reporting.

8 Sean Quinn: Okay. Like I said, we can keep it pretty high level, but is there anybody
9 else that's essential to the functioning of your office that you would put in
10 that high level group?

11 Rep. Huizenga: Jon overseeing, and because of his unique role as a former district director,
12 that he took over the position when I did, he and I have a unique
13 understanding of what happens both in the district as well as in DC. So, he
14 is involved in a lot of the conversations back home and in the district. Jon
15 is, I would say, the floater in between and knows what happens in both
16 places than most. With Matt Kooiman and Heather operating in the
17 district, Marliss, and to a lesser degree now Palmer Rafferty, who's newer,
18 as a legislative director, and then of course my comms person, Brian
19 Patrick, who also is involved in some policy discussions in messaging and
20 marketing.

21 Sean Quinn: Okay. Brian Patrick, is that Boomer?

22 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.

23 Sean Quinn: Okay, got you. I see Boomer more often than his real name.

24 Rep. Huizenga: Yes. If you know him as Brian, you're either his family member or you
25 don't know him.

26 Sean Quinn: Good. Okay, so that's the official side. If we can talk about the campaign
27 side a little bit, let's do that high level overview again. Who are the high
28 level folks at the campaign?

29 Rep. Huizenga: Jim Barry. Jim is the campaign chair. Previously had been the day to day
30 campaign manager in my first race and at various times. Formerly it had
31 been Greg VanWoerkom who did bunch of the campaign day to day.
32 Again, you have to use almost air quotes around day to day because there
33 really isn't day to day.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: A typical day.
- 2 Rep. Huizenga: Matt Kooiman has assumed more of that role. Former key element there
3 was Ron VanDerKolk. Unfortunately, as you know, Ron has passed away.
4 He had been with my family and campaign literally from day one.
- 5 Sean Quinn: Okay. Was Ron's title treasurer? He was the treasurer?
- 6 Rep. Huizenga: No. No, it's Dave Nienhuis.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Okay. He's still the treasurer?
- 8 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.
- 9 Sean Quinn: We were sorry to hear about Ron, but I understand that Paul Kilgore has
10 taken over Ron's role?
- 11 Rep. Huizenga: Yes, it was my recollection it was either first quarter of last year or right
12 after the first quarter of last year Ron's health had been declining, and we
13 needed to alleviate some of the stress. So, we moved the campaign
14 function to Paul.
- 15 Sean Quinn: Okay. Can you explain to me a little bit – so Dave in the treasurer's seat,
16 and then you've got Ron formerly and Paul, currently? How do they split
17 their responsibilities? Who handles what?
- 18 Rep. Huizenga: Ron was all the day to day. You have to understand that Dave is also our
19 family CPA for the family businesses, and Ron was the bookkeeper for the
20 family businesses as well, all paid separately. Ron would gather up
21 reports, run checks, process checks, make photocopies, do all those things,
22 do the report, and then have it reviewed.
- 23 Sean Quinn: Have it reviewed?
- 24 Rep. Huizenga: Before it was submitted.
- 25 Sean Quinn: Have it reviewed by Dave?
- 26 Rep. Huizenga: Dave would take a look at it, I would take a look at it, Jim Barry would
27 take a look at it, and I think on occasion maybe Jon DeWitt.
- 28 Sean Quinn: When you say reports, you're talking about FEC reports?
- 29 Rep. Huizenga: FEC reports.

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1 Sean Quinn: Sorry, give me that list one more time. You said you would take a look at
2 it. Jim would look at it.

3 Rep. Huizenga: Jim.

4 Sean Quinn: Dave sometimes would look at it?

5 Rep. Huizenga: No, what I said was that Jon, I'm not sure he reviewed all of them. But to
6 the best of my knowledge, Ron would submit the report for Dave for his
7 review as well because he and I would talk about various issues at times.

8 Sean Quinn: Okay.

9 Rep. Huizenga: Dave would typically be the one that if he had to handle something with
10 the FEC, he would be the one that would be stuck in the voicemail phone
11 tree.

12 Sean Quinn: Okay. Hopefully that doesn't mess up the recording.

13 Omar Ashmawy: It shouldn't.

14 Rep. Huizenga: Power wasbing?

15 Sean Quinn: Yeah. Okay, so Dave would be the one to interface with the FEC if there
16 was some sort of issue. Is he also the one that held that issue area
17 expertise? He was familiar with FEC regulations? Or who filled that role?

18 Rep. Huizenga: Dave has been my treasurer from when I started as a state representative,
19 learned that system, and then was also then became treasurer under the
20 FEC. Lots of self-education, but when you needed expertise, he would –
21 think my counselor to my right here has had conversations with him as
22 well.

23 Sean Quinn: We've talked primarily about Jim, Matt, Greg, Do Jon, Marliss, or Heather
24 play any role in the campaign?

25 Rep. Huizenga: Back in Michigan?

26 Sean Quinn: Anywhere, DC, Michigan.

27 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.

28 Sean Quinn: Okay. All three of them?

29 Rep. Huizenga: I'm sorry, you said Jon, Marliss, and?

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Yeah. We'll use last names if that's easier.
- 2 Rep. Huizenga: Yeah.
- 3 Sean Quinn: DeWitt, McManus, or Sandberg, do they all play roles in the campaign?
- 4 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.
- 5 Sean Quinn: Okay. Let's go through each of those. What does Jon DeWitt do for the
6 campaign?
- 7 Rep. Huizenga: Again, general sounding board. How to best describe it I guess would be
8 lending counsel and perspective for strategy. Then as far as the fundraising
9 side, Jon would typically be more point person here in Washington DC
10 working with our fundraiser. McManus would supplement that as far as
11 the Washington DC side, contact with folks on volunteer time, also attend
12 events on volunteer time. Then, sorry, the third one was?
- 13 Sean Quinn: Heather Sandberg.
- 14 Rep. Huizenga: Sandberg. Heather is a paid fundraiser in Michigan.
- 15 Sean Quinn: Okay. Heather is paid, and then Jon and Marliss work on a volunteer basis
16 for the campaign?
- 17 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.
- 18 Sean Quinn: Okay. We've addressed some of those people in the office and the
19 campaign. How would you describe yourself as a boss or a manager? Are
20 you high level? Are you in the weeds on most decisions?
- 21 Rep. Huizenga: Those are two extremes, so I would say most people are probably neither.
22 It depends on the issue. I would say I'm more involved in the district
23 because I served as a district director for six years. I was an elected state
24 representative, and I ran my predecessor's campaigns when I was in that
25 role. I grew up, political family. Dad was a local elected official, so this is
26 an area that I know. I have heard from colleagues of mine. I would say I
27 would view myself and my family, my wife Natalie, very involved in the
28 campaign, more so than a lot of other campaigns. Partially that's because
29 of size and scope of previous campaigns. Big difference between running
30 \$1.5 million campaign and running a \$6 million campaign. Then as far as
31 Washington DC, is that part of your question?
- 32 Sean Quinn: Yeah, absolutely.

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- 1 Rep. Huizenga: A phrase that I will use is I'm a player's coach. I've been there, done that as
2 a former staffer, as a former intern on the Hill, as someone who is an
3 elected official back home. I get it. I think I can be a dream boss because I
4 get it that not everything is going to run perfectly, but I also can be their
5 nightmare because I know what they're doing, why they're doing it, and
6 how they're doing it, so I can call them out on stuff. So, somewhere in
7 between.
- 8 I also believe that my experience allows me to know when to step back
9 and let the people that I have hired and trust to do their job. There are
10 decisions that are made sometimes whether it's on my schedule or whether
11 it's in a ... Usually it's surrounding schedule, and who you're meeting with,
12 and how your time ... Your time is your most valuable asset anywhere, I
13 think, for all of us. There are times that I might have disagreements on
14 details, but I'll let people go through and do their jobs. Then when it
15 comes time for those larger decisions especially for setting a pace, and a
16 tone, and a tenor, that's where I think my role is.
- 17 Sean Quinn: Okay. We talked about Heather is compensated, Jon and Marliss are not.
18 How do you compensate your campaign staff?
- 19 Rep. Huizenga: The campaign staff?
- 20 Sean Quinn: The campaign staff.
- 21 Rep. Huizenga: Matt is compensated. Jim Barry is compensated. Ron had been
22 compensated. Now Paul is compensated. Dave Nienhuis is not. He
23 volunteers that. Boomer-
- 24 Sean Quinn: They're salaried? I'm sorry.
- 25 Rep. Huizenga: Boomer is also compensated. In Heather's case, there's a monthly fee, and
26 then she gets a percentage. Boomer, it's gone back and forth depending on
27 what he raises online or what his communications side of things. I think
28 with both of them, they have to reach thresholds.
- 29 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 30 Rep. Huizenga: Jim Barry is a straight monthly, and Matt Kooiman is a straight monthly.
- 31 Sean Quinn: I have a couple just general questions about how the campaign handles its
32 banking, finances, specifically who the campaign banks with. I understand
33 the campaign has an American Express card, right?
- 34 Rep. Huizenga: No.

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1 Sean Quinn: The campaign does not have an American Express card?

2 Rep. Huizenga: No. I have an American Express card that is in my name.

3 Sean Quinn: Do you use that solely for the campaign?

4 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.

5 Sean Quinn: Okay. Only campaign expenses go on that card?

6 Rep. Huizenga: Yes. We were not able to obtain a campaign credit card in the campaign's
7 name.

8 Sean Quinn: Okay. Why was that?

9 Rep. Huizenga: The rules of the banks that we had been talking to. It was not by choice.
10 We had tried. I'm sorry, it's not a credit card, but we have had debit cards
11 as well.

12 Sean Quinn: Who are the debit cards through?

13 Rep. Huizenga: Huntington. The American Express is not. The Huntington debit card was
14 linked directly. There was one that was in my name, one in my wife's
15 name, and there was a general one that was kept by Ron and used for
16 various things. We didn't feel comfortable, especially once we were up
17 having hundreds of thousands of dollars directly being attached to it.
18 That's why I switched and quit carrying the debit card and went to the
19 American Express. It was more secure.

20 Sean Quinn: Okay, so then your banking, where you're keeping campaign funds, that
21 was with Huntington Bank?

22 Rep. Huizenga: Huntington.

23 Sean Quinn: Then on some FEC reports, we've seen some BB&T and SunTrust. Have
24 you ever used BB&T or SunTrust?

25 Rep. Huizenga: Not to the best of my knowledge. Can I clarify that, or have you clarify
26 that? Are you saying a reimbursement to BB&T and SunTrust, or that
27 someone used a card from BB&T, or that there was a loan, or what?

28 Sean Quinn: BB&T and SunTrust have showed up on some reimbursement reports. It
29 wasn't clear what their role on the report was. We just kind of flagged the
30 financial institutions that we saw. We thought primarily it was Amex and

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1 think my first year I was a special guest, and then two or three years after
2 that we had a JFC, which might be some of those SunTrust, BB&Ts.

3 Sean Quinn: Sorry, what year was that again?

4 Rep. Huizenga: I don't recall specifically without having to go back. I haven't looked at
5 any of that documentation, but may have been in the second year of my
6 first term. So, that would've been '12 or '13. Did that for a few years and
7 then switched to a ... We stayed on property, but again, was more baseball-
8 focused. Not all the PAC participants would go to the baseball side. We
9 decided to switch that. Tom and I sort of parted ways on that particular
10 event, and we switched to doing a more park-focused event, again, staying
11 on property.

12 Sean Quinn: When did that switch happen?

13 Rep. Huizenga: I'm trying to go back. Probably '15 or '16. We did that for a series of years.
14 Was quite successful. Then we saw a greater proliferation of those types
15 of trips, so it got kind of watered down. In other words, wasn't as
16 financially beneficial. The last "Disney trip" that I participated in was I
17 was a special guest for one of my colleagues.

18 Sean Quinn: Which year was that?

19 Rep. Huizenga: That would've been not this past Memorial Day but Memorial Day prior,
20 so it would've been Memorial of '18.

21 Sean Quinn: '18.

22 Rep. Huizenga: By then we had switched to do our "winter tent pole event" to a ski event.

23 Sean Quinn: You used the term special guest. Can you just tell me what that means?

24 Rep. Huizenga: That means I get invited by a colleague to come and participate at all of
25 their events. I think as I recall, of all of those, we would then try to do a
26 little sidebar fundraiser that was also an event that would benefit my
27 campaign, but not necessarily always happening. The main idea is you're
28 coming and supporting a colleague after you've been invited, and I do the
29 same. I invite people to come and participate in my events.

30 Sean Quinn: Okay. In 2015, 2016, that's when the park-focused event began, and then
31 you did an event. Let's assume it started 2015. You did an event in 2016,
32 2017.

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- 1 Rep. Huizenga: '15, '16, '17, and then in February of '18. '17 would've been the last one, I
2 believe, that I was specifically organizing it and helping to organize it, and
3 then switched to ski.
- 4 Sean Quinn: Okay. Sorry, just to clarify that, 2017 was a trip, and then the 2018 trip
5 was just you as a special guest?
- 6 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Okay, so there was no Huizenga for Congress?
- 8 Rep. Huizenga: No, I don't know that that is accurate. As I recall, we did a sidebar event.
9 That typically would then be a cocktail reception. What we also would do
10 is park meetups. We would be in the park and say, "Okay, at 2:00 we're
11 going to be at such and such a place to then get ice cream, or get a drink,
12 or get a whatever. If anybody else is in the park," then come.
- 13 Omar Ashmawy: As a special guest, just forgive my ignorance, does that mean that you're
14 invited to be there but your campaign does not directly benefit from the
15 funds being donated for the event outside of perhaps a special event that
16 you're holding?
- 17 Rep. Huizenga: If I was to go, if I would honor the request of a colleague of mine to help
18 their event be more successful, the focus is on them. With their
19 permission, we'd try to organize something additional. For the ski event,
20 for example, Jeb Hensarling, Pete Sessions, Greg Walden had been doing
21 this ski event for years. Jeb knew that he was not going to be continuing in
22 Congress, invited me to be a special guest as a financial services focus.
23 That was what a lot of it was. We asked permission to do a lunch portion
24 that there was an opening. Pretty typically on these, if you've not
25 participated, you have a breakfast event, and either a cocktail event, and
26 dinner events. Sometimes there's lunch events, and sometimes that might
27 be at a park meetup or meet at whatever ski lodge so that if anybody is
28 around, you then are cultivating relationships with those folks. It may or
29 may not have a direct financial benefit at that moment, but it is all
30 intended to be relationship building and towards furthering the-
- 31 Omar Ashmawy: Understand. My question is just related to a direct financial benefit. If you
32 are a special guest at a fundraiser, there's no direct financial benefit.
- 33 Charlie Spies: I apologize for interrupting, but I think there's a little bit ... By direct
34 financial benefit, do you mean contributions to his campaign-
- 35 Omar Ashmawy: I guess I could be more clear and say-

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- 1 Derek Ross: - or do you mean establishing relationships with donors?
- 2 Omar Ashmawy: Who gets the checks?
- 3 Rep. Huizenga: The person hosting the event.
- 4 Omar Ashmawy: That's all I'm asking. So as a special guest, your campaign is not receiving
5 campaign contributions at that specific event.
- 6 Rep. Huizenga: I would never do a quid pro quo, but we have ways of donating to fellow
7 members through both leadership funds, as well as campaign funds. Some
8 of these events may have been for campaign, some of them may have been
9 for their leadership funds, depending on the event. So, there's no one hard
10 and fast way of doing that. There have been times where I've been a
11 special guest where it's been, "Hey, here's a check from my leadership
12 fund."
- 13 Omar Ashmawy: Okay, understood. Given that, let's talk specifically about the Disney 2018
14 trip in which you were a special guest.
- 15 Rep. Huizenga: Okay.
- 16 Omar Ashmawy: Did your campaign receive any contributions at that event?
- 17 Rep. Huizenga: I would have to go back and look. I don't recall specifically. You're talking
18 about with the Scalise?
- 19 Omar Ashmawy: Well, I guess that's a good question, which is who was, for the Disney
20 2018 event that you attended, you were the special guest, who was the
21 primary sponsor?
- 22 Rep. Huizenga: Steve Scalise.
- 23 Omar Ashmawy: In regard to that campaign event-
- 24 Charlie Spies: Are you certain of that, or is it possible it was Team Scalise, or Scalise's
25 JFC?
- 26 Rep. Huizenga: Oh. Yes, to be clear, I don't recall without reviewing the document. I have
27 not reviewed the invitation. The invitations would lay that out.
- 28 Omar Ashmawy: I'm not going to hold you to that. It's clear that you explained-
- 29 Rep. Huizenga: I don't know whether it was his PAC, his JFC, his campaign specifically.

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- 1 Omar Ashmawy: But it was a Representative Steve Scalise oriented campaign event?
- 2 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.
- 3 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. At that event, did you hold any campaign events for which
4 somebody had to make a contribution to attend?
- 5 Rep. Huizenga: I would have to go back and review. There are so many of them, I don't
6 recall specifically whether we did a specific sidebar, as I've been calling
7 them. My recollection is yes, but I would need to go back and double
8 check that.
- 9 Sean Quinn: I might be able to refresh your recollection a bit. Was there a character
10 breakfast that happened in 2018?
- 11 Rep. Huizenga: Oh, yes, yes.
- 12 Sean Quinn: Okay. How did that event work? Did somebody have to pay to attend that
13 one?
- 14 Rep. Huizenga: Yes, yes. As I said, we've done various iterations. I do recall that now.
- 15 Sean Quinn: Was that the only event at the 2018 Scalise Disney trip?
- 16 Rep. Huizenga: Other than participating at all of his, he has a pretty packed schedule.
- 17 Omar Ashmawy: I can imagine.
- 18 Rep. Huizenga: When you have to schedule time to see your family ... As I recall, there
19 was a meetup as well in the parks. Again, I'm using a term that has no
20 legal bearing. It's trying to be descriptive of what we're doing. 2:00, we're
21 going to be at Harry Potter World getting a Butter beer, or at wherever
22 getting snow cones or whatever.
- 23 Sean Quinn: The meetup you're describing, that was a Huizenga meetup?
- 24 Rep. Huizenga: Yeah, they would tend to be more informal. It would be letting people
25 know. It would not be a charged event, more specifically.
- 26 Sean Quinn: Sure. Since we're on 2018, let's start with then, and then we'll work our
27 way back to some of the previous trips. Who else from the Huizenga
28 campaign attended the Disney 2018 trip?
- 29 Rep. Huizenga: With Scalise?

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Yeah. That's the only 2018 trip, right?
- 2 Rep. Huizenga: As I recall, nobody. It was just me. Are you asking about DeWitt, or
3 McManus, or any of the-
- 4 Omar Ashmawy: Any of the campaign staff or volunteers.
- 5 Rep. Huizenga: I'd have to go back and look, but I don't recall that Jon DeWitt, or Marliss
6 McManus, or anybody else was along because it was a Scalise event.
- 7 Omar Ashmawy: Another question about being a special guest, is someone explained it to
8 us as when you are a special guest, you generally don't bring staff. Is that
9 in your experience a rule so to speak?
- 10 Rep. Huizenga: I think it all depends on what are the circumstances? If I am doing other
11 significant events that warrant it, I would consider that. If there is not a
12 need or a necessity, they wouldn't necessarily go.
- 13 Sean Quinn: Okay, and then-
- 14 Rep. Huizenga: Just trying to think, so when I was a special guest for the Hensarling ski
15 trip, we did end up putting together a pretty successful event it turns out, a
16 lunch event that I felt warranted DeWitte's attendance at. It was new, it
17 was the first time we were doing it, so we were trying to feel our way
18 through, and figure out whether we wanted to continue to try to do this
19 event, and "Take it over," and be the financial services guy doing this or
20 not, and sort of the test run.
- 21 We had a luncheon, we had gotten permission to do the luncheon, and that
22 turned out to be quite successful.
- 23 Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman: When you say the lunch warranted DeWitte's attention, you knew that
24 you wanted Jon DeWitte to attend?
- 25 Rep. Huizenga: You don't-
- 26 Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman: Or he was just there?
- 27 Rep. Huizenga: No, you never show up without knowing what you're doing, right? You
28 can't order catering, you can't have a room reserved, you can't print
29 invitations without knowing, so two months out, we had the question, two
30 weeks out, there was no question, we knew what was going to be
31 happening.

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1 Sean Quinn: Back to the 2018 Disney trip, so you don't believe, or can't recall if Jon or
2 Marliss went on that trip.

3 Rep. Huizenga: It would not have been Marliss that I can recall, and I don't recall Jon
4 being there because that was our sidebar character breakfast was, we were
5 struggling trying to figure out. I got asked to be the special guest a little
6 later than what we would have necessarily liked, and the only way that it
7 really worked is it was over Memorial Day, that weekend. I had to make
8 the decision among the team saying who will be doing parades, or going
9 and doing this, and one of the things that you weigh out is, is it going to be
10 worth our while?

11 It's one thing being a special guest at a restaurant here in D.C, sure, no
12 problem. It's different when you have to go travel and spend significant
13 time and resources to go do that, you want to make it worthwhile for
14 everybody who is doing it, and including who is asking you to be a special
15 guest. I've turned down people to be the special guest, just the timing
16 doesn't work or there isn't enough of a ... I don't see the benefit for them or
17 the benefit for me long-term, so it's that one, now that you refreshed my
18 memory about the character breakfast, there was a lot of consternation
19 about which characters we could even get because we were late enough in,
20 and where it was as I recall, we had to do it at a site that wasn't where we
21 were even staying.

22 Sean Quinn: Okay, it sounded a little bit like you were a little bit sure about Marliss not
23 have gone in 2018, is there a reason for that? Does she fill some different
24 role that just wouldn't be needed?

25 Rep. Huizenga: If it was more financial services oriented, that would be more of Marliss's
26 bailiwick, and because of the relationships. When it's more, "Leadership
27 focused." The chiefs have their own ecosystem.

28 Sean Quinn: Okay, then I guess just with that idea, if Marliss is the point person on
29 financial services issues, the ski trip is a financial services trip, right?

30 Rep. Huizenga: Well, not exclusively because you still had Greg Walden, and again,
31 previously Pete Sessions, and Fred Upton also has an event up there, so
32 there's other members that are there at concurrent times, or sometimes
33 with the JFC. Again, we're trying to feel it out, figure out whether it was
34 worth our time and effort. I honestly have no idea whether Marliss skis or
35 not, she is from Kentucky, I don't know if they ski in Kentucky, I know
36 Jon does.

37 When we're dealing with ... you also have to understand that we're still in
38 the majority working towards becoming chair of the financial services

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- 1 committee, so there's some interlocking parts with relationships between
2 Jon and leadership, and working steering committee, Marliss tends to be
3 more specifically, maybe less focused on leadership type of areas.
- 4 Sean Quinn: Just a few more question on the 2018 trip, and we'll move to the other
5 ones. You said you had a meet up, was it just the one meet up in 2018?
- 6 Rep. Huizenga: Quite honestly without looking at a calendar, I don't even remember how
7 many days we were there. Our rule of thumb is to do that if at all possible,
8 and in other words, if we are going somewhere we are trying to offer
9 additional opportunities.
- 10 Sean Quinn: And then who from your family attended in 2018?
- 11 Rep. Huizenga: I'd have to go back and look at the photos. I don't recall whether it was all
12 of us, as you can imagine, five kids, we garner some attention, but my
13 recollection is everybody was there.
- 14 Sean Quinn: Okay, so let's focus on the 2015 to 2017 time frame, from my
15 understanding those were Huizenga focused events, you were not a special
16 guest, you brought-
- 17 Rep. Huizenga: We had JFC with Tom Price, and then that evolved into JFCs with other
18 members. Pretty typically, unless you were a Scalise type, you need a few
19 folks making it worth the while.
- 20 Sean Quinn: Right, and in 2015, 2016, and 2017, was it the same group from the
21 Huizenga campaign that attended, so Jon and Marliss or were there
22 additional people?
- 23 Rep. Huizenga: I don't recall additional people, either you mean Boomer, Matt Kooiman,
24 or Heather, no. For example, Heather has never gone to a Disney function
25 that we've done.
- 26 Sean Quinn: Okay, any reason for that?
- 27 Rep. Huizenga: Yeah, because she focuses on Michigan fundraising. Marliss typically
28 wouldn't go to a Michigan based event. Matt Kooiman, and Heather
29 wouldn't typically go to a D.C. event, but no, there was no Jim Barry or
30 that kind of thing.
- 31 Sean Quinn: Okay, and then when all those trips that-
- 32 Rep. Huizenga: By the way, I don't believe Marliss has gone every year.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Okay, do you know when she or she did not?
- 2 Rep. Huizenga: I don't recall specifically.
- 3 Sean Quinn: When Marliiss did go, who from Marliiss's family attended?
- 4 Rep. Huizenga: Again, I'm not sure on when the adoption happened, but it would have
5 been either her and husband, or her and husband and daughter. That's one
6 of the reasons why I know she didn't attend when the daughter was even ...
7 When they were going through that, it's more about the personal business,
8 and that doesn't need to be a part of this.
- 9 Sean Quinn: Then how about for Jon DeWitte?
- 10 Rep. Huizenga: Best of my recollection, it was his entire family. He's had an addition to
11 that since then. I don't recall that Jodi has been at all of them.
- 12 Omar Ashmawy: Jodi is-
- 13 Rep. Huizenga: Jon DeWitte's wife.
- 14 Sean Quinn: Is the ... To some extent, I think you had characterized Marliiss and Jon for
15 the Deer Valley financial services trip.
- 16 Rep. Huizenga: I would say it's a D.C. focused trip, we have not invited people from
17 Michigan for example.
- 18 Sean Quinn: That's for the ski trip?
- 19 Rep. Huizenga: Yeah, okay.
- 20 Sean Quinn: Then, does the Disney trip have a particular focus or a particular type of
21 donor that you're inviting?
- 22 Rep. Huizenga: It's a D.C. PAC trip, no.
- 23 Sean Quinn: On these trips, what things does the campaign pay for? Is it all expense
24 paid for the staff like Jon and Marliiss or there are certain things that they
25 pay for that the campaign does not?
- 26 Rep. Huizenga: I would generalize that it is a vast majority of expenses are paid for by the
27 campaign. There may have been also, now that we have leadership fund,
28 and some other things, there's different ways that things have been paid,
29 but I'm not going to invite somebody or ask somebody or direct somebody
30 because it's a volunteer basis, I can't direct, I can request, and have

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1 somebody, and then expect them to incur expenses. That's not how I run
2 my business.

3 If my guys have to run out and go get a part or take a day to go take CPR
4 training, or something else, that's my expense, that's not their expense.
5 They are being directed to go do that, asked to go do that, benefiting me,
6 so I would not expect them to pay.

7 Sean Quinn: Let's talk about some specific items that the campaign might pay for on
8 the Disney trip, so how about meals? Will the campaign pay for all the
9 meals?

10 Rep. Huizenga: There are so many receptions, I'm hard pressed to figure out when those
11 meals would happen, but yes.

12 Sean Quinn: For example-

13 Rep. Huizenga: During travel, again, you are being sent on travel, why would I pay for
14 your meal at your destination but not for your meal at the airport? I'm not
15 paying for your breakfast before you left, but if the clock starts, this is how
16 I run my business, you were asking how I'm a manager. The clock starts
17 when you leave the door, and you are on a trip, and that could be a trip to
18 Box town, and you're going to take mileage for my company business, my
19 gravel pit, or whether you're flying across the country, that would be
20 consistent with virtually everybody's business practice that I'm familiar
21 with.

22 Sean Quinn: I'll just give you an example, let's say Jon and his family are out at the
23 park on their own, and they get lunch on their own, would you expect
24 them to expense that meal to the campaign?

25 Rep. Huizenga: Again, it would depend on if we were paying for their participation, and
26 they would also be a part of these meet ups at times, or they would
27 sometimes do their own separate meet ups, they're going to be covering
28 one park, we're covering in another park because people are scattered all
29 over the place, so they ... This would not be unique, there's plenty of
30 events around where the chief ends up filling in, or is a surrogate on a
31 volunteer basis again, of course for members.

32 Sean Quinn: Okay, maybe let me ask you another, still on the topic of meals, can you
33 think of a scenario where the families would be at the park and eat a meal,
34 and the campaign wouldn't pay for it?

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- 1 Rep. Huizenga: Not specifically, no. Well, I can't ... Our events conclude, and they decide
2 to stay on, then if we're outside the window of travel, of what I would
3 deem as travel necessary for the event, that would be a scenario.
- 4 Sean Quinn: You mean the campaign trip is done on Sunday, and they stay on Monday-
- 5 Rep. Huizenga: Yeah, I'm not paying for their lunch on Tuesday as they decided to stick
6 around and see grandma.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Right.
- 8 Rep. Huizenga: Right? But we would have that understanding.
- 9 Sean Quinn: We can actually just ... To help us go through some of the things, this is a
10 document that you all produced to us, this is one of Marliss's submissions
11 for reimbursement from the Disney trip for 2016. It's looks like, meals
12 seven, she specified seven meals paid for.
- 13 Rep. Huizenga: My guess is that's because it's usually ... Well, I don't want to guess.
- 14 Sean Quinn: Then the campaign would also pay for air fare, and then it looks like park
15 tickets also. Let me actually just ask about that quickly because I know the
16 park ticket situation at Disney is complicated, and there are 300 different
17 types of tickets you can get. How did you decide on what park tickets
18 Marliss, and her family received or anybody received? How did that
19 work?
- 20 Rep. Huizenga: I don't know how many days this is, just because someone is there doesn't
21 necessarily mean that they are going in.
- 22 Omar Ashmawy: Were you directly involved in decided which types of tickets to each
23 family member got?
- 24 Rep. Huizenga: No, not ... I would say in general, it would be like, "Okay." Again, when
25 you have little kids, I don't know if you have kids at all, but naps figure in
26 big.
- 27 Sean Quinn: Right.
- 28 Rep. Huizenga: Right? Stroller for example, that makes sense to me. Again, I let people do
29 their jobs, everybody knows what the goal and objective is, and what that
30 means. They're professionals, I trust them. I don't suspect that I just got
31 nickeled and dimed. If this said 27 meals-
- 32 Sean Quinn: That would raise a flag.

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- 1 Rep. Huizenga: My guess is, when there's three of them, that means either somebody
2 didn't eat over a multiple, over a couple of days, or they may have paid for
3 something on their own, I don't know from three years ago.
- 4 Sean Quinn: Or attended an event where the meal was provided potentially.
- 5 Rep. Huizenga: Which would not be unusual.
- 6 Sean Quinn: Park tickets, cab fare, you mentioned that the campaign would have paid
7 for the stroller as well.
- 8 Rep. Huizenga: Again, their family coming to a family oriented PAC event, I would not
9 have a problem having that expense because I see the benefit for all of
10 their attendance.
- 11 Sean Quinn: How would you describe the benefit of their attendance?
- 12 Rep. Huizenga: Goodwill, this is a relationship built city, it's a relationship built business,
13 for lack of a better term.
- 14 Sean Quinn: Just so I understand what you mean when you say goodwill, you mean
15 goodwill between donors and your staff or do you mean goodwill between
16 you and your staff?
- 17 Rep. Huizenga: No, between donors. This is all focused on, again, the focus is on making
18 sure that there is a benefit to the campaign, either immediate, or a longer
19 term. That longer term could be later in the cycle. I have trips, we have
20 programs where if you are going to be a max out donor, you are eligible to
21 attend certain events. Did I necessarily collect a check at the door of that
22 particular event? Not necessarily, but someone has pledged, and or has
23 maybe already, some PACs will say, "It's beginning of the cycle, we're
24 just going to get this done and over with, here's your check."
- 25 Others are going to say, "Well I've got so much for this quarter, and so
26 much for this year, and next year." Then we like to hold stuff back, and
27 then we're going to get back to you.
- 28 Sean Quinn: Okay, have you ... On these trips where you bring in the families, have
29 there ever been any concern raised about it – the bringing and paying for
30 the families on these trips?
- 31 Rep. Huizenga: For my family or are you saying for others family?
- 32 Sean Quinn: Either, but let's start with the staff members' family.

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1 Rep. Huizenga: No, because we do trips that are not family oriented, that family does not
 2 attend. That would actually be the majority of our events. I'm not inviting
 3 Marliss's kid on my beer tour. By the way, Grand Rapids had better beer
 4 than Asheville, North Carolina, we've established this with Patrick
 5 McHenry. I was a special guest-

6 Sean Quinn: I'm from North Carolina, so we might not want to get into this
 7 conversation right here, but-

8 Rep. Huizenga: You better come to Michigan at Grand Rapids beer city, USA. I was a
 9 special guest for Patrick's beer tour, he was a special guest on my beer
 10 tour. Jon and Marliss attended my beer tour, they did not take their
 11 families.

12 Sean Quinn: Just to clarify, you've never had a conversation with anybody in your
 13 official office or campaign about whether or not it was appropriate to
 14 bring family members, staff's family members to Disney?

15 Rep. Huizenga: Specifically to Disney. I had an assumption that if we were doing a family
 16 oriented event, and they were invited, I would extend that offer to their
 17 families.

18 Sean Quinn: Okay, just any other of the other trips, it sounds like you were narrowing
 19 that to Disney, are there other trips-

20 Rep. Huizenga: Well I think you narrowed it to Disney. The ski trip, again, Marliss hasn't
 21 been, I don't recall that Jon necessarily had his wife or both of his kids at
 22 the time, and they again had a third child, so his wife didn't attend. It all
 23 depends, I go to New York about once a month, okay? If there is an event
 24 that it would be appropriate, I don't have a problem having both Marliss
 25 and Jon there, same thing with families, same thing with ... You have to
 26 make a judgment on every single event you end up doing.

27 I have gone to New York on my own because something has fallen
 28 through, where it's been like, "Jon, this doesn't make sense." Or, "Marliss,
 29 this does not make sense for us to incur two hotel rooms in Manhattan."
 30 Which you may have experienced are not cheap. It doesn't make sense, so
 31 last minute, "Don't go." It causes issues with plane tickets because are you
 32 going to spend extra money on a refundable ticket, so you got the
 33 flexibility because it's non-governmental travel, so you can't have that
 34 automatic flexibility, but then you start cementing yourself in. Again, it all
 35 depends on circumstances.

36 Sean Quinn: Did you have something to add?

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1 Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman: Yeah, just besides having it be a beer tour or something that's adult
2 oriented-

3 Rep. Huizenga: Golf.

4 Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman: Golf, is there any other deciding factors whether you considered it
5 a family oriented event or just the fact that you're going to Disney World
6 and you're going to be skiing?

7 Rep. Huizenga: Are there other families attending? You can do an event anywhere and I'm
8 not sure how you can pull off a family oriented Vegas event, but you can
9 do it. You could pull off a non-family event at Disney, not a whole lot of
10 single people want to go and utilize their PAC dollars to go down to
11 Disney for that, so again, it's context and circumstances. We have PAC
12 donors that request family oriented events.

13 Now we've been very focused on D.C. and PAC, and that, but we also
14 have people back home that focus on, and request family oriented events.
15 Whether we do our pancakes and politics, or pumpkins and politics, or
16 whatever it might be, I do a frozen yogurt birthday bash, which is family
17 oriented, we charge by the family. It all depends on context.

18 Sean Quinn: Aside from specific conversations, I just maybe want to understand the
19 process. If there was a question raised about whether or not it was
20 appropriate to bring somebody, a family member, or anybody, or any
21 ethical issue about maybe a campaign event, who would be the person in
22 your staff to run that question down?

23 Rep. Huizenga: Can you clarify that a little bit? I just want to make sure I'm following the
24 question.

25 Sean Quinn: Sure, I'll give you an example and maybe you can tell how it could work
26 out. On the Disney trip, somebody raises to you, or to somebody on your
27 staff, "Hey, I'm not sure the campaign should actually be paying for these
28 many people to go to Disney, is it appropriate?" You wanted to do some
29 check, or ask somebody, who would do that? Who would you check with?

30 Rep. Huizenga: First of all, we would check on the legality we have because I'm a dues
31 paying member of NRCC, we often use their legal team, and get their
32 judgment. Beyond that, unfortunately for me, and good thing for Charlie, I
33 end up paying him a fair amount of money, and his firm is well for that
34 type of advice, is that what you're asking?

35 Sean Quinn: Yeah, that is. Can you give me an example, where you've ever done that
36 sort of thing, explain that process to me. An example, a concern you had.

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- 1 Rep. Huizenga: Again, DeWitte would be intimately involved in those conversations as I
2 would suspect most chiefs would be. It wouldn't typically be me calling
3 the NRCC lawyers, posing the question personally, it would be him
4 reporting back to me. If I had further questions, we might do follow up.
- 5 Sean Quinn: It sounds like in general Jon DeWitte would be allowed to interface or
6 play the middleman in figuring it out –
- 7 Rep. Huizenga: Information gatherer, and then again, if it is D.C. PAC oriented, there
8 would be no reason to involve Jim Barry. If it involves somebody
9 traveling from here, then it would typically be Jon or Marliss, then I would
10 go to Jim Barry and say, "Okay, what's your gut on ... Does this make
11 sense?"
- 12 Omar Ashmawy: Other than the fact that these events, specifically Disney are family
13 oriented, are there any other reasons why the campaign paid for Mr.
14 DeWitte's and Marliss's family to travel to Disney?
- 15 Rep. Huizenga: I see a direct benefit for the campaign for them traveling and coming. To
16 me, it's a little selfish, but we do these things to benefit the campaign, and
17 benefit me. Now, having been in that staff position, I get it, that there are
18 some tougher duties, and there's some easier duties.
- 19 Omar Ashmawy: Other than that benefit to the campaign, was there any other rationale for
20 paying for their family to travel?
- 21 Rep. Huizenga: Not specifically, no. I'm not quite sure what ... It feels like you're asking
22 different than what you're actually asking.
- 23 Omar Ashmawy: I'm just wondering whether ... Again, let me put it in another way. Why
24 did the campaign pay for Marliss's and Jon's family to come to Disney?
- 25 Rep. Huizenga: The same reason why it would pay for my family to come, which is again,
26 family oriented event where our PAC donors are expecting other family
27 members to be there, so that the relationships that get built are not just
28 among the adults. I know that my kids actually have stayed in touch with
29 other kids for example that they have gotten to know over the years on
30 these.
- 31 My youngest who is not much of a skier, and had to get convinced, one of
32 his little buddies reached out that he had met, and was like, "Are you
33 coming?" It was like, "Okay." I forget the kid's, Collin, or whatever the
34 kid's name is, "If he is going, okay, yeah." Is that more of an answer.
- 35 Sean Quinn: Yes, that does answer the question.

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1 Sean Quinn: We're going to talk about a few other trips, and I'll try to move through
2 them efficiently. We've talked a little bit about the ski trip, where does that
3 take place?

4 Rep. Huizenga: So far it's been just Deer Valley.

5 Sean Quinn: Okay, and how many times have you gone on that trip?

6 Rep. Huizenga: I was a special guest the first time, so that would have been '18, and then
7 '19 was our first year of directly without Jeb Hensarling, I guess.

8 Charlie Spies: What do you need?

9 Rep. Huizenga: I have no idea what time it is.

10 Charlie Spies: A quarter to six.

11 Rep. Huizenga: We've been at it for an hour. I won't mind a quick restroom break, and
12 then-

13 Sean Quinn: Sure, I'm just going to stop recording.

14 Okay, and we're back on the record. I think we were talking about the
15 Deer Valley trip, you said it was in 2018 that you were a special guest, and
16 it was this year 2019 that it was your event, or you were jointly at the
17 event with others.

18 Rep. Huizenga: To be clear, I did do a luncheon event in 18, but it was not my ... I did not
19 organize the event. '19, we helped to take over an organization of it.

20 Sean Quinn: Cool, what was the 2018 event that you did?

21 Rep. Huizenga: It was a luncheon.

22 Sean Quinn: Was this the "Bloodies with Bill"?

23 Rep. Huizenga: Yeah.

24 Sean Quinn: Okay.

25 Rep. Huizenga: I guess, actually technically I did the Bloody Mary, yeah, we called it the
26 luncheon.

27 Sean Quinn: There were some Bloody Mary's present?

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- 1 Rep. Huizenga: Yes, if you had one of them out there, you'd call it a lunch.
- 2 Sean Quinn: That's the St. Regis's thing, the Bloody Mary's?
- 3 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.
- 4 Sean Quinn: What's the Deer Valley one? Don't they each have a different Bloody
5 Mary?
- 6 Rep. Huizenga: Black volcanic salt, or something or other.
- 7 Sean Quinn: In 2018, there were no other Huizenga specific events?
- 8 Rep. Huizenga: Fundraisers, I would say that's different than doing a meet up or ... Again,
9 there's breakfast, there's ... The French term is apres ski, and then there's
10 typically dinner.
- 11 Sean Quinn: Okay, the only fundraising event was the luncheon?
- 12 Rep. Huizenga: My specific, but we were there ... I forget exactly how many days.
- 13 Sean Quinn: Then in 2018, do you remember who else attended?
- 14 Rep. Huizenga: In '18?
- 15 Sean Quinn: 2018.
- 16 Rep. Huizenga: Be more specific on who attended, meaning-
- 17 Sean Quinn: From Huizenga campaign, so it was you, anybody else from your staff?
- 18 Rep. Huizenga: Jon DeWitte.
- 19 Sean Quinn: Okay, and then any family members?
- 20 Rep. Huizenga: Of Jon's?
- 21 Sean Quinn: Yeah, of Jon.
- 22 Rep. Huizenga: My recollection is that Jodi did not go.
- 23 Sean Quinn: How about kids?
- 24 Rep. Huizenga: I don't think his youngest ... Well I know his youngest son didn't, he's
25 three. I don't know that [REDACTED], his daughter went. How I know that, longer

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1 story but probably ... I had a little ski accident on the last day, and Jon's
2 son, who I was skiing with was the one that directed me back to the ...
3 That's how I know he was there.

4 Sean Quinn: Okay, I got you. Which son is that?

5 Rep. Huizenga: **Son** is his oldest.

6 Sean Quinn: Okay, and then from your family?

7 Rep. Huizenga: Easiest for me to work up, **Son**, **Son** were there. I don't think **Son** was,
8 and **Son**, and Garrett did come out. I think **Son** was there ... No, I
9 know one of the kids, we were not a complete unit because one or two of
10 the kids did not attend the first year, and last year was our first. I don't
11 think my ... Because my daughter is not much of a skier.

12 Sean Quinn: Then how about your wife Natalie?

13 Rep. Huizenga: Yeah, she was there with me. She's more popular than I am.

14 Sean Quinn: And then so why did you bring your families to that event?

15 Rep. Huizenga: Because it has been a family oriented event.

16 Sean Quinn: It sounds like when you're a special guest that's kind of a more leanly
17 staffed trip for you or generally it is.

18 Rep. Huizenga: Yep.

19 Sean Quinn: But that doesn't necessarily apply to families going. Is that correct?

20 Rep. Huizenga: Meaning...

21 Sean Quinn: You brought your families and Jon's family --

22 Rep. Huizenga: Part, I think he had-

23 Sean Quinn: You would have been more-

24 Rep. Huizenga: ... part of his family there. Yeah.

25 Sean Quinn: But you would have been more selective about the staff that you were
26 bringing?

27 Rep. Huizenga: Mm-hmm (affirmative).

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Give or take one member of the family?
- 2 Rep. Huizenga: The toughest is the college kids, my high school kids, we're not going to
3 dump them off and leave them home. So.
- 4 Sean Quinn: And were other families on that –
- 5 Rep. Huizenga: Oh yeah.
- 6 Sean Quinn: Sea Island trip?
- 7 Rep. Huizenga: Yeah. The Graves kids, our kids have become friends. Tom and Julie are,
8 in that he is, he is the chair, sorry was chair of an extremely important sub-
9 committee in my world, as FSGG. He had oversight of all of the financial
10 world.
- 11 Sean Quinn: And then I understand there's a Mackinac trip that you take.
- 12 Rep. Huizenga: So you have to clarify. The Michigan GOP Mackinac bi-annual trip?
- 13 Sean Quinn: I think that's what it was. I think that's what I'm talking about, or at least
14 that's what we've heard.
- 15 Rep. Huizenga: I have done one trip, one fundraising trip, which was last year, or the year
16 prior. We only did it once, with some of the other Michigan delegation.
- 17 Omar Ashmawy: And is that concurrent with the GOP trip?
- 18 Rep. Huizenga: No.
- 19 Omar Ashmawy: That was separate from the GOP trip?
- 20 Rep. Huizenga: Yeah.
- 21 Sean Quinn: And when was the fundraising trip?
- 22 Rep. Huizenga: June or July, lilacs weren't, well maybe lilacs were still out. Summer of, I
23 don't recall whether it was '18 or '17. I think it was '18. We had been trying
24 to do this for a number of years and it came together once. And then we
25 did not do it again.
- 26 Sean Quinn: The Michigan GOP event is every other year?
- 27 Rep. Huizenga: Yeah.

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1 Sean Quinn: Is that right? Okay. So was it the same year as one of the GOP
2 convention?

3 Rep. Huizenga: The MI-GOP event is always the off election year. So it'd be '17, '19 going
4 back. So it's every other year non election years.

5 Sean Quinn: So in 2017 you would have done the MI-GOP trip-

6 Rep. Huizenga: In September.

7 Sean Quinn: In September.

8 Rep. Huizenga: So it would have been, now that I'm thinking of it, it would have been like
9 June or early July of '18 when we did that and we didn't replicate, we
10 didn't do, we decided not to do the event again this year, the Mackinac
11 trip.

12 Sean Quinn: Okay. So the September 2017 trip was MI-GOP and then you think it was
13 summer of 2018-

14 Rep. Huizenga: Yep.

15 Sean Quinn: ... that you did your fundraising with them.

16 Rep. Huizenga: That's my recollection.

17 Sean Quinn: For, let's talk about the September, 2017 MI-GOP trip. Would the
18 campaign pay for that?

19 Rep. Huizenga: Oh God, yes. This is the largest political event in Michigan.

20 Sean Quinn: Just to focus our conversation a little bit, I will give you this email, which
21 you produced to us about that Mackinac trip. So we can talk about who
22 went on that trip.

23 Rep. Huizenga: Yep.

24 Sean Quinn: Jim and Liza, I assume is Jim Barry?

25 Rep. Huizenga: Yep.

26 Sean Quinn: Okay. And just for the record, this is August 31st, 2017 email from Matt
27 Kooiman to you and some other folks. Natalie, Jon and Sarah Lisman.
28 Ron and Jan is Ron-

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1 Rep. Huizenga: Ron, would have been Ron VanderKolk. He ended up not going. His
2 health was...

3 Sean Quinn: Greg and the family...

4 Rep. Huizenga: Greg VanWoerkom.

5 Sean Quinn: VanWoerkom, and who from his family went do you recall?

6 Rep. Huizenga: I don't; he has younger kids. So, is it appropriate to give them more
7 context to how Mackinac works?

8 Charlie Spies: If they're interested.

9 Sean Quinn: Sure.

10 Rep. Huizenga: I don't know if you've ever been to Mackinac Island.

11 Sean Quinn: I'm familiar with Mackinac Island; I've never been.

12 Rep. Huizenga: Okay.

13 Sean Quinn: I lived for a year in Michigan, so.

14 Rep. Huizenga: What's that?

15 Sean Quinn: I lived for a year in Michigan, so I know about it.

16 Rep. Huizenga: Okay. So isolated island they have to take a ferry to or fly to that has no
17 vehicles on it. So everything is done by either walking, bicycle or horses.
18 The Grand Hotel, which is where the event actually occurs or that the
19 official-

20 Sean Quinn: Convention.

21 Rep. Huizenga: ... Yeah, the conference, that's called, occurs is up this massive hill and
22 isolated. Then there is a downtown area. The hotel because that's the main
23 area, the hotel rooms there are harder to get. The MI-GOP literally takes
24 over like 90% of the island, all the hotel rooms, they are in charge of all
25 the hotel rooms at the Grand Hotel.

26 It becomes a feeding frenzy for hotels for the rest of the place. So as soon
27 as that window opens, we go in and grab hotel rooms. Typically more than
28 what we would need so that we have options because what we'll end up
29 doing also is we will have donors or grassroots participants, other elected

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1 officials who will then come to us and go, hey, I've got someone else or I
2 need another room. Can you help out?

3 So typically at the grand, the state party, which controls all of that, they
4 ask probably in January of '17 how many rooms do you need? We lock
5 those down. They're not necessarily used. We then release them. So like
6 this Ron and Jan, there are so many events and there's, Charlie, how many
7 people would show up?

8 Rep. Huizenga: It's easily 1,000.

9 Charlie Spies: Plus people, so yeah.

10 Rep. Huizenga: It is, I mean there are presidential candidates that fly in and out on this.
11 Pick it, you name it.

12 Sean Quinn: Got you.

13 Rep. Huizenga: It is. It is a national among Republican circles, it's known as one of those
14 national kind of events that you end up going to. There's luncheon, there's
15 the breakfast program and a luncheon program and a dinner program for
16 certain number of the days.

17 Sean Quinn: When you say program is that a speaking event?

18 Rep. Huizenga: The speaking events. Typically I would speak at, at least one of them. My
19 daughter sang at this one in 2017, she's a very accomplished singer.

20 So she was asked to sing national anthem at the closing dinner or I guess
21 God Bless America, doesn't matter.

22 So this in August would be, okay, we are trying to finalize who's actually
23 going, you'll see room six empty. That gives us flexibility. What I have
24 done for a number of years is helped sponsor politically minded kids who
25 are interested in politics to come and experience it. I had people do that for
26 me and then we pay for them, we tell them, we're going to help you get a
27 hotel room and we're going to, and you can buy these dinner tickets and
28 lunch tickets separately and they're not cheap. So, for example, I don't
29 know that Greg and his family ever came to any of the programmed
30 lunches.

31 Sean Quinn: Right.

32 Rep. Huizenga: For example, or the dinners as kids would have been too young anyway.

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1 But there are events, I would say hundreds and I don't know that it would
2 be an exaggeration, hundreds of events, because when I was a state rep, I
3 did two events.

4 I've done an ice cream social event, which was again a family oriented
5 thing, that we did at the Murray Hotel offsite of that. The entire island
6 becomes this big giant, cocktail party fundraising, relationship building,
7 two day extravaganza. It's a sight to behold.

8 Sean Quinn: Just a couple of other questions on some of the folks, who is Pavlina?

9 Rep. Huizenga: Pavlina was a young lady who Garrett went to college with and you can
10 actually follow her on, she's an Insta celebrity.

11 Charlie Spies: We're going to see which one's following her – which one's the quickest
12 to try to follow her on Instagram.

13 Rep. Huizenga: You have to send her product to get her. But she's politically oriented
14 friend who, and I'm trying to think if she ended up even going, or not. She
15 may have again, we had question marks behind it.

16 Sean Quinn: Yep.

17 Rep. Huizenga: So again, this was a working document not honed down to the final
18 product. So, I don't know if-

19 Sean Quinn: So, that it looks like Garrett brought, might have brought, at least at this
20 time he's bringing three other friends and then Pavlina would have gotten
21 her own room?

22 Rep. Huizenga: And that reason is, is because it's got two queen size. We have a room
23 with two queen size beds and we throw four guys in the room.

24 Sean Quinn: Got you.

25 And I see –

26 Rep. Huizenga: It was Jordan, Mitch, and I mean, these are guys that are still politically
27 involved and engaged and work on our campaigns and volunteer and do
28 all kinds of stuff.

29 Sean Quinn: And then I see under the Island House there's Boomer and his family. And
30 then is Colina, Boomer's wife?

31 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.

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1 Sean Quinn: Okay. And you specify that HFC is not paying for Colina's family. Do you
2 know why that was?

3 Rep. Huizenga: Because they're not connected to the campaign.

4 Sean Quinn: Okay.

5 Rep. Huizenga: And they're not constituents.

6 Sean Quinn: And not politically oriented in the same way that Garrett's friends are?

7 Rep. Huizenga: Oh well, so Garrett, Pavlina, any of those... So this is the other element of
8 this. Each campaign, so in '17, they are gearing up for the gubernatorial
9 run. It's pre-primary. Every single campaign brings volunteers along. You
10 pay for college kids, ferry rides and either hotels on the mainland, or hotel
11 rooms in there. You pack them full.

12 These guys... We used all these guys, I think in 2017 we had Huizenga for
13 Congress sunglasses made up that said Huizenga for Congress on the side.
14 We took a risk because it was raining when they first got there and then
15 the sun cleared up and nobody had sunglasses. So there was about 500
16 Huizenga for Congress sunglasses walking around the island for the rest of
17 the remainder of the weekend. So these guys would stand down at the
18 docks as the ferries are coming. So you have probably how big are the
19 ferries hold, 100 people at a time, 150 people at a time.

20 And they come in every 20 minutes or 30 minutes from the mainland and
21 every, I mean, it's just lined with banners. Campaigns have all their swag
22 stuff that they're giving out. So they're trotting around the island in tee
23 shirts. We have other people that are not on this list who we didn't
24 necessarily pay for, who volunteer, they're working on the gubernatorial
25 one, but they had a time off. So we throw a tee shirt on them. I mean, we
26 come with a box of tee shirts, hand those suckers out. We're handing out, I
27 mean it, it is a political fest.

28 Sean Quinn: I got you. I think that's probably all I have on Mackinac.

29 So moving on from the trips a little bit, I want to talk about some of the
30 policies in your office about spending and how campaign staffers, and
31 then also I guess official staffers might spend money for the campaign.

32 Let's talk maybe a little bit about receipts and kind of policies around
33 keeping documents related to expenditures. Is there an office policy about
34 keeping receipts and how long you keep them?

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- 1 Rep. Huizenga: Yes, and not specifically about how long you would keep them, other than
2 what is legally required by the FEC or the IRS.
- 3 Sean Quinn: And you said yes, there is a policy.
- 4 Rep. Huizenga: Well, there's an expectation that people are handing in receipts. If a receipt
5 is at all attainable.
- 6 Sean Quinn: Okay. And what happens if there's not a receipt?
- 7 Rep. Huizenga: So it would be-
- 8 Sean Quinn: Somebody lost it...
- 9 Rep. Huizenga: ... it would be circumstantial. I mean, if they had all of their receipts
10 surrounding lunch, but lunch on Mackinac Islands is missing and they'd
11 go, man, I don't know what happened to it. Oh, but you've got a copy of
12 your credit card bill that we're going to see at the end of the month. That to
13 me makes sense, that it's not like it would be out of place.
- 14 Circumstances would dictate how it would be dealt with.
- 15 Sean Quinn: And has that changed over time? I know you had Ron kind of up until
16 about 2018 and now there's Paul; are the policies generally the same?
- 17 Rep. Huizenga: Quite honestly, I am less involved with Paul because he's not local.
- 18 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 19 Rep. Huizenga: And I am probably less engaged with that versus going in and seeing Ron
20 physically in person.
- 21 Sean Quinn: So he said, if you have a receipt, that's ideal. If you've got a credit card
22 statement that will kind of back it up. Are there any scenarios that you
23 know of where there's just no way of proving a expenditure but you just
24 take somebody's word for it?
- 25 Rep. Huizenga: I can't think of, I can't think... did you say an example? Or an instance?
- 26 Sean Quinn: If you have an example, that'd be great.
- 27 Rep. Huizenga: I don't.
- 28 Sean Quinn: Okay.

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1 Rep. Huizenga: I don't.
2 Sean Quinn: But would that happen?
3 Rep. Huizenga: I can't recall that. No.
4 Sean Quinn: I'm going to show you. You said you've seen FEC reports and reviewed
5 them before and you're kind of familiar with what the expenditure reports
6 look like.
7 I'm going to show you this one, which we're going to be looking at item
8 C, on the first page and the item A, on the second page, which are
9 expenditures, payments to Jon Dewitt on 11/24/2017 and on the second
10 page, 12/11/2017.
11 Rep. Huizenga: Yep.
12 Sean Quinn: So the first one on the first page was for \$4,734.47. Do you see that one?
13 Rep. Huizenga: Mm-hmm (affirmative).
14 Sean Quinn: It's item C, the purpose of the disbursement was campaign expenses and
15 other than that, are you familiar with the term memo item?
16 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.
17 Sean Quinn: Do you know what that would mean?
18 Rep. Huizenga: Yep.
19 Sean Quinn: So there are no memo items under this \$4,734.47 disbursement. Then if
20 you look at the next one. Similarly 20/11/2017, \$1,754.22, no memo items
21 under that. When you're reviewing an FEC report, would that or anybody
22 on your staff, would that raise a red flag for you?
23 Charlie Spies: Before you answer that, can I ask...
24 Rep. Huizenga: Yeah, please.
25 Charlie Spies: Are you an experienced FEC reporting specialist?
26 Rep. Huizenga: No.
27 Charlie Spies: Have you studied the details? What's required for memo items, and how
28 this works?

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- 1 Rep. Huizenga: No, I'm generally familiar with itemization and how I, yeah, so.
- 2 Sean Quinn: Does that, so having made that clarification, when you look at that, is that
3 pretty standard for an FEC report from your campaign?
- 4 Rep. Huizenga: I would say that without going back to review them all, I am aware that
5 typically there would be more memos, of itemized memos or whatever
6 they're called.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Who, sort of those questions that Charlie just asked you, who does on your
8 campaign have that sort of expertise to review this report and say, for
9 example, we need some memo items?
- 10 Rep. Huizenga: So, pretty typically Ron would prepare it, that responsibility would be
11 with him. Now, what I don't know is then if the FEC, it's not unusual for
12 the FEC to go then ask, request additional information.
- 13 So what I don't know from this is was there that follow-up by the FEC that
14 then compelled that. So it was my recollection is its expenditures over
15 \$200.
- 16 Omar Ashmawy: So you said Ron prepared the FEC disclosures, would someone review
17 them before they were submitted?
- 18 Rep. Huizenga: Yes, we had answered that earlier.
- 19 Omar Ashmawy: Yes, I just wanted to sort of revisit that. Who would review the FEC
20 disclosure before they were submitted to the FEC?
- 21 Rep. Huizenga: Typically I would take a look. I would tend to be not focused on
22 something like this, a reimbursement. What I would be typically focused
23 on is donors because oftentimes occupation might be missing or some
24 other piece of information.
- 25 So that would be what my focus would be on.
- 26 Charlie Spies: Can I ask, sorry to interrupt, but just one other thing is, when these reports
27 are prepared, they're using category codes which is the FEC shorthand that
28 describes the specifics of what disbursements are for, are you familiar with
29 those?
- 30 Rep. Huizenga: Okay. Yeah.
- 31 Charlie Spies: Do you review that granular, or --

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- 1 Rep. Huizenga: No, not typically, but I see a category type 7, 007 on there.
- 2 Charlie Spies: You're relying... Are you're relying on the FEC reporting people to do the
3 category posts?
- 4 Rep. Huizenga: Yeah, I mean because interestingly enough, the next one on, A, on the
5 next page is category one. I don't know what the differences are between a
6 001 and a 007.
- 7 Omar Ashmawy: Just to get back to what we were talking about, you would look them over,
8 but you were focusing on donor information. Was there anyone who was
9 responsible-
- 10 Rep. Huizenga: I would also look, go ahead-
- 11 Omar Ashmawy: Oh, please.
- 12 Rep. Huizenga: I would be looking as to where our money was being spent.
13 How much did the billboards cost, how much did the television ads cost?
- 14 Omar Ashmawy: Sure.
- 15 Rep. Huizenga: How much did production cost?
- 16 Omar Ashmawy: Was there anyone looking at these before they were submitted to the FEC
17 that was looking at them with an eye towards them being properly filled
18 out and being properly compliant with FEC regulations?
- 19 Rep. Huizenga: That would typically be Ron.
- 20 Omar Ashmawy: So, that would be primarily Ron's responsibility?
- 21 Rep. Huizenga: Yeah.
- 22 Omar Ashmawy: Okay. You had mentioned itemization before that you were just roughly
23 familiar with the concept of itemization. Could you elaborate?
- 24 Rep. Huizenga: Because my American Express bill goes in and gets paid with one lump
25 sum, I knew that Ron had to break out the various categories of what it
26 was spent on.
- 27 Omar Ashmawy: Okay.

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1 Sean Quinn: Do you think Jon would have a similar familiarity with that itemization
2 requirement?

3 Rep. Huizenga: I would assume so.

4 I would say unfortunately he tends to not be as timely. Things come in a
5 lump.

6 Sean Quinn: Right.

7 Rep. Huizenga: At which point he got it sorted out, or Ron would have to sort it out, or
8 Ron and Jon would have to sort it out.

9 Sean Quinn: So just back on this particular example, this is 2017 and our original
10 requests for information, we asked for information about these
11 disbursements and then again specifically-

12 Rep. Huizenga: These two specific ones.

13 Sean Quinn: And then again specifically when no information was provided, we
14 pointed them out in particular and asked again for information about those
15 and nobody was able to produce anything related to these two. Do you
16 know why that might be?

17 Rep. Huizenga: My guess would be this is at the end of Ron's tenure of doing this, so
18 whether there was a file that we missed or a timeframe that... I can't
19 speculate.

20 Omar Ashmawy: Based on the way you run your office and run your campaign, would you
21 have anticipated that there would be documents?

22 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.

23 Omar Ashmawy: Backing up those expenses?

24 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.

25 Sean Quinn: Have you ever done any sort of general audit or overview of these FEC
26 reports and looked for gaps for example, like this one or identified any
27 problems in the way you were reporting over the last few years?

28 Rep. Huizenga: To the best of my understanding, we have never had any kind of major
29 flag put up by the FEC. There's always things that you have to go back in
30 and fill in, occupation or an address got missed, or something along those
31 lines.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Have you done that sort of thing since our office's review has begun?
- 2 Rep. Huizenga: Have we done an in depth is that? So, when my recollection switching
3 from Ron doing these books to Paul, there was a more extensive sort of
4 deep dive. Mostly, I think just making sure that we had numbers matching
5 up, before we handed off books.
- 6 Sean Quinn: Sort of related to that kind of audit question, to the extent you had policies
7 or did not have policies related to how you were doing FEC reporting or
8 keeping track of expenditures. Have you had any policy changes since our
9 review has begun?
- 10 Rep. Huizenga: I think in an experience like this tends to focus everybody.
- 11 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 12 Rep. Huizenga: So having a more uniform standardized process. That was part of our
13 reason for switching to Paul. Ron was a trusted family employee before he
14 ever took over my books. He ran the family ready-mix company books
15 then came on and has done our... I mean he's been a long time employee.
16 So there was a trust element with Ron, that doesn't mean that we didn't
17 review our books, right? We always did, but we were trying to make sure
18 that expenditures and balances matched up.
- 19 There was an expectation of trust and I would say he was characterized by
20 being thorough.
- 21 Sean Quinn: So moving a little bit away from specifically FEC reports and just talking
22 about the way the campaign spends money in general, do you have any
23 policies that you can think of, related to how staffers spend money for the
24 campaign?
- 25 Rep. Huizenga: Well, so wait, you're saying campaign staffers, Jim Berry would typically
26 be the guy that would, if it's a major expenditure. So if we're talking
27 stamps, knock yourself out. When we went to buy the van, we were all
28 crawling all over that one. Right? And we go through a step, a process of
29 that.
- 30 So I don't know if that answers it.
- 31 Sean Quinn: So for, I think, what you're just telling me, if it was major expenses.
- 32 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.
- 33 Sean Quinn: Would be made through the campaign?

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- 1 Rep. Huizenga: Yeah. Yeah, that would need to have some sort of review. And I'm
2 assuming in the 300 plus documents that we provided, there was the
3 somewhere me going yes to our expenditure on production. Yes, to our
4 production or to our expenditure on how much we're putting into
5 television. Yes, to print, no to newspaper or no, you know, those kinds of
6 things.
- 7 Sean Quinn: And so for you gave stamps as an example. If the campaign needed
8 stamps, a campaign staffer is out and is going to purchase those stamps,
9 how would they do that?
- 10 Rep. Huizenga: I'm not sure that there would be one specific way. We mostly got away
11 from petty cash. That always seemed like an odd concept to me, to have
12 pick the number, whether it's 10 bucks or 1000 bucks sitting around in
13 cash. It's an odd way of doing it.
- 14 We had prepaid Visa cards in the van for people to go get fuel for
15 example, that kind of thing. So we tried to standardize it because we had
16 so many volunteers and we hired a couple of college kids that were
17 working in the summer and a couple of them that were working on the
18 campaign part-time, you know. So my son was overseas for a semester
19 and that normally would've been kind of his thing, right. Driving the van
20 to parades and doing that kind of stuff. And so we had to augment that and
21 we tried to provide them with resources.
- 22 Sean Quinn: Is there campaign card that staffers have access to?
- 23 Rep. Huizenga: The only card is my personal American Express and the debit cards. So
24 there would be times, for example, Heather would get the debit card to pay
25 for a room reservation or a catering bill, or Ron would pay for that, or Jim
26 Berry would go and pay for media.
- 27 Sean Quinn: So it might be the case that an individual would go out and personally pay
28 for it and submit the expense.
- 29 Rep. Huizenga: No, I'm saying that we had a campaign debit card for some of those more
30 major purchases.
- 31 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 32 Rep. Huizenga: There may be instance of Jim borrowing my American Express card to go
33 buy something. Or, I would give my America Express card to someone to
34 go run and get pizzas for volunteers or whatever.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: And then, I guess another way to do it would be if somebody was out and
2 spent their own money and then they would submit a request to be
3 reimbursed for that.
- 4 Rep. Huizenga: With Ron or Paul now, I guess how it would work.
- 5 Sean Quinn: They would submit that to Ron?
- 6 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.
- 7 Sean Quinn: Any kind of policy about when it was appropriate to do that or not?
- 8 Rep. Huizenga: Again, only if it was more minor expenses.
- 9 Sean Quinn: Okay. Like paying for catering, for example. Where would that –
- 10 Rep. Huizenga: Well, typically we would probably do a- If they needed a credit card and
11 some places don't take American Express, we would put it on a personal
12 card. That's why you might see a Visa. My recollection is there might be
13 an occasion where Visa was paid directly or Natalie would be reimbursed
14 or myself would be reimbursed. Jim Barry might be reimbursed. Heather,
15 in her function as the fund raiser may have.
- 16 Sean Quinn: We talked with Matt some. We talked about you would go, I think in
17 particular for a fourth of July event, for a parade, you went out and bought
18 a bunch of candy.
- 19 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.
- 20 Sean Quinn: That was personal card and then was reimbursed for that? So, that's a sort
21 of-
- 22 Rep. Huizenga: Yes, typically that was Jim Barry but that may have been the case.
- 23 Sean Quinn: Okay...
- 24 Did you have, was there any distinction between policies for people who
25 are a member of your congressional staff spending for the campaign, as
26 opposed to just campaign staffers spending on behalf of the campaign.
27 And I'm talking about making personal purchases and then getting
28 reimbursed for those purchases.
- 29 Rep. Huizenga: Was it formal? I don't ever want to have to have people put ... I prefer to
30 have the campaign pay a check or use a credit card or some of those types

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1 of things. That debit card again, we tried to get away from the debit cards
2 but we would use those on occasion.

3 Sean Quinn: Right. Just as an example, I'm going to give you this document. This is
4 another email that you all produced. This is from Matt Kooiman to Ron
5 and I think this is describing kind of what we were just talking about
6 where-

7 Rep. Huizenga: Okay. Yes, the reimbursement of mileage?

8 Sean Quinn: Yes. Reimbursement of mileage and then there's these attachments which
9 I'm giving you now.

10 Rep. Huizenga: Candy for the fourth.

11 Sean Quinn: Yes. This is the event I was talking to you about..

12 There are a couple different reimbursements happening here.
13 Reimbursement requests at least. We've got mileage at the top.

14 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.

15 Sean Quinn: And just for the record, this is a July 13, 2018 email from Matt to Ron. So
16 we've got mileage reimbursements and then there are other expenses.
17 There we've got a Verizon bill which, I'll tell you, Matt explained to us
18 that the campaign pays for part of his Verizon bill.

19 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.

20 Sean Quinn: He's got like a family account. The campaign pays for his line.

21 Rep. Huizenga: Which is why I think you see Ron's question here. "What charges from is
22 that made up of?"

23 Sean Quinn: Correct. Then you have the candy for \$517 and so it looks like Matt made
24 that payment to Gordon, Costco, and Meijer and then submitted that
25 reimbursement request. We have a few examples of that but that's not out
26 of the norm for somebody like Matt to make purchases for the campaign
27 like that?

28 Rep. Huizenga: Part of our delineation of, and I'm not sure, looking back at what was
29 happening, which parade this would have been for but, pretty typically,
30 Jim Barry is in charge of all the parades and all the candy purchases. I
31 would say this is an outlier versus the standard. I don't know why Jim
32 wasn't able to go do that. I can tell you, probably, why they were at three

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1 different spots. Because we buy so much stinking candy that we walk in
2 and wipe places out. Again, depending on which parade this might have
3 been for, the Coast Guard- I'm not going to speculate whichever parade it
4 is. I doesn't matter.

5 Sean Quinn: Yes.

6 Rep. Huizenga: But some of them are we would, as you see, spend hundreds of dollars per
7 parade or if we're doing multiple parades in a day. I don't know what the -
8 where the date's on. So we've got water...

9 This is probably for a fourth of July parade since the receipts say 7-2.

10 Sean Quinn: Yes, fourth of July, right? That's an example from Matt. We already
11 looked at that FEC report that Jon listed campaign expenses and it was
12 about a four and a half thousand dollar reimbursement for that. What sort
13 of things is Jon paying for? Obviously we don't have the itemized version.

14 Rep. Huizenga: Yes, I would need to look at the itemized version. Pretty typically, airline
15 tickets. Airline tickets and maybe hotel rooms as he is traveling. Whether
16 it's with me or independently. There was a period of time, I don't know
17 what exactly those dates are, but Jon came back to the district, back to
18 Michigan, and volunteered on the campaign. My guess is that was
19 expenses that he was- Food, and again, I don't what is category 7 versus
20 category 1 is but that tells you something, right?

21 Sean Quinn: Right.

22 Rep. Huizenga: What the expenditure was for.

23 Sean Quinn: How about things for we know, Marliss's paid for the park tickets at
24 Disney.

25 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.

26 Sean Quinn: How about entertainment items like that? Like if you and Jon went up to
27 New York and you were going to by Broadway tickets-

28 Rep. Huizenga: We've never done that.

29 Sean Quinn: Okay.

30 Rep. Huizenga: I mean, either-

31 Sean Quinn: What sort of entertainment --

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- 1 Rep. Huizenga: That's not entirely accurate. When we go up to the NRCC event and do
2 Bright Lights and Broadway.
- 3 Sean Quinn: Yes.
- 4 Rep. Huizenga: Again, for an event, we've not done that.
- 5 Sean Quinn: Any other kind of entertainment type stuff or maybe at a cocktail hour and
6 Jon picked up the whole bar tab. Is that something that might happen?
- 7 Rep. Huizenga: Not if he's with me. Typically I'd put it on the AmEx or my personal Visa.
- 8 Sean Quinn: Okay...
- 9 When you all produced documents you gave them to us in folders based
10 on whose documents they were and all but the name is not on this
11 document but I'll present that that's one from Jon DeWitte. This is
12 requests for reimbursement for certain expenditures. It looks like-
- 13 Rep. Huizenga: What year is it?
- 14 Sean Quinn: This is 2015...
- 15 And it looks like a lot of these happened in New York and Jon has listed
16 entertainment, if you look at the purpose section. Any idea what that might
17 be?
- 18 Rep. Huizenga: I don't, other than December 6 would correspond about the time of the
19 Bright Lights and Broadway?
- 20 Sean Quinn: So this would be, if you look about a quarter of the way down the list, the
21 first December 6 item, entertainment \$962. That could be?
- 22 Rep. Huizenga: I'm missing the \$900. I'm seeing-
- 23 Sean Quinn: It doesn't have a decimal point on that one. It's just a-
- 24 Rep. Huizenga: I see \$1000 for lodging.
- 25 Sean Quinn: If you look up. It's the first December 6 entry. They're not actually in
26 chronological order.
- 27 Rep. Huizenga: Oh, \$962. I got it.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: So that looks like he described that as entertainment and that's right
2 around the time of Bright Lights-
- 3 Rep. Huizenga: Without looking at a calendar I know it's typically about that first week.
- 4 Sean Quinn: How does that event work? Do you buy tickets for the Broadway shows?
- 5 Rep. Huizenga: Are you really not familiar with the NRCC's-
- 6 Omar Ashmawy: We're familiar with the NRCC but not this specific -
- 7 Rep. Huizenga: No, but this specific event.
- 8 Sean Quinn: No.
- 9 Rep. Huizenga: Okay. As long as you are up to snuff dues paying member of the NRCC,
10 you are invited to go to New York for an annual event. They call it Bright
11 Lights and Broadway. They will provide a certain number of tickets for
12 events and you have an opportunity to purchase additional. It's like a block
13 of tickets to the play and then you would then go to the event. There's a
14 reception, pre-theater, and then groups go off to the theater. Not unusual at
15 all to have chiefs of staff along during that.
- 16 Sean Quinn: So you think that might be related to that? That -
- 17 Rep. Huizenga: I would assume, looking at the 6th, the 5th, the 6th again down there for
18 lodging, taxis in New York City, dinners in New York City. Yes.
- 19 Sean Quinn: Do you have some particular questions on that?
- 20 Just kind of wrapping up some of this expenditure stuff. In reviewing the
21 documents, I have a couple questions about particular places that received
22 expenditures. If you have any recollections, let me know what it was for.
23 For example, in 2017 an entity called- I don't know if it's the same entity
24 or not. Maybe it just appeared differently. There's Neuropeak Pro and
25 Neurocore Pro?
- 26 Rep. Huizenga: Okay.
- 27 Sean Quinn: Does that ring any bells-
- 28 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.
- 29 Sean Quinn: \$2400 in September of '17 and \$600 in April-

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- 1 Rep. Huizenga: Can I see that, actually?
- 2 Sean Quinn: This is actually not a document. This is my outline of –
- 3 Rep. Huizenga: Oh, okay.
- 4 Sean Quinn: I just gave you all that-
- 5 Rep. Huizenga: Would you repeat the name? I wasn't-
- 6 Sean Quinn: Neurocore Pro and Neuropeak Pro. Does that ring any bells?
- 7 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.
- 8 Sean Quinn: What is that?
- 9 Rep. Huizenga: I use a couple of organizations, one of them called PSG Strategies, which
10 is a Kolbe testing. Neurocore, Neuropeak or whatever it is, is like a
11 coaching organization. It would have been for basically kind of consulting
12 consultation.
- 13 Sean Quinn: What sort of coaching is that?
- 14 Rep. Huizenga: Like leadership.
- 15 Sean Quinn: Oh.
- 16 Rep. Huizenga: Everything from time management and stress management, personality.
17 Same thing, I don't know if you're familiar with Kolbe, it's like DISC but
18 different. It's operational style. I would quite honestly highly suggest it.
19 Literally, every single person I have hired has taken the Kolbe because it
20 tells you how people operate.
- 21 Sean Quinn: Was that coaching for you? For staff?
- 22 Rep. Huizenga: I believe it was for me but depending on the dates, I'm sorry, it may have
23 been I think-
- 24 Sean Quinn: May 2017 and September 2017. Have you ever sent staff to be coached?
- 25 Rep. Huizenga: I'm trying to think. If I did, it would have been Jon and maybe Jim Barry.
- 26 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 27 Rep. Huizenga: These are folks that deal with professional athletes and CEOs and...

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Just a few others-
- 2 Rep. Huizenga: Now, was that a reimbursement to Jon?
- 3 Sean Quinn: It was to Neurocore Pro and Neuropeak-
- 4 Rep. Huizenga: Oh, it was just an- Okay, got it. Sorry, I misunderstood. I thought we
5 were...
- 6 Sean Quinn: Just a couple other items. This one's a little further back. In 2014 did you
7 take a trip to Ottawa, Canada?
- 8 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.
- 9 Sean Quinn: Okay, and what was that for?
- 10 Rep. Huizenga: I chaired the US-Canada IPG inter-parliamentary group and we had a joint
11 trip with the senate that we visit- I'm trying to think if this was '14. I
12 thought it was more recent but that would have been... That probably
13 would have been the trip. I'm trying to think. I've also been there
14 individually, with my family. My wife's from Canada. But I don't think
15 that was in '14.
- 16 Sean Quinn: Do you have any recollection of spending campaign money at the
17 Fairmont?
- 18 Rep. Huizenga: Well we're traveling on, if that's the trip, it would have been a, I'm not sure
19 they call it CODEL if it's the IPG or whatever. May have bought drinks.
- 20 Sean Quinn: Have you ever done a Collins? Have you ever done and event or anything
21 at TreeRunner in Grand Rapids?
- 22 Rep. Huizenga: TreeRunner? T-R-E-E?
- 23 Sean Quinn: Tree, yes. Sorry, that's a little bit of a – Tree, yes. Like a tree. In 20-
- 24 Rep. Huizenga: I've never heard of it.
- 25 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 26 Rep. Huizenga: So what-
- 27 Omar Ashmawy: It's an outdoor sort of adventure place.

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1 Rep. Huizenga: Oh! I know exactly what it was. Yes. We did a staff retreat and as part of
2 the team building thing we went and did- It's a high ropes course. Mildly
3 successful at team building.

4 Sean Quinn: What staff was that? Or what-

5 Rep. Huizenga: That was, at my recollection, it was all the district and DC staff at that
6 point.

7 What year was that?

8 Sean Quinn: 2016.

9 Rep. Huizenga: Okay.

10 Jeremy Ritter-Wiseman: If it was also for the DC staff, would they be flying to Michigan for that
11 sort of event?

12 Rep. Huizenga: That was not the focus of our event. We did a staff retreat and this was the
13 last sort of team building, fun exercise on the way to the airport that
14 people were going to. I never sweated like that in my entire life.

15 Sean Quinn: Sorry, these are kind of all over the board but I promise it's just cleaning
16 up some expense stuff and then we can move on-

17 Rep. Huizenga: Okay.

18 Sean Quinn: from this riveting topic. Lustre Cleaners here in DC? Does that ring any
19 bells? Do you know who Lustre Cleaners are?

20 Rep. Huizenga: Luster, Luster?

21 Sean Quinn: L-U-S-T-R-E. Lustre.

22 Rep. Huizenga: No.

23 Sean Quinn: Okay.

24 Rep. Huizenga: What was the date on that?

25 Sean Quinn: One of them is March 17, 2015.

26 Rep. Huizenga: So four years ago? Unless it was a fee charge. I'm speculating. I have no
27 idea.

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1 Sean Quinn: And then, this one is charged in 2017 to Morningstar Jewelry in Petoskey?

2 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.

3 Sean Quinn: Do you know-

4 Rep. Huizenga: I know exactly what those are for. That was for our Michigan golf trip. We
5 had Petoskey stones. If you've been near Michigan thing, you're familiar
6 with Petoskey stones.

7 Sean Quinn: I'm not.

8 Rep. Huizenga: I almost wore my cuff links with Petoskey stones today. We gave those
9 out as thank yous to donors...

10 Cuff links and pendants...

11 Sean Quinn: Okay. Let's talk about the ArtPrize event in Michigan.

12 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.

13 Sean Quinn: Jim gave us the --

14 Rep. Huizenga: What ArtPrize is-

15 Sean Quinn: ... the hard sell on ArtPrize so.

16 Rep. Huizenga: You should look it up and come.

17 Sean Quinn: Yes, that was exactly what Jim told us so . . . I'm familiar with-

18 Rep. Huizenga: And it's around the time of Mackinac so head up to Mackinac for that
19 political event.

20 Omar Ashmawy: I like the way that sounds.

21 Sean Quinn: How do you use, or do you use ArtPrize as a campaign event or
22 fundraising event?

23 Rep. Huizenga: Walking down the street is a campaign event. It is. I forget how many
24 hundreds of thousands of people coming in, but a lot of locals. There are
25 events around town that are sponsored by . . . pick it. I've been invited
26 because I'm a customer of Huntington but I also have business with
27 Chemical Bank. There's political things that go on. Not typically fund
28 raising but it's more like welcome receptions kind of thing.

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- 1 Sean Quinn: Okay.
- 2 Rep. Huizenga: That I go to and attend. It's state reps, state senators, the city of Grand
3 Rapids lies in Justin Amash's district and I'm about a mile and a half away
4 from downtown Grand Rapids. I do a lot of things in Grand Rapids. Pretty
5 much, I try to go every year.
- 6 Sean Quinn: Okay. I'm sure at this point you're familiar with the Osteria Rosa dinner
7 that-
- 8 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.
- 9 Sean Quinn: ... there's been some attention paid to. Can you just tell me about that
10 dinner and how it came about?
- 11 Rep. Huizenga: Yes. Again, it would not be uncommon, when we are six weeks out, five-
12 six weeks out, from an election. The goal and objective is to maximize
13 visibility with anybody and everybody that you can. My recollection of
14 that evening is I got invited to some of those drop-by events, receptions
15 and kind of cocktail receptions, whatever. They have them around town
16 because ArtPrize, and again I don't know if you've looked it up at all or
17 anything but, it is literally, individual pieces of art that could be massive
18 sculptures or a painting that size, spread out all around town. The idea is
19 you battle through and pay an exorbitant amount for parking and then you
20 walk. You walk to all these things.
- 21 X group, company, person is having and event on one side of the river and
22 someone else is doing it on the other side so as you're walking around to
23 all the displays you stop in and say hi. Then, my recollection was, after we
24 had done that drop-by, we went to the restaurant. There was a wait. I had
25 some of my former state legislative colleagues kind of sitting there also.
26 Having a drink at the bar kind of a thing. I picked up the tab and they were
27 able to roll that into our table.
- 28 Sean Quinn: Do you remember who it was that was at the table with you?
- 29 Rep. Huizenga: Oh, at the dinner table? The dinner table was Jim Barry, his wife, and my
30 wife. Where, inevitably, all we talked about was politics and the imposing
31 six weeks event for the campaign. At the bar, I don't have an exact
32 recollection of who was there.
- 33 Sean Quinn: So the check you paid at Osteria Rosa was a combination of your bar tab-
- 34 Rep. Huizenga: That's my recollection.

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1 Sean Quinn: So then they did not sit down for dinner with you.

2 Rep. Huizenga: Not specifically, no. And again, it would have been one of those, just
3 people everywhere. People swing by the table, saying hi.

4 Sean Quinn: Do you remember who was at the bar with you or who you might have
5 paid for drinks for?

6 Rep. Huizenga: I have gone over this in my mind a number of times and I cannot
7 specifically recall. My recollection is that it was some of my former state
8 house colleagues, a couple of them now have become state senators and
9 house members. Again, it's kind of like everybody from that area on that
10 weekend. It's all hands on deck. Everybody's at these things.

11 Sean Quinn: Do you know who might know who was at the bar that night or who you
12 paid for drinks for?

13 Rep. Huizenga: Jim Barry would have. I mean, it was so unremarkable that it was not like,
14 "Oh, hey I haven't seen Charlie in three years!"

15 Sean Quinn: Right.

16 Rep. Huizenga: "Charlie, hey, how you doing, man?" I mean it would have been- We do
17 hundreds of these types of things. It was so unremarkable that when the
18 FEC report or complaint was filed it was like, "Did we do that?" I mean, I
19 had to go back to even think that this was an "event" because again, I
20 would have been at- This would have been a little earlier on in ArtPrize
21 too. When it was...

22 Sean Quinn: You said the wives were with you?

23 Rep. Huizenga: My wife came later.

24 Sean Quinn: Okay. Then Jim's wife?

25 Rep. Huizenga: The three of us rode and then my wife had another obligation first and
26 then came in.

27 Sean Quinn: I assume you asked the wives. They don't remember who was there either?

28 Rep. Huizenga: I have not asked Jim's wife but I asked Natalie. She came up with the
29 speculative names, or at least one of them, that I did. But that's like who
30 you would have seen, right? I mean, these were people that we would have
31 hung out with in Lansing and that we knew and that were constituents as
32 well as former colleagues.

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1 Sean Quinn: Okay. Who was that? You know, the person that would have probably
2 been there?

3 Rep. Huizenga: I'm not sure I want to haul them into this. It's like a guess. As I'm sitting
4 there, in my mind's eye, projecting who it would be. So, I don't know that
5 that's a fair answer to- because it's pure speculation.

6 Sean Quinn: You don't have a specific memory of them being there? Just who you
7 would suspect would be there?

8 Rep. Huizenga: Oh no. No, no, I have a memory of walking in going, "Hey, guys," and I
9 think they had ordered already and hadn't paid. We hadn't ordered and it
10 was like just add theirs to my tab. I got it.

11 Charlie Spies: It's a tough call when you know how the FEC responds. Which we
12 produced to you, that list.

13 Omar Ashmawy: That is -- actually.

14 Sean Quinn: Yes, we have that actually so maybe we can look at that.

15 Rep. Huizenga: I haven't had any of them.

16 Sean Quinn: It's been a-

17 Rep. Huizenga: It's been a little-

18 Sean Quinn: Well, actually this is pulled from the FEC report. This is a letter from your
19 counsel to Jeff Brown, who's one of our colleagues at the office.

20 Charlie Spies: So we provided this to them. This was the staff response on this.

21 Rep. Huizenga: Yes, yes, and it was Hildebrand was who my wife came up with as well.

22 Omar Ashmawy: So our question is, if you don't remember that well who was there and
23 your wife doesn't and you talked to Mr. Barry. He doesn't have a very
24 strong recollection. Do you know who prepared this list?

25 Rep. Huizenga: It was consultation, I know. Early on I was asked to basically, "From best
26 recollection, who do you think it was?" And these were two names that I
27 came up with. I think, independently, you guys talked to, somebody talked
28 to Jim and I don't know if he had those exact or one of or if he had, I don't
29 know, any names or not.

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1 Sean Quinn: Unless you guys have any other questions on this, I just have a couple of
2 close out questions and then we can get you on out of here.

3 Can you tell me, who have you communicated with about our
4 investigation?

5 Rep. Huizenga: Meaning?

6 Sean Quinn: Have you talked to, we'll start with anybody on your official staff?

7 Rep. Huizenga: In general, at a very high level, the people that were also sat down for
8 investigating or questioning. Jon and Marliss.

9 Sean Quinn: And when did you talk to them about the investigation?

10 Rep. Huizenga: Right at the very beginning. We had to figure out A. What this was about.
11 It's been rather amorphous at first, trying to figure out, other than it looked
12 suspiciously similar to the FEC complaint and then expanded. Then I
13 talked to Jon about it. I had no experience with OCE so, what is this?
14 What do we do with this? That's when we pulled Charlie.

15 Sean Quinn: Have you talked to Jon or anybody else that we interviewed either shortly
16 before the interview or since they've been interviewed?

17 Rep. Huizenga: Of course.

18 Sean Quinn: Okay. You've talked to them about the interviews?

19 Rep. Huizenga: No. It's my chief of staff and my deputy chief of staff and my brother,
20 half-brother, who also is my campaign chair.

21 Sean Quinn: So, I'm asking about conversations about the investigation or about the
22 interviews.

23 Rep. Huizenga: Very high level of like, we had it. How painful was it? I don't know that
24 I've talked to Matt at all about it. Heather, at all, other than really knowing
25 that they - Probably I have the least day to day contact with Heather. She
26 kind of operates on her own. Matt and I because he's out, literally on the
27 road and I'm in the car with him. I was very careful. I think they were
28 careful too, about trying to respect the process as much as we, I'll speak
29 for myself, as much as I intensely disagree with some of the directions and
30 accusations and how frustrating it's been. Having them spend hundreds of
31 hours on this and having to pay somewhere around \$1200 an hour
32 over...or more...

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1 Sean Quinn: Okay.

2 Rep. Huizenga: Whatever it is, there's been a lot of time and effort in-

3 Apparently I got the discount.

4 A lot of time and effort into this and we're not dismissing the seriousness

5 of it, but there's a real genuine lack of understanding of how... Well, I'll

6 just stop there.

7 Sean Quinn: We appreciate your time and efforts and know that it is a, it is certainly a

8 process so we appreciate your participation in the process.

9 Have you been involved at all in the document collection and response to

10 our request for information?

11 Rep. Huizenga: Tangentially.

12 Sean Quinn: Okay. How do you mean?

13 Rep. Huizenga: Like I knew it was happening. I was getting updates on that. I did not sit at

14 my computer and do a word search.

15 Sean Quinn: Okay. And then, in preparation for this interview, let's talk about what you

16 did. Did you meet with counsel in preparation for this interview?

17 Rep. Huizenga: For about 30 minutes, yes.

18 Sean Quinn: Okay. And was that today?

19 Rep. Huizenga: Yes.

20 Sean Quinn: Did you talk about any of the other interviews when you were meeting

21 with counsel?

22 Rep. Huizenga: No. Other than they happened. I think Derek was- You were here for the

23 D.C. ones and Derek flew back to Michigan for them.

24 Sean Quinn: Did you review any documents?

25 Rep. Huizenga: No. I don't think we pulled out anything.

26 Sean Quinn: That's mostly all of it. You guys have anything? That's all I- I'm going to

27 stop the recording now.

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- 1 Rep. Huizenga: Okay.
- 2 Sean Quinn: This is the actual stop button, right?
- 3 Omar Ashmawy: Yes.
- 4

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11	33	Change "Derek Ross" to "Charles Spies"	Identifies the correct speaker
12	1	same	same
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36	27	same	same
24	10	Given the time frame of the interview, we doubt this line is correctly transcribed.	Accuracy
18	10	Change "receptionists" to "receptions"	Accuracy
21	5	Change "McKenna" to "McHenry"	Accuracy
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Mileage Reimbursement

Candidate Name

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 Other (specify)

State: District:

Date of Disbursement: 11/27/2015

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B. Mr. Jon DeWitte

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Purpose of Disbursement
Expenses

Candidate Name

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C. Natalie Huizenga

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Candidate Name

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Candidate Name: _____

Office Sought: House Senate President

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Transaction ID: BB439CD72704C4FCC8D5

Memo Item

C. DeWitte, Jon, , Mr.,

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
 Mailing Address: 9300 Old Mansion Road

City: Alexandria State: VA Zip Code: 22309-2713

Purpose of Disbursement: Campaign Expenses

Candidate Name: _____

Office Sought: House Senate President

Disbursement For: 2015
 Primary General
 Other (specify) _____

State: _____ District: _____

Date of Disbursement: 09 / 27 / 2016

FEC Identification Number: C _____

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 5732.00

Transaction ID: B23341021C59E40F29D5

Memo Item

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HUIZENGA FOR CONGRESS

A. DeJonge Studio

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
 Mailing Address 187 Monroe Avenue NW
 City Grand Rapids State MI Zip Code 49503-2621
 Purpose of Disbursement Photography services
 Candidate Name
 Office Sought: House Senate President
 Disbursement For: 2015
 Primary General
 Other (specify)
 State: District:
 Date of Disbursement 04 01 2017
 FEC Identification Number C
 Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 1355.00
 Transaction ID : BDD8A389C85F14508905
 Memo Item

B. DeWitte, Jon, , Mr.,

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
 Mailing Address 9300 Old Mansion Road
 City Alexandria State VA Zip Code 22309-2713
 Purpose of Disbursement Campaign Expenses
 Candidate Name
 Office Sought: House Senate President
 Disbursement For: 2015
 Primary General
 Other (specify)
 State: District:
 Date of Disbursement 05 31 2017
 FEC Identification Number C
 Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 4726.00
 Transaction ID : B31B68012D6C24190811
 Memo Item

C. Ensing, Steve, ,

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
 Mailing Address 10671 Bridgewater Drive
 City Zesland State MI Zip Code 49464-6620
 Purpose of Disbursement Advertising
 Candidate Name
 Office Sought: House Senate President
 Disbursement For: 2015
 Primary General
 Other (specify)
 State: District:
 Date of Disbursement 05 23 2017
 FEC Identification Number C
 Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 1500.00
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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)
HUIZENGA FOR CONGRESS

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
A. CompleteCampaigns.com

Mailing Address: 3635 Ruffin Road, Floor 3
 City: San Diego, State: CA, Zip Code: 92123-1880

Purpose of Disbursement: Credit Card Fee
 Candidate Name: _____
 Office Sought: House Senate President
 Disbursement For: 2015
 Primary General
 Other (specify) _____

Date of Disbursement: 12/08/2017
 FEC Identification Number: C
 Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 0.50
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Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
B. CompleteCampaigns.com

Mailing Address: 3635 Ruffin Road, Floor 3
 City: San Diego, State: CA, Zip Code: 92123-1880

Purpose of Disbursement: Credit Card Fee
 Candidate Name: _____
 Office Sought: House Senate President
 Disbursement For: 2015
 Primary General
 Other (specify) _____

Date of Disbursement: 12/30/2017
 FEC Identification Number: C
 Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 25.00
 Transaction ID: B54A64A5E03834301BD4
 Memo Item

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
C. DeWitte, Jon, , Mr.,

Mailing Address: 9300 Old Mansion Road
 City: Alexandria, State: VA, Zip Code: 22309-2713

Purpose of Disbursement: Campaign Expenses
 Candidate Name: _____
 Office Sought: House Senate President
 Disbursement For: 2015
 Primary General
 Other (specify) _____

Date of Disbursement: 11/24/2017
 FEC Identification Number: C
 Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 4734.47
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HUIZENGA FOR CONGRESS

A. DeWitte, Jon, , Mr.,

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
 Mailing Address 9300 Old Mansion Road

City Alexandria State VA Zip Code 22309-2713

Purpose of Disbursement Campaign expenses
 Candidate Name Category/Type 001

Office Sought: House Senate President
 Disbursement For: 2015
 Primary General
 Other (specify) ▼

State: District:

Date of Disbursement 12 / 11 / 2017

FEC Identification Number C

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 1754.22

Transaction ID : BA866B24302BA44548B9

Memo Item

B. DeWitte, Jon, , Mr.,

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
 Mailing Address 9300 Old Mansion Road

City Alexandria State VA Zip Code 22309-2713

Purpose of Disbursement Campaign consultant
 Candidate Name Category/Type 007

Office Sought: House Senate President
 Disbursement For: 2015
 Primary General
 Other (specify) ▼

State: District:

Date of Disbursement 12 / 22 / 2017

FEC Identification Number C

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 1000.00

Transaction ID : B2C7157192F0841F29A0

Memo Item

C. FGR Partnership

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
 Mailing Address 3550 64th Avenue

City Zealand State MI Zip Code 49464-0516

Purpose of Disbursement Campaign office rent
 Candidate Name Category/Type 001

Office Sought: House Senate President
 Disbursement For: 2015
 Primary General
 Other (specify) ▼

State: District:

Date of Disbursement 10 / 02 / 2017

FEC Identification Number C

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 350.00

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HUIZENGA FOR CONGRESS

A. DeWitte, Jon, , Mr.,

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Mailing Address 9300 Old Mansion Road

City Alexandria State VA Zip Code 22309-2713

Purpose of Disbursement See Below

Candidate Name

Office Sought: House Senate President

Disbursement For: Primary General Other (specify) ▼

State: District:

Date of Disbursement 04 25 2018

FEC Identification Number C

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 5173.28

Transaction ID : B50E3AB8B41884ACCADA

Memo Item

B. Uber

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Mailing Address 555 Market St

City San Francisco State CA Zip Code 94105-2800

Purpose of Disbursement Travel Expense

Candidate Name

Office Sought: House Senate President

Disbursement For: Primary General Other (specify) ▼

State: District:

Date of Disbursement 04 25 2018

FEC Identification Number C

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 201.49

Transaction ID : B0367E91F2E2E4AC48F1

Memo Item

C. DoubleTree

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Mailing Address 9599 Skokie Boulevard

City Skokie State IL Zip Code 60077-1314

Purpose of Disbursement Travel Expense

Candidate Name

Office Sought: House Senate President

Disbursement For: Primary General Other (specify) ▼

State: District:

Date of Disbursement 04 25 2018

FEC Identification Number C

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 346.32

Transaction ID : B56E8871040CF4BAE9D7

Memo Item

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)
HUIZENGA FOR CONGRESS

A. St. Regis Deer Valley

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Mailing Address 2300 Deer Valley Dr E

City Park City State UT Zip Code 84060

Purpose of Disbursement Event Travel Expense Other

Candidate Name _____

Office Sought: House Senate President

Disbursement For: Primary General Other (specify) _____

State: _____ District: _____

Date of Disbursement 04 / 25 / 2018

FEC Identification Number C _____

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 2854.12

Transaction ID : BD936354156774DF3858

Memo Item

B. FGR Partnership

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Mailing Address 2550 84th Avenue

City Zeeland State MI Zip Code 49464-9516

Purpose of Disbursement Campaign office rent Other

Candidate Name _____

Office Sought: House Senate President

Disbursement For: Primary General Other (specify) _____

State: _____ District: _____

Date of Disbursement 04 / 02 / 2018

FEC Identification Number C _____

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 350.00

Transaction ID : BB2F3CAB5A60D4C7395E

Memo Item

C. FGR Partnership

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
Mailing Address 3550 84th Avenue

City Zeeland State MI Zip Code 49464-9516

Purpose of Disbursement Campaign office rent Other

Candidate Name _____

Office Sought: House Senate President

Disbursement For: Primary General Other (specify) _____

State: _____ District: _____

Date of Disbursement 05 / 01 / 2018

FEC Identification Number C _____

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 350.00

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)
HUIZENGA FOR CONGRESS

A. Clark Hill PLC

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
 Mailing Address: 200 Ottawa Avenue NW, Suite 500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2426

Date of Disbursement: 12/19/2018

Purpose of Disbursement: Legal Fees

Candidate Name: _____

Office Sought: House Senate President

Disbursement For: Primary General Other (specify) _____

State: _____ District: _____

FEC Identification Number: **C** _____

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 2315.00

Transaction ID: BA68AE25A27334FA7B93

Memo Item

B. Congressman Bill Huizenga

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
 Mailing Address: PO Box 254, Zoeland, MI 49464-0254

Date of Disbursement: 12/14/2018

Purpose of Disbursement: Mortgage Reimbursement

Candidate Name: _____

Office Sought: House Senate President

Disbursement For: Primary General Other (specify) _____

State: _____ District: _____

FEC Identification Number: **C** _____

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 410.40

Transaction ID: B3BE1399A0B6F40F693C

Memo Item

C. DeWitte, Jon, , Mr.,

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
 Mailing Address: 9300 Old Mansion Rd, Alexandria, VA 22309-2713

Date of Disbursement: 11/27/2018

Purpose of Disbursement: Site Below

Candidate Name: _____

Office Sought: House Senate President

Disbursement For: Primary General Other (specify) _____

State: _____ District: _____

FEC Identification Number: **C** _____

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period: 4437.05

Transaction ID: BAE806524FB4A4A96A73

Memo Item

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)
HUIZENGA FOR CONGRESS

A. DeWitte, Jon, , Mr.,

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Mailing Address 9300 Old Mansion Rd.

City Alexandria State VA Zip Code 22309-2713

Purpose of Disbursement Mileage Reimbursement

Candidate Name

Office Sought: House Senate President

Disbursement For: Primary General Other (specify) ▼

State: District:

Date of Disbursement 11 / 27 / 2018

FEC Identification Number C

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 374.08

Transaction ID : B4ABCA3A0902C4758B26

Memo Item

B. Delta Air Lines

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Mailing Address 5235 Portage Road

City Portage State MI Zip Code 49002-1766

Purpose of Disbursement Travel Expenses

Candidate Name

Office Sought: House Senate President

Disbursement For: Primary General Other (specify) ▼

State: District:

Date of Disbursement 11 / 27 / 2018

FEC Identification Number C

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 50.00

Transaction ID : BB88A3BDFCED9482CBAA

Memo Item

C. Grand Hotel

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Mailing Address 1 Grand Ave

City Mackinac Island State MI Zip Code 49757

Purpose of Disbursement Event Facility Rental

Candidate Name

Office Sought: House Senate President

Disbursement For: Primary General Other (specify) ▼

State: District:

Date of Disbursement 11 / 27 / 2018

FEC Identification Number C

Amount of Each Disbursement this Period 1100.34

Transaction ID : B80EC074DEC09469DB0B

Memo Item

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EXHIBIT 8

5/8/2019

Gmail - HFC Charges



Sarah Lisman <[redacted]>

HFC Charges

Sarah Lisman <[redacted]> Thu, Jan 5, 2017 at 9:58 AM
To: ronvd[redacted], Matt Kooiman <[redacted]>

Hi Ron - I have attached 3 receipts for charges I made on my card for our Swearing-In Open House. The total is \$218.09

Can you send that check to:

Sarah Lisman

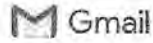


Thanks!!
Sarah

2017 Swearing In Open House Receipts.pdf
83K

1/5/2017

Gmail - Thanks for your order! (#9373154)



Sarah Lisman <[REDACTED]>

Thanks for your order! (#9373154)

District Doughnut - Washington <orders-no-reply@chownow.com>
Reply-To: will@districtdoughnut.com
To: sllsma[REDACTED]

Sun, Jan 1, 2017 at 2:16 PM

Order Receipt

Thanks for your order, Sarah Lisman! Your order has been submitted to **District Doughnut - Washington**. You'll receive a second email letting you know when it will be ready for pickup.

DETAILS FOR ORDER #9373154

4 **Dozen Mini Doughnuts**

Dozen \$18.00 ea.

Picked up by Ben Ridder, [REDACTED]

CUSTOMER REQUESTED: pickup on Tue, Jan 3 at 8:30 AM

Sub-total: \$72.00
 Taxes: \$7.20
 Tip/gratuity: \$7.20
Total: \$86.40

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Credit Card	Date	Total
MasterCard ending in [REDACTED]	Jan 1, 2017	\$86.40

Questions about your order?
Reach District Doughnut - Washington at (202) 750-1955.



STORE MGR MICHAEL BIGELOW 202-554-9155
THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING WITH US!

BAKED GOODS

COOKIES CONFETTE 5.00 F
CHOCOLATE CHIP 5.00 F

DELI

CATERING TRAY 34.99 B
CATERING TRAY 39.99 B
**** TAX 7.50 BAL 92.48
VP DEBIT CARD 92.48

CHANGE 00

NUMBER OF ITEMS = 4
1/18/17 16:25 2892 05 0366 2323

YOUR CASHIER TODAY WAS JIHETB

1744

HOW WAS YOUR SHOPPING EXPERIENCE?
Go to www.safewayssurvey.net
ENTER TO WIN A \$100 GIFT CARD

GAS POINTS EARNED TODAY

Base Points 84

TOTAL 84

Points Towards Next Reward 99 of 100

LET US HEAR FROM YOU!
1-877-723-3929 or visit SAFeway.COM

SAFeway STORE #2892
1100 4TH STREET S.W. SUITE 160
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20024
202-554-9155

EFT DEBIT SALE 01/18/17 16:25
CARD # [REDACTED] PRIMARY
TOTAL TRANSACTION AMOUNT 92.48

REF:170118162515

EXHIBIT 9

5/8/2019

Gmail - June Expenses



Matt Kooiman <[redacted]>

June Expenses

3 messages

Matt Kooiman <[redacted]> Fri, Jul 13, 2018 at 10:24 AM
To: Ron HFC <[redacted]>

Ron,

Can you write this check and leave it in my box?

6/4: Zeeland	119.8 Miles
6/7: Zeeland and Newaygo	182.3 Miles
6/12: Zeeland	64.8 Miles
6/14: Muskegon	162.8 Miles
6/18: Meeting with Paul	67.9 Miles
6/19: Zeeland	73.3 Miles
6/22: Zeeland	93.2 Miles
6/25: Kent GOP	26.5 Miles
6/28: Zeeland	89.8 Miles
6/29: HFC Meeting	28.2 Miles

Total: 908.6 Miles

Other Expenses:

Verizon (See attached): \$85.67
Candy for 4th (See attached): \$571.16

Matt Kooiman

[redacted]

2 attachments

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375K

View PDF.pdf
374K

Ronald Van Der Kolk <[redacted]> Fri, Jul 13, 2018 at 10:37 AM
Reply-To: Ronald Van Der Kolk <[redacted]>
To: Matt Kooiman <[redacted]>

Matt, What charges from Verizon is the \$85.67 made up of. Paul at Professional Data will need to know.

Ron

[Quoted text hidden]

5/8/2019

Gmail - June Expenses

Fri, Jul 13, 2018 at 10:40 AM

Matt Kooiman <[REDACTED]>
To: Ronald Van Der Koik <[REDACTED]>

Its my phone bill. I attached a copy of it. HFC pays for 1/2 of my phone bill.

Matt Kooiman

[REDACTED]

[Quoted text hidden]

EXHIBIT 10

EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

COMMITTEE: Huizenga for Congress

NAME: Matt Kooiman

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

COVERING DATES: 9/1/18-11/9/18

DATE REQUESTED: 11/9/2019

EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT				
DATE	VENDOR	VENDOR ADDRESS	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
9/21/2018	Verizon		Reimburesment for Phone	\$ 85.66
21-Oct	Verizon		Reimburesment for Phone	\$ 85.66
10/12/2018	Costco	4901 Wilson Ave, Wyoming, MI 49418	Food for Event	\$ 54.83
10/13/2018	Costco	4902 Wilson Ave, Wyoming, MI 49418	Food for Event	\$ 139.88
11/3/2018	Peppinos	130 Ionia, Grand Rapids, MI 49503	Staff Meal	\$ 136.00
TOTAL EXPENSES				\$ 502.03
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENTS				
DATE	FROM LOCATION	TO LOCATION	# OF MILES	AMOUNT
9/1/2018	Kentwood	Newago and Back	135	\$ 73.58
9/3/2018	Kentwood	Zeeland and Back	48	\$ 26.16
9/5/2018	Kentwood	Zeeland and Back	48	\$ 26.16
9/6/2018	Grandville	Muskegon/Newago and Back	120	\$ 65.40
9/7/2018	Kentwood	Holland/Zeeland and Back	48	\$ 26.16
9/8/2018	Kentwood	Holland, Muskegon and Back	112	\$ 61.04
9/10/2018	Kentwood	Holland and Back	66	\$ 35.97
9/11/2018	Kentwood	Wyoming, Muskegon and Back	99	\$ 53.96
9/12/2018	Kentwood	Holland, GR and Back	90	\$ 49.05
9/13/2018	Grandville	Cascade and Back	51	\$ 27.80
9/15/2018	Kentwood	Wyoming and Back	25	\$ 13.63
9/16/2018	Kentwood	Holland, Muskegon and Back	112	\$ 61.04
9/17/2018	Kentwood	Zeeland and Back	48	\$ 26.16
9/18/2018	Kentwood	Zeeland and Back	48	\$ 26.16
9/19/2018	Grandville	Allendale and Back	44	\$ 23.98
9/20/2018	Kentwood	Hudsonville, Fremont and Back	129	\$ 70.31
9/22/2018	Kentwood	Wyoming and Back	25	\$ 13.63
9/24/2018	Kentwood	Zeeland and Back	48	\$ 26.16
9/27/2018	Kentwood	Zeeland and Back	48	\$ 26.16
9/29/2018	Kentwood	Holland, Muskegon and Back	112	\$ 61.04
10/1/2018	Kentwood	Zeeland and Back	48	\$ 26.16
10/2/2018	Kentwood	Zeeland and Back	48	\$ 26.16
10/4/2018	Kentwood	Zeeland, Muskegon and Back	103	\$ 56.14
10/6/2018	Kentwood	Grandville, Zeeland and Back	50	\$ 27.25
10/10/2018	Kentwood	Fremont, Zeeland and Back	154	\$ 83.93
10/11/2018	Kentwood	Holland, Grand Haven, Muskegon, Allendale and Back	113	\$ 61.59
10/13/2018	Kentwood	Allendale and Back	65	\$ 35.43
10/14/2018	Kentwood	Holland and Back	64	\$ 34.88
10/16/2018	Kentwood	Zeeland, West Olive, Holland and Back	139	\$ 75.76
10/17/2018	Kentwood	Holland and Back	75	\$ 40.88
10/18/2018	Kentwood	Zeeland and Back	48	\$ 26.16
10/20/2018	Kentwood	Wyoming and Back	25	\$ 13.63
10/21/2018	Kentwood	Newago and Back	140	\$ 76.30
10/22/2018	Kentwood	Holland and Back	66	\$ 35.97

10/23/2018	Kentwood	Spring Lake and Back	81	\$	44.15
10/24/2018	Kentwood	Zeeland, Holland, Kentwood, Wyoming and Back	77	\$	41.97
10/25/2018	Kentwood	Grand Haven, Holland and Back	146	\$	79.57
10/26/2018	Kentwood	Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, Hudsonville and back	108	\$	58.86
10/27/2018	Kentwood	Allendale, Spring Lake, Muskegon, Twin Lake and Back	172	\$	93.74
10/29/2018	Kentwood	Holland and Back	66	\$	35.97
10/30/2018	Kentwood	Holland, Grand Haven and Back	100	\$	54.50
10/31/2018	Kentwood	Jenison and Back	55	\$	29.98
11/1/2018	Kentwood	Holland and Back	70	\$	38.15
11/2/2018	Kentwood	Wyoming, Grandville and back	35	\$	19.08
11/3/2018	Kentwood	Holland, Grand Rapids and Back	68	\$	37.06
11/4/2018	Kentwood	Holland and Back	66	\$	35.97
11/5/2018	Kentwood	Newaygo and Back	113	\$	61.59
11/6/2018	Kentwood	Holland and Back	66	\$	35.97
11/8/2018	Kentwood	Kent Co Sign take down	170	\$	92.65
				\$	-
				\$	-
			3987	\$	2,172.92
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST				\$	2,674.95

EXHIBIT 11

HFC Expenses for Nov. & Dec. '15

Date	Expenditure	Location	Purpose
18-Nov	\$284	DC	mileage
21-Nov	24	DC	parking
21-Nov	289.23	NYC	hotel
20-Nov	28.32	DC	lunch
20-Nov	15.99	NYC	breakfast
2-Dec	120.25	DC	dinner
7-Dec	50	NYC	entertainment
4-Dec	62.86	NYC	lunch
4-Dec	15.8	NYC	taxi
6-Dec	962	NYC	entertainment
6-Dec	5.72	NYC	breakfast
5-Dec	10.56	NYC	breakfast
5-Dec	29	nyc	ENTERTAINMENT
5-Dec	5.71	NYC	LUNCH
4-Dec	28.13	nyc	dinner
5-Dec	8.71	nyc	lunch
5-Dec	16.56	NYC	taxi
5-Dec	12.96	NYC	taxi
5-Dec	21.36	nyc	taxi
5-Dec	89.13	NYC	dinner
5-Dec	50.00	NYC	dinner
6-Dec	36.79	NYC	entertainment
7-Dec	68.00	NYC	parking
6-Dec	15.96	NYC	taxi
5-Dec	38.05	NYC	breakfast
6-Dec	10.34	NYC	breakfast
6-Dec	3.81	NYC	breakfast
6-Dec	1381.7	nyc	lodging
12-Dec	22.50	DC	taxi
TOTAL	\$3,707		

EXHIBIT 12

300

McManus HFC Disney Trip
March 17-20, 2016

Airfare	\$	1,746.60
Park Tickets	\$	430.26
Cab Fare	\$	77.36
Stroller	\$	33.55
Meals (7)	\$	386.43
Total	\$	2,674.20

301

McManus HFC Disney Trip
April 6-9, 2017

Airfare	\$	1,540.20
Park Tickets	\$	560.74
Cab Fare	\$	83.07
Stroller	\$	45.80
Meals	\$	110.58
Total	\$	2,340.39

McManus HFC Disney Trip
May 25-28, 2018

Hotel	\$	1,530.01
Airfare	\$	1,450.17
Park Tickets	\$	859.79
Cab Fare	\$	108.96
Stroller	\$	56.50
Meals	\$	648.92
Total	\$	4,654.35

EXHIBIT 13

TEAMPAC Disney Weekend
Bill Huizenga
MARCH 16 – MARCH 21

Disney's Polynesian Village Resort

1600 Seven Seas Drive
Orlando, FL 32830

Hotel Reservation Number:

Bill, Natalie, Sieger, Willem: 460561149356

Garret, Adrian, Ally: 460471535504

Be sure to request at check in that all magic bands open both doors

Magic Band Pin # 2016

You will need this pin number to make all purchases

Be sure to pack your magic bands in your carry on – you will need these at check in!

Your room located on the concierge level. The schedule for these included perks each day are:

7:00am – 10:30am: Continental Breakfast

12:00pm – 4:00pm: Light Snacks

5:00pm – 7:00pm: Appetizers

8:00pm – 10:00pm: Dessert and Cordials

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

NATALIE, WILLEM, SIEGER, GARRETT, ADRIAN & ALEXANDRA

Departing DTW 6:00pm – 8:36pm

DELTA; Flight # 2907

You're all confirmed for the **Magic Bus Express**. Meet the bus at the **ground floor of Terminal B**

Contact: Ali Schutz at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

BILL

Departing ATL 4:55pm - 6:26pm

DELTA; Flight # 2622

9:45pm

TEAMPAC Optional Meet Up: Watch Fireworks

Disney's Polynesian Village Resort

** Exact location will be emailed to the group Thursday afternoon

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

7:00am - 9:00am

TEAMPAC "Come and Go" Breakfast Buffet (*Breakfast will be open for these two hours. Please feel free to stop by whenever you want*)

Disney's Polynesian Village Resort

**Note - Extra Magic Hours begin at 8:00am

8:15pm

Dinner at Disney's Spirit of Aloha

Located within Disney's Polynesian Village Resort

Attendees:

Duffy Family, Huizenga Family, Barr Family

9:45pm

TEAMPAC Optional Meet Up: Watch Fireworks

Disney's Polynesian Village Resort

** Exact location will be emailed to the group Thursday afternoon

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

5:30pm

TEAMPAC Reception and Dinner

Location: Disney's Animal Kingdom Park

****Meet the transportation at the Polynesian at 5:30pm. Upon arrival**

Contact: Ali Schutz at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

at the park, we will ride the Wildlife Express Train across the African Savannah for a backstage journey through Disney's Animal Kingdom Park. Following the train ride, there will be a reception and dinner at Conservation Station with an animal encounter. Conservation Station is a wildlife conservation center home to animal encounters, interactive exhibits and a veterinary facility.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

GARRETT. [REDACTED] **Children**

Departing Flight MCO 12:25pm- 2:08pm
DELTA; Flight # 2069

You're all confirmed for the **Magic Bus Express**. Pick up is at **9:40am**

MONDAY, MARCH 21

BILL, NATALIE. **Son** & **Son**

Departing Flight MCO 12:25pm - 2:08pm
DELTA; Flight # 2069

You're all confirmed for the **Magic Bus Express**. Pick up is at **9:40am**

Contact: Ali Schutz at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

EXHIBIT 14

6/17/2019

Huizenga Mail - Tonight's attendees



Bill Huizenga <[redacted]>

Tonight's attendees

Jon DeWitte (HFC) <[redacted]> Sat, Mar 19, 2016 at 6:02 PM
To: Bill Huizenga <[redacted]>

Storch is coming to

Jon DeWitte
Chief of Staff
Rep. Bill Huizenga (MI-2)
Cell [redacted]

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ali Schutz <[redacted]>
Date: March 17, 2016 at 7:40:56 PM EDT
To: Jon DeWitte <[redacted]>
Cc: Marliiss McManus <[redacted]>, Sarah Lisman <[redacted]>
Subject: Re: Disney Magic Bands

March 17-20, 2016				
Walt Disney World Resorts				
Orlando, FL				
First Name	Last Name	Company	Email	Cell Phone Number
Ann	Carmichael	CUNA	[redacted]	[redacted]
Roy	DeLoach	DC Strategies Group	[redacted]	[redacted]
Tara	Foscato	PNC	[redacted]	[redacted]
Jimi	Grande	NAMIC		
Christine	Hesse	Akin Gump	[redacted]	[redacted]
Tim	Morrison	Sallie Mae	[redacted]	[redacted]
Jennifer	Platt	International Council of Shopping Centers	[redacted]	[redacted]
Julie	Riccio	PwC	[redacted]	[redacted]
Royal	Roth	UPS	[redacted]	[redacted]
Emily	Weems	Capital One	[redacted]	[redacted]
Maura	Woosley	Citi	[redacted]	[redacted]

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Huizenga Mail - Tonight's attendees

Greg	Zerzan	Koch Companies	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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On Mar 17, 2016, at 7:30 PM, Jon DeWitte <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Can you shoot me a list of all the guests and which ones are credited to us?

Jon DeWitte
Chief of Staff
Rep. Bill Huizenga (MI-2)

Cell [REDACTED]

Huizenga for Congress
P.O. Box 254
[REDACTED]

On Feb 17, 2016, at 10:20 AM, Ali Schutz <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Jon and Marliis,
Here are your confirmation numbers for Disney.

Jon DeWitte	460475534161
Marlis McManus	460471530586

You'll need these to set up magic bands for you and your family. Huizenga will be all set with fast passes for his family, but let me know if he needs anything else.

Thanks!
Ali

<MyMagic+ Pre-Arrival Steps.pdf>

EXHIBIT 15

6/17/2019

Huizenga Mail - Fwd: Join Congressman Bill Huizenga in Walt Disney World this April!



Bill Huizenga <[redacted]>

Fwd: Join Congressman Bill Huizenga in Walt Disney World this April!

Greg Mesack <[redacted]> Tue, Jan 24, 2017 at 4:09 PM
To: Andrew Theodore <[redacted]>
Cc: Jon DeWitte <[redacted]>, Bill Huizenga <[redacted]>

I just want to borrow the time machine he used to get that photo.

Greg Mesack
Eris Group, LLC

[redacted]
Office: [redacted]
Mobile: [redacted]

From: Andrew Theodore <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 4:02:41 PM
To: Greg Mesack
Cc: Jon DeWitte; Bill Huizenga
Subject: Re: Join Congressman Bill Huizenga in Walt Disney World this April!

Fine looking example of a Congressman. Don't be jealous.

Andrew P. Theodore
The Theodore Company, LLC

[redacted]
Phone: [redacted]
Cell: [redacted]

Email: [Andrew \[redacted\]](mailto:Andrew.[redacted]@theodorecompany.com)

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 24, 2017, at 3:57 PM, Greg Mesack <[redacted]> wrote:

Is the picture in Bill's "Huizenga fo Congress" header his high school yearbook photo? He looks awfully young.

Greg Mesack
Eris Group, LLC

[redacted]
Office: [redacted]
Mobile: [redacted]

From: Andrew Theodore <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 3:56 PM
Subject: Join Congressman Bill Huizenga in Walt Disney World this April
To: Greg Mesack <[redacted]>

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Huizenga Mail - Fwd: Join Congressman Bill Huizenga in Walt Disney World this April!



Don't miss out on a weekend at Walt Disney World with Congressman Bill Huizenga with special guests, Congresswoman Mia Love and Congressman Sean Duffy! **April 6th through the 8th** at the Polynesian Resort in Orlando Florida, enjoy all of the unforgettable adventures that only Disney World can offer. Act fast! There are a limited number of rooms still available for this fun family trip with Congressman Bill Huizenga!

To Attend: \$2,500 per PAC, \$2,000 personal

Questions? Contact Andrew Theodore, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

RSVP: Taylor Donnelly, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Trouble viewing this invitation? Please follow this link:
https://gallery.mailchimp.com/261f85b34c23d5e2c847746fe/files/Huizenga_Disney.pdf

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Huizenga Mail - Fwd: Join Congressman Bill Huizenga in Walt Disney World this April!

Please Join

CONGRESSMAN BILL HUIZENGA

With Special Guest

CONGRESSWOMAN MIA LOVE

and

CONGRESSMAN SEAN DUFFY

for a

Disney Weekend




The Polynesian Resort
Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL
Friday April 6 – Sunday April 8, 2017

To Attend: PAC \$2,500 / Personal \$2,000

To RSVP, or for more information, please contact:
Andrew Theodore or Taylor Donnelly
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Make Checks Payable To:
Huizenga for Congress
[Redacted]
Washington, DC 20003

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EXHIBIT 16

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Huizenga Mail - Fwd: Huizenga Character Breakfast in Disney World



Bill Huizenga <[REDACTED]>

Fwd: Huizenga Character Breakfast in Disney World

Jon DeWitte <[REDACTED]> Sun, May 20, 2018 at 4:56 PM
To: "Bill Huizenga (personal)" <[REDACTED]>

FYI Scalise won't be able to make our breakfast at Disney.

Jon DeWitte
Chief of Staff
Rep. Bill Huizenga (MI-2)

Cell [REDACTED]

Huizenga for Congress
P.O. Box 254
[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: Billy Oorbeek <[REDACTED]>
Date: May 18, 2018 at 1:34:56 PM EDT
To: Jon DeWitte <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Fwd: Huizenga Character Breakfast in Disney World

Not surprising but still a bit disappointing.

Billy Oorbeek
The Oorbeek Group



Begin forwarded message:

From: Stephanie Belk <[REDACTED]>
Date: May 18, 2018 at 1:34:07 PM EDT
To: Billy Oorbeek <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Huizenga Character Breakfast in Disney World

Hey Billy,

The Whip will not be at the Huizenga breakfast, the Scalises are very protective of their Disney time!

Thanks!

Stephanie L. Belk
Political Operations Coordinator
Scalise Leadership Fund
m. [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone.

6/17/2019

Huizenga Mail - Fwd: Huizenga Character Breakfast in Disney World

On May 18, 2018, at 11:48 AM, Billy Oorbeek <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hey Stephanie,

Just wanted to check to see if your boss would be able to attend all or part of our Huizenga breakfast on May 28th from 7:30AM-9:00AM in the Whitehall Room & Patio at the Grand Floridian?

Billy Oorbeek
The Oorbeek Group



EXHIBIT 17

8/17/2019

Huizenga Mail - Mackinac Island Questions



Bill Huizenga <[redacted]>

Mackinac Island Questions

Matt Kooiman <[redacted]> Thu, Aug 31, 2017 at 2:10 PM
To: Bill Huizenga <[redacted]>, Natalie Huizenga <[redacted]>
Cc: Jon DeWitte <[redacted]>, "Lisman, Sarah" <[redacted]>

Bill and Natalie,

Jon and I had a conversation about hotel rooms on Mackinac and need a few questions answered by you. We need to make some decisions soon so we can release rooms we don't need and not pay for them.

1. What would you like to do with Ron and Jan's room at the Grand?
2. Is Pavlina coming? If not what do you want to do with her room?
3. What do you want to do with the other extra room? We have a request from Janessa to use it, is that ok?
4. What are the names of Garrett's friends so I can get them registered for the conference and tickets to the meals?

Attached and below you will find a breakdown of what rooms we have currently and who is assigned to each of them.

Hotel Rooms

Grand Hotel	Room #1	Huizenga Family
	Room #2	Huizenga Family
	Room #3	Jim and Liza
	Room #4	Ron and Jan???
Chippewa Hotel	Room #1	Greg and Family
	Room #2	Jon
	Room #3	Matt and Julie
	Room #4	Garrett +3 friends
	Room #5	Pavlina???
	Room #6	Empty
Island House	Room #1	Boomer and Family
	Room #2	Colena's Family (Not paid for by HFC)

Matt Kooiman



Mackinac 2017.xlsx
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EXHIBIT 18

6/17/2019

Huizenga Mail - Bloodies w/ Bill @ Deer Valley



Bill Huizenga <[redacted]>

Bloodies w/ Bill @ Deer Valley

1 message

Jon Dewitte <[redacted]> Fri, Jan 26, 2018 at 10:36 AM
 To: "Bill Huizenga (personal)" <[redacted]>

First	Last	Company	Huizenga Pledge	Huizenga Attend
Will	Kinzel	Delta		
Jane	Adams	J&J	NO	NO
Stephen	Allis	KPMG	\$1,000	1
Dan	Berger	NAFCU	\$1,000	1
Lisa	Blackwell	NMHC	\$1,000	1
Kathy	Didawick	BCBSA		
Rachel	Dresen	AICPA	\$1,000	1
Tucker	Foote	Mastercard	No	No
Tara	Foscato	PNC Bank	COMP	1
Matt	Green	DRS		
Barry	Hutchison	AT&T	NO	NO
Matt	Iandoli	Deloitte	\$1,000	1
Mary	Jackson	Cash America		
Marty	McGuinness	Unum	NO	NO
jake	Menefee	Marathon	NO	NO
Ian	Musselman	Continental Corporation		
Scott	Myer	NAHB		
Michael	O'Brien	PricewaterhouseCoopers	COMP	1
Kevin	O'Neill	Fraternity PAC		
Ted	Okun	Community Oncology Alliance		
Raymond	Paul	Koch	\$1,000	1
Dan	Roehl	National Restaurant Assn		
Alan	Rosenbloom	Senior Care Pharmacy Coalition		
Caroline	Rydell	Farm Credit Bank		
John	Savercool	UBS		
Hollyn	Scheumann	Viacom		
Mike	Shutley	Dunkin Brands		
Jason	Spence	CME	\$1,000	1
Mike	Thompson	Goldman Sachs	likely	likely
Majida	Turner	Tellurion		
Todd	Walker	Altria	NO	NO
Justin	Wormmeester	BNSF	\$2,500	1
Brian	Yates	Elevate	maybe	maybe
Eric	Zulkowsky	Fierce Govt Relations		
Nick	Zupancic	Capital One	\$1,000	1

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Huizenga Mail - Bloodies w/ Bill @ Deer Valley

Pete	Sessions	MEMBER	MEMBER		1
Bill	Huizenga	MEMBER	MEMBER		1
Dennis	Ross	MEMBER	MEMBER		1
Jeff	Duncan	MEMBER	MEMBER		1
Tom	Graves	MEMBER	MEMBER	E43	1
Cindy	Ross		Wife of Rep. Ross		1
Melody	Duncan		Wife of Rep. Duncan		1
Jon	DeWitte	Office of Rep. Huizenga			1
Greg	Walden	MEMBER	MEMBER		1
Total					20

Jon DeWitte
 Chief of Staff
 Congressman Bill Huizenga (MI-02)

Cell - [REDACTED]

Huizenga for Congress
 P.O. Box 254
 [REDACTED]

EXHIBIT 19

Reservation #14862 @ Jans Park City, UT

Start: **Fri, Feb 23, 2018 8:00am** End: **Sun, Feb 25, 2018 5:00pm**
 Card Holder: **William Huizenga** Credit Card: [REDACTED]
 Phone: [REDACTED] Email: **emily.zajac** [REDACTED]
 Address: **P.O. Box 254,** [REDACTED]

Location

Location: **Jans at the St. Regis Deer Valley** Phone: **(435) 940-5850**
 Address: **2300 Deer Valley Drive East, Park City, 84060** - [Click For Directions](#)
 Hours: **8:00am - 5:00pm**

Totals

Original Subtotal:	\$942.00
Discount:	- \$47.10
Promo:	online_discount
Subtotal:	\$894.90
Tax:	\$75.62
Total:	\$970.52
Paid:	\$970.52
Due:	\$0.00

Performance Ski Package \$182.36 (tax included)

Start: **Fri, Feb 23, 2018 8:00am** End: **Sun, Feb 25, 2018 5:00pm**
 Product User: **Jon DeWitte** Gender: **Male** Age: **43**
 Shoe Size: **US 12** Weight: [REDACTED] Height: **6'1"** Skill: **II**
 Notes:

Performance Ski Package \$121.57 (tax included)

Start: **Fri, Feb 23, 2018 8:00am** End: **Sat, Feb 24, 2018 5:00pm**
 Product User: **Natalie Huizenga** Gender: **Female** Age: **49**
 Shoe Size: **US 8** Weight: [REDACTED] Height: **5'6"** Skill: **II**
 Notes:

Performance Ski Package \$121.57 (tax included)
Start: **Fri, Feb 23, 2018 8:00am** End: **Sat, Feb 24, 2018 5:00pm**
Product User: [REDACTED] Gender: **Male** Age: **16**
Shoe Size: **US 9** Weight: [REDACTED] Height: **5'10"** Skill: **II**
Notes:

Performance Ski Package \$182.36 (tax included)
Start: **Fri, Feb 23, 2018 8:00am** End: **Sun, Feb 25, 2018 5:00pm**
Product User: **Bill Huizenga** Gender: **Male** Age: **50**
Shoe Size: **US 11** Weight: [REDACTED] Height: **6'1"** Skill: **II**
Notes:

Kids Ski Package \$136.00 (tax included)
Start: **Fri, Feb 23, 2018 8:00am** End: **Sun, Feb 25, 2018 5:00pm**
Product User: [REDACTED] **Son** Gender: **Male** Age: **15**
Shoe Size: **US 12** Weight: [REDACTED] Height: **5'6"** Skill: **I**
Notes:

Kids Ski Package \$136.00 (tax included)
Start: **Fri, Feb 23, 2018 8:00am** End: **Sun, Feb 25, 2018 5:00pm**
Product User: [REDACTED] **Daughter** Gender: **Female** Age: **13**
Shoe Size: **US 9** Weight: [REDACTED] Height: **5'1"** Skill: **I**
Notes:

Kids Ski Package \$90.66 (tax included)
Start: **Fri, Feb 23, 2018 8:00am** End: **Sat, Feb 24, 2018 5:00pm**
Product User: [REDACTED] **Son** Gender: **Male** Age: **12**
Shoe Size: **US 5** Weight: [REDACTED] Height: **5'0"** Skill: **I**
Notes:

*Original price - reservation totals have been edited



JANS LTD
Ticket History - Detail

Price override = ** = Change/Refund
 Payment Amount ** = Change/Refund
 The letter immediately following the item description is line type (U) = Unshipped or (F) = Fully shipped order or layaway line.
 Order by: Store, Station, Event #, Ticket #, Document ID, Seq #
 Ticket History: Posting data between 2/19/2018 12:00:00 AM and 7/1/2018 11:59:59 PM and
 Document total between 970 and 972 end
 Document is (exactly) 11-038081

Ticket #	Document type	Station	Customer #	Total amt recvd	Dep received	Total cost	Sale subtotal	Tax	Tax ovrd reason
Post date	Ticket date	Event #	Orig ord #	Total change	Dep refunded	Gross profit	Misc charges	Tax	
Sls rep	User	Orig Inv #	Profit center	Net amt recvd	Dep forfeit	GP %	Gift cards	Total	
Ticket type	Cust PO#				Dep applied				
Store - 11STRE Station - 112									
11-038081		11STRE	STRS	970.52	0.00		884.00		
Ticket		112		0.00	0.00		0.00		
3/13/18	3/13/18	257795		970.52	0.00		75.52		
STRS		01			0.00		0.00		
Sale ticket			XXXX00				970.52		
Item #	Qty	sl'd	Selling unit	Disp	ext	prc	Extended cost	Description	Return / price reason
2009656	3	EACH		168.15*				ST Regis Performance Pkg	M
2009656	2	EACH		112.10*				ST Regis Performance Pkg	M
2009656	2	EACH		112.10*				ST Regis Performance Pkg	M
2009656	3	EACH		168.15*				ST Regis Performance Pkg	M
2009650	3	EACH		125.40*				St Regis JR Pkg Full Day	M
2009650	3	EACH		125.40*				St Regis JR Pkg Full Day	M
2009650	2	EACH		83.90*				St Regis JR Pkg Full Day	M
ST REGIS	1	EACH		0.00				srs 14862	
Payments			Amt	Home emcy amt	Exch loss	Auth code	Birth/exp date	Swiped	Driver license state - #
Prepaid SRS			970.52						
Report totals		ticket totals:	1	Ticket(s)		Qty sl'd	19	Sale subtotal	884.00
			8	Sale lines		Total cost		Misc charges	0.00
			0	Return lines		Gross profit		Tax	75.52
						GP %		Gift cards	0.00
								Total	970.52

Pay code recap

Pay code	Pay code description	Amt
FPD SRS	Prepaid SRS	970.52

- End of report -

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Transaction Receipt

Merchant: Jans/White Pine Rentals Guides #31	
1600 Park Ave Park City, UT 84060 US	+35-849-5267
Description:	
Order Number:	P.O. Number:
Customer ID:	Invoice Number:
<hr/>	
Billing Information	Shipping Information
William Huizenga P.O. Box 254 [REDACTED]	
<hr/>	
	Shipping: 0.00 Tax: 0.00 Total: USD 970.52
Date/Time: 20-Feb-2018 14:12:11 MST	
Transaction ID:	[REDACTED]
Transaction Type:	Authorization w/ Auto Capture
Transaction Status:	Settled Successfully
Authorization Code:	[REDACTED]
Payment Method:	American Express XXXX [REDACTED]

EXHIBIT 20

Platinum Delta SkyMiles® Credit Card

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WILLIAM P HUIZENGA
Closing Date 02/21/18

Account Ending [REDACTED]

See Page 11 for an Important Notice About a Change to Your Cardmember Agreement.

Payments and Credits
Summary

	Total
Payments	-\$4,739.72
Credits	-\$4,344.30
Total Payments and Credits	-\$9,084.02

Detail *Indicates pending date

Payments	Amount
02/09/18* PAYMENT RECEIVED ACH - THANK YOU	-\$4,739.72
Credits	Amount
01/27/18 AMERICAN AIRLINES 45105410 800-433-7300 TX AMERICAN AIRLINES Ticket Number: 0012169662915 Passenger Name: DEMITRY K MATHAN Document Type: PASSENGER TICKET	-\$589.00
01/27/18 AMERICAN AIRLINES 45105410 800-433-7300 TX AMERICAN AIRLINES Ticket Number: 0012109662915 Passenger Name: [REDACTED] Son Document Type: PASSENGER TICKET	-\$589.00
01/27/18 AMERICAN AIRLINES 45105410 800-433-7300 TX AMERICAN AIRLINES Ticket Number: 0012169662917 Passenger Name: [REDACTED] Daughter Document Type: PASSENGER TICKET	-\$589.00
02/13/18 DELTA AIR LINES ATLANTA DELTA AIR LINES Ticket Number: 0062191205635 Passenger Name: HUIZENGA/WILLIAM PATRICK Document Type: MISC. CHARGE ORDER (MCO)/PREPAID TICKET AUTH.	-\$664.30
02/18/18 DELTA AIR LINES ATLANTA DELTA AIR LINES Ticket Number: 0062191417509 Passenger Name: HUIZENGA/WILLIAM Document Type: MISC. CHARGE ORDER (MCO)/PREPAID TICKET AUTH.	-\$616.00
02/18/18 DELTA AIR LINES ATLANTA DELTA AIR LINES Ticket Number: 0062191173097 Passenger Name: HUIZENGA/WILLIAM PATRICK Document Type: MISC. CHARGE ORDER (MCO)/PREPAID TICKET AUTH.	-\$616.00
02/21/18 DELTA AIR LINES ATLANTA DELTA AIR LINES Ticket Number: 0062191952162 Passenger Name: HUIZENGA/WILLIAM PATRICK Document Type: MISC. CHARGE ORDER (MCO)/PREPAID TICKET AUTH.	-\$468.00

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WILLIAM P HUIZENGA

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Account Ending [REDACTED]

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Detail Continued		*Indicates posting date	Amount
02/21/18	DEERVALLEY TICKET SALES PARK CITY UT 435.619.1000		-3213.00

New Charges		Total
Summary		
Total New Charges		\$18,335.68

Detail		Amount
WILLIAM P HUIZENGA Card Ending [REDACTED]		
01/25/18	DELTA AIR LINES ATLANTA DELTA AIR LINES From: GRAND RAPIDS To: MINNEAPOLIS INTERN SALT LAKE CITY Carrier: DL Class: M DL M Ticket Number: 00621912721931 Passenger Name: [REDACTED] Document Type: PASSENGER TICKET Date of Departure: 02/22	\$675.00
01/25/18	DELTA AIR LINES ATLANTA DELTA AIR LINES From: GRAND RAPIDS To: MINNEAPOLIS INTERN SALT LAKE CITY Carrier: DL Class: M DL M Ticket Number: 00621912721920 Passenger Name: HUIZENGA/WILLIAM PATRICK Document Type: PASSENGER TICKET Date of Departure: 02/22	\$675.00
01/25/18	GOOD EARTH CAFE RESTAURANT HOLLAND MI	\$5.76
01/25/18	ANNAS HOUSE - GRAN 542926006170908 6164471201 GRANDVILLE MI	\$57.97
01/26/18	AMERICAN AIRLINES 45105410 800-433-7900 TX AMERICAN AIRLINES From: WASHINGTON NATIONAL To: DALLAS/FORT WORTH SALT LAKE CITY Carrier: AA Class: K AA K Ticket Number: 0012169684915 Passenger Name: DEWITTE/JONATHAN MR Document Type: PASSENGER TICKET Date of Departure: 02/22	\$589.00
01/26/18	AMERICAN AIRLINES 45105410 800-433-7900 TX AMERICAN AIRLINES Ticket Number: 0010616226117 Passenger Name: HUIZENGA/WILLIAM Document Type: MISCELLANEOUS TAXI(S)/FEE(S) Date of Departure: 01/26	\$75.00
01/26/18	AMERICAN AIRLINES 45105410 800-433-7900 TX AMERICAN AIRLINES From: WASHINGTON NATIONAL To: DALLAS/FORT WORTH SALT LAKE CITY Carrier: AA Class: K AA K Ticket Number: 0012169684922 Passenger Name: DEWITTE/JONATHAN MR Document Type: PASSENGER TICKET Date of Departure: 02/22	\$532.00

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01/20/18	AMERICAN AIRLINES 45105410	800-433-7300	TX		\$589.00
	AMERICAN AIRLINES				
	From: WASHINGTON NATIONAL	To: DALLAS/FORT WORTH SALT LAKE CITY	Carrier: AA AA	Class: K K	
	Ticket Number: 001216964927			Date of Departure: 02/22	
	Passenger Name: [REDACTED] Son				
	Document Type: PASSENGER TICKET				
01/20/18	AMERICAN AIRLINES 45105410	800-433-7300	TX		\$589.00
	AMERICAN AIRLINES				
	From: WASHINGTON NATIONAL	To: DALLAS/FORT WORTH SALT LAKE CITY	Carrier: AA AA	Class: K K	
	Ticket Number: 001216964927			Date of Departure: 02/22	
	Passenger Name: [REDACTED] Son				
	Document Type: PASSENGER TICKET				
01/20/18	AMERICAN AIRLINES 45105410	800-433-7300	TX		\$632.00
	AMERICAN AIRLINES				
	From: WASHINGTON NATIONAL	To: DALLAS/FORT WORTH SALT LAKE CITY	Carrier: AA AA	Class: K K	
	Ticket Number: 0012169684913			Date of Departure: 02/22	
	Passenger Name: [REDACTED] Son				
	Document Type: PASSENGER TICKET				
01/25/18	AMERICAN AIRLINES 45105410	800-433-7300	TX		\$632.00
	AMERICAN AIRLINES				
	From: WASHINGTON NATIONAL	To: DALLAS/FORT WORTH SALT LAKE CITY	Carrier: AA AA	Class: K K	
	Ticket Number: 0012169684913			Date of Departure: 02/22	
	Passenger Name: [REDACTED] Daughter				
	Document Type: PASSENGER TICKET				
01/26/18	DEBOER BAKERY 000000001	HOLLAND	MI		\$25.97
	616-396-2253				
01/27/18	DELTA AIR LINES	ATLANTA			\$623.30
	DELTA AIR LINES				
	From: SALT LAKE CITY	To: WASHINGTON NATIONAL	Carrier: DL	Class: M	
	Ticket Number: 00621916097924			Date of Departure: 02/26	
	Passenger Name: [REDACTED] Daughter				
	Document Type: PASSENGER TICKET				
01/27/18	DELTA AIR LINES	ATLANTA			\$623.30
	DELTA AIR LINES				
	From: SALT LAKE CITY	To: WASHINGTON NATIONAL	Carrier: DL	Class: M	
	Ticket Number: 00621916097913			Date of Departure: 02/26	
	Passenger Name: [REDACTED] Son				
	Document Type: PASSENGER TICKET				
01/27/18	ZEELAND BAKERY INC. 0777	ZEELAND	MI		\$23.80
	616-772-4558				
01/28/18	AMERICAN CHAR 0000	ZEELAND	MI		\$73.87
	616-738-6085				
01/28/18	The Walrus Oyster and	OXON HILL	MD		\$17.84
	571-513-8361				
01/29/18	AC HOTELS BY MARRIOTT WASH DC	NATIONAL HARE	MD		\$214.76
	Arrival Date: 01/28/18	Departure Date: 01/29/18			
	00000000				
01/30/18	TJF-EASTERN F, ORAL AND GITLF-EASTERN	GRAND RAPIDS	MI		\$47.65
	616-949-2200				

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01/31/13	FACEBK*BNSEOD2K22 FACEBOOK ADVERTISING		FBME/ADS	CA		\$50.00
02/01/18	DELTA AIR LINES DELTA AIR LINES From: WASHINGTON NATIONAL To: NEW YORK LA GUARDI Ticket Number: 00621914629464 Passenger Name: DEWITTE/JOH Document Type: PASSENGER TICKET			ATLANTA		\$464.30
02/01/18	DELTA AIR LINES DELTA AIR LINES From: GRAND RAPIDS To: NEW YORK LA GUARDI Ticket Number: 00621912056356 Passenger Name: HUIZENGA/WILLIAM PATRICK Document Type: PASSENGER TICKET			ATLANTA		\$664.30
02/01/18	GOOGLE*5VC SAPP5 HUIZENGAFORCONGRESS.CO ADVERTISING SERVICE		CC	GOOGLE.COM		\$50.31
02/01/18	WWW.ITUNES.COM/BILL DIRECT MKTG INTERNET			CUPERTINO	CA	\$2.99
02/02/18	GREYNBRIEF HOTEL 542929806547220 Arrival Date: 01/31/18 Departure Date: 02/02/18 00000000 LOGGING			WHITE SULPHUR	WV	\$77.98
02/02/18	DEL MAR 202-525-1402			WASHINGTON	DC	\$321.70
02/03/18	UBER *TRIP4ISW5 HELP.UBER.COM			HELIPUBER.COM	CA	\$7.68
02/03/18	JW MARRIOTT Arrival Date: 02/02/18 Departure Date: 02/03/18 03000000			WASHINGTON	DC	\$235.66
02/03/18	AMERICAN CHAIR 0000 616-758-0088			ZEELAND	MI	\$147.40
02/07/18	WWW.ITUNES.COM/BILL DIRECT MKTG INTERNET			CUPERTINO	CA	\$2.99
02/07/18	EL MURACHE LLC 65003309299549 6167963739			HOLLAND	MI	\$310.00
02/11/18	AMERICAN AIRLINES 45105410 AMERICAN AIRLINES From: GRAND RAPIDS To: PHILADELPHIA INTER NEW YORK LA GUARDI Ticket Number: 0012172620940 Passenger Name: HUIZENGA/WILLIAM MR Document Type: PASSENGER TICKET			800-433-7300	TX	\$399.00
02/12/18	DELTA AIR LINES DELTA AIR LINES From: WASHINGTON NATIONAL To: ATLANTA HARTSFIELD MIAMI INTERNATIONAL Ticket Number: 00621924279023 Passenger Name: HUIZENGA/WILLIAM Document Type: PASSENGER TICKET			ATLANTA		\$585.00
02/12/18	PHILLY AIR AUBONPAIN FAST FOOD RESTAURANT			PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$5.34
02/12/18	ALL TAXI MANAGEMENT ALL TAXI MANAGE 718-261-0055			41-25 30TH ST LIC	NY	\$11.76
02/12/18	NYC TAXI VERIFONE 718-786-0585			LONG ISLAND CITY	NY	\$45.67

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02/12/18	CAFE METRO - 1221 AVE OF 00000001 2129837474	NEW YORK	NY		\$3.80
02/12/18	ALMOND RESTAURANT	NEW YORK	NY		\$256.76
02/12/18	ALL TAXI MANAGEMENT ALL TAXI MANAGE 718-361-0055	41-25 36TH ST LIC	NY		\$10.30
02/13/18	NYCTAXI7NS3 09026630012 917-3748538	NEW YORK	NY		\$7.80
02/13/18	HILTON G1 TMS FD Arrival Date: 02/13/18 Departure Date: 02/13/18 00000000 LODGING	NEW YORK	NY		\$175.61
02/13/18	WHOLEFDS BPK #10578 000010578 1234567891	NEW YORK	NY		\$12.04
02/13/18	WHOLEFDS BPK #10578 000010578 1234567891	NEW YORK	NY		\$32.87
02/13/18	ALL TAXI MANAGEMENT ALL TAXI MANAGE 718-361-0055	41-25 36TH ST LIC	NY		\$46.00
02/15/18	CAPITOL HILL CLUB 329394750534222 (202)484-4590	WASHINGTON	DC		\$159.32
02/15/18	LA LOMITA DOS 00-08018698988 RESTAURANT	WASHINGTON	DC		\$41.70
02/16/18	AMERICAN AIRLINES 45105410 AMERICAN AIRLINES From: WASHINGTON NATIONAL To: BOSTON LOGAN INTER Carrier: AA Class: H Ticket Number: 0012173470357 Date of Departure: 03/16 Passenger Name: HUIZENGA/WILLIAM MR Document Type: PASSENGER TICKET	870-433-7300	TX		\$558.30
02/16/18	GOSO.COM TARIKNEW BELANTE GOODS/SERVICES	Washington	DC		\$15.95
02/16/18	UBER *WWW/R HELP.UBER.COM	HELP.UBER.COM	CA		\$15.11
02/16/18	UBER *TRIP CMM4L HELP.UBER.COM	HELP.UBER.COM	CA		\$14.44
02/16/18	305 BREWS 021770021390142 305BREWS@GMAIL.COM	MIAMI	FL		\$70.44
02/16/18	305 BREWS 021770021390142 305BREWS@GMAIL.COM	MIAMI	FL		\$102.00
02/16/18	HAMPTON INN & SUITES Arrival Date: 02/16/18 Departure Date: 02/17/18 00000000	MIAMI	FL		\$396.12
02/16/18	HAMPTON INN & SUITES Arrival Date: 02/16/18 Departure Date: 02/17/18 00000000	MIAMI	FL		\$396.12
02/17/18	DELTA AIR LINES DELTA AIR LINES From: MIAMI INTERNATIONAL To: ATLANTA HARTSFIELD Carrier: DL Class: M Grand Rapids Date of Departure: 02/19 Ticket Number: 00621923707543 Passenger Name: HUIZENGA/WILLIAM PATRICK Document Type: PASSENGER TICKET	ATLANTA			\$468.00

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02/17/18	DEER VALLEY 0000 735-649-1000	PARK CITY	UT		\$1,146.00
02/17/18	DEER VALLEY 0000 735-649-1000	PARK CITY	UT		\$819.00
02/17/18	UBER *7VZZQ HELP.UBER.COM	HEL P.UBER.COM	CA		\$49.14
02/19/18	UBER *J7V5Q HELP.UBER.COM	HELP.UBER.COM	CA		\$18.24
02/19/18	UBER *DNAAWE HELP.UBER.COM	HELP.UBER.COM	CA		\$27.25
02/19/18	Jugofresh Whole Foods 786-472-2555	Miami	FL		\$18.14
02/19/18	RITZ CARLTON Arrival Date 02/17/18 00000000	Departure Date 02/19/18	KEY BISCAYNE	FL	\$1,553.10
02/19/18	RITZ CARLTON Arrival Date 02/17/18 00000000	Departure Date 02/19/18	KEY BISCAYNE	FL	\$298.73
02/19/18	VTS MIAMI TAXI 786-391-0354	MIAMI	FL		\$30.88
02/20/18	DEER VALLEY 0000 735-649-1000	PARK CITY	UT		\$438.00
02/20/18	IAWS COM 31 WPT RENTAL GUIDES, IAWS COM 800-745-1020	PARK CITY	UT		\$970.52

Fees		Amount
Total Fees for this Period		\$0.00

Interest Charged		Amount
Total Interest Charged for this Period		\$0.00

About Trailing Interest

You may see interest on your next statement even if you pay the new balance in full and on time and make no new charges. This is called "trailing interest." Trailing interest is the interest charged when, for example, you didn't pay your previous balance in full. When that happens we charge interest from the first day of the billing period until we receive your payment in full. You can avoid paying interest on purchases by paying your balance in full and on time each month. Please see the "When we charge interest" sub-section in your Cardmember Agreement for details.

2018 Fees and Interest Totals Year-to-Date		Amount
Total Fees in 2018		\$0.00
Total Interest in 2018		\$0.00

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Interest Charge Calculation

Your Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is the annual interest rate on your account.

	Transactions Dated		Annual Percentage Rate	Balance Subject to Interest Rate	Interest Charge
	From	To			
Purchases	02/10/2018		19.49% (v)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cash Advances	02/10/2018		26.49% (v)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total					\$0.00

(v) Variable Rate

Miles Earned **DELTA**
 SkyMiles® Account Number: XXXXX [REDACTED]

	Current Period	Year to Date
Miles Earned for Eligible Purchases	3,991	18,687
Total Bonus Miles Earned and Adjustments*	2,413	4,107
Total Miles Earned	16,404	22,794

Bonus Miles Earned and Adjustments

	Current Period
Double Miles on Delta	2,413
Total	2,413

You may have forfeited miles that are eligible for reinstatement. To avoid forfeiting miles, please make the minimum payment on time.

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Notice of Important Changes to Your Account Terms

We are making changes summarized below to your account terms, which are contained in the American Express Cardmember Agreement ("Agreement") governing your Account referenced in this notice. We encourage you to read this notice, share it with Additional Cardmembers on your account, and file it for future reference. If you have any questions about this change, please call the number on the back of your Card. The detailed changes to your Cardmember Agreement can be found on the following page.

Summary of Changes, Beginning in April 2018	
Determining the Prime Rate	Currently, the Prime Rate used to calculate interest is the Prime Rate published by the Wall Street Journal 2 days prior to the Closing Date of your billing period. Effective for your billing period beginning in April 2018, we are updating your Agreement to say that the Prime Rate used to calculate interest will be the Prime Rate published by the Wall Street Journal on the Closing Date of your billing period.

See the following page for the Detail of Changes to your Cardmember Agreement.

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Detail of Changes to Your Cardmember Agreement

This notice amends the Cardmember Agreement (the "Agreement") as described below. We have the right to amend as described in the Agreement. Any terms in the Agreement conflicting with this change are replaced fully and completely. Terms not changed by this notice remain in full force and effect.

Determining the Prime Rate

Effective with billing periods beginning in April 2018, in Part 2 of the Agreement, we are amending the *Determining Prime Rate* sub section of the *About Interest Charges* section by deleting the following paragraph:

We use the Prime Rate from the rates section of *The Wall Street Journal*. The Prime Rate for each billing period is the Prime Rate published in *The Wall Street Journal* 2 days before the Closing Date of the billing period.

And replacing with the following paragraph:

We use the Prime Rate from the rates section of *The Wall Street Journal*. The Prime Rate for each billing period is the Prime Rate published in *The Wall Street Journal* on the Closing Date of the billing period.

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Payments: Your payment must be sent to the payment address shown on your statement and must be received by 5 p.m. local time at that address to be credited as of the day it is received. Payments we receive after 5 p.m. will not be credited to your Account until the next day. Payments must also: (1) include the remittance coupon from your statement; (2) be made with a single check drawn on a US bank and payable in US dollars, or with a negotiable instrument, payable in US dollars and clearable through the US banking system; and (3) include your Account number. If your payment does not meet all of the above requirements, crediting may be delayed and you may incur late payment fees and additional interest charges. Electronic payments must be made through an electronic payment method payable in US dollars and clearable through the US banking system. If we accept payment in a foreign currency, we will convert it into US dollars at a conversion rate that is acceptable to us, unless a particular rate is required by law. Please do not send post-dated checks as they will be deposited upon receipt. Any restrictive language on a payment we accept will have no effect on us without our express prior written approval. We will re-present to your financial institution any payment that is returned unpaid.

Permission for Electronic Withdrawal: (1) When you send a check for payment, you give us permission to electronically withdraw your payment from your deposit or other asset account. We will process checks electronically by transmitting the amount of the check, routing number, account number and check serial number to your financial institution, unless the check is not processable electronically or a less costly process is available. When we process your check electronically, your payment may be withdrawn from your deposit or other asset account as soon as the same day we receive your check, and you will not receive that cancelled check with your deposit or other asset account statement. If we cannot collect the funds electronically we may issue a draft against your deposit or other asset account for the amount of the check. (2) By using Pay By Computer, Pay By Phone or any other electronic payment service of ours, you give us permission to electronically withdraw funds from the deposit or other asset account you specify in the amount you request. Payments using such services of ours received after 6:00 p.m. MST may not be credited until the next day.

How We Calculate Your Balance: We use the Average Daily Balance (ADB) method (including new transactions) to calculate the balance on which we charge interest on your Account. Call the Customer Care number listed below for more information about this balance computation method and how resulting interest charges are determined. *The method we use to figure the ADB and interest results in daily compounding of interest.*

Paying Interest: Your due date is at least 25 days after the close of each billing period. We will not charge you interest on your purchases if you pay each month your entire balance (or Adjusted Balance if applicable) by the due date each month. We will charge you interest on cash advances and, unless otherwise disclosed, balance transfers beginning on the transaction date.

Foreign Currency Charges: If you make a charge in a foreign currency, we will convert it into US dollars on the date we or our agents process it. We will choose a conversion rate that is acceptable to us for that date, unless a particular rate is required by law. The conversion rate we use is no more than the highest official rate published by a government agency or the highest interbank rate we identify from customary banking sources on the conversion date or the prior business day. This rate may differ from rates in effect on the date of your charge. Charges converted by establishments (such as airlines) will be billed at the rates such establishments use.

Credit Balance: A credit balance (designated CR) shown on this statement represents money owed to you. If within the six-month period following the date of the first statement indicating the credit balance you do not request a refund or charge enough to use up the credit balance, we will send you a check for the credit balance within 30 days if the amount is \$1.00 or more.

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Payments and Credits	
Summary	
	Total
Payments	-\$13,991.38
Credits	\$1,223.60
Total Payments and Credits	-\$15,213.98

Detail		*Indicates posting date
Payments		Amount
03/00/18*	PAYMENT RECEIVED ACH - THANK YOU	-\$13,991.38
Credits		Amount
03/09/18	DELTA AIR LINES A1 LANTA DELTA AIR LINES Ticket Number: 0062192415538 Passenger Name: HUIZENGA/WILLIAM PATRICK Document Type: MISC CHARGE ORDER (MCO)/PREPAID TICKET AUTH.	\$664.30
03/16/18	AMERICAN AIRLINES 45105410 800-433-7300 TX AMERICAN AIRLINES Ticket Number: 0012173470357 Passenger Name: HUIZENGA/WILLIAM Document Type: PASSENGER TICKET	-\$158.30

New Charges	
Summary	
	Total
Total New Charges	\$9,445.03

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02/22/18 UBER #HL3WN HELP.UBER.COM	\$70.34
02/22/18 LAKE WINE AND SPIR 542929806713228 9529228720	\$42.54
03/22/18 PARADISE #9861 5LC #043447905	\$23.96
02/24/18 UBER #WKYTS HELP.UBER.COM	\$20.20
02/28/18 TUPELO RESTAURANT	\$260.04

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02/25/18	UBER *TRIP PADOU HELP.UBER.COM	HELP.UBER.COM	CA		\$76.42
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02/26/18	UBER *TRIP 4LRRC HELP.UBER.COM	HELP.UBER.COM	CA		\$28.97
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02/26/18	GREEK SOUVLAKI MAIN TELECOM EQUIPMENTS	SALT LAKE CITY	UT		\$24.16
02/26/18	UPS* LZ0228070295362751 SHIPPING SVC	751 800-811-1648	GA		\$24.02
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03/01/18	WWW.ITUNES.COM/BILL DIRECT MKTG INTERNET	CUPERTINO	CA		\$2.99
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03/03/18	DELTA AIR LINES DELTA AIR LINES From: WASHINGTON NATIONAL To: NEW YORK LA GUARDI Carrier: DL Class: Q Date of Departure: 03/12 Ticket Number: 00621938804776 Passenger Name: DEWITTE/JON Document Type: PASSENGER TICKET	ATLANTA			\$464.30
03/03/18	TRAVEL INSURANCE POLICY 800-729-6021	RICHMOND	VA		\$21.88

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EXHIBIT 21

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Jon DeWitte
 JB18AA- JebFund 2018

Page Number : 1 Invoice Nbr : 144109
 Guest Number : 312136
 Folio ID : A
 Arrive Date : 22-FEB-18 12:55
 Depart Date : 25-FEB-18 13:09
 No. Of Guest : 1
 Room Number : 721
 Club Account :

Copy Invoice

Tax ID :

St Regis Deer Valley MAY-30-2019 T2:21 TSMAL067

Date	Reference	Description	Charges (USD)	Credits (USD)
22-FEB-18	60526	J&G Grill	78.31	
22-FEB-18	11-036681	Jans Sport	87.84	
22-FEB-18	RT721	Room Charge COR	699.00	
23-FEB-18	RT721	Occupancy Tax	93.81	
22-FEB-18	RT721	Resort Fee	35.00	
22-FEB-18	RT721	Tax Other	2.75	
23-FEB-18	11-036824	Jans Sport	196.29	
23-FEB-18	RT721	Room Charge COR	699.00	
23-FEB-18	RT721	Occupancy Tax	93.61	

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 Depart Date : 25-FEB-18 13:09
 No. Of Guest : 1
 Room Number : 721
 Club Account :

Date	Reference	Description	Charges (USD)	Credits (USD)
23-FEB-18	RT721	Resort Fee	35.00	
23-FEB-18	RT721	Tax Other	2.75	
24-FEB-18	RT721	Room Charge COR	699.00	
24-FEB-18	RT721	Occupancy Tax	93.81	
24-FEB-18	RT721	Resort Fee	35.00	
24-FEB-18	RT721	Tax Other	2.75	
25-FEB-18	AX	American Express-2011		-2854.12

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Guest Number	312136		
Folio ID	A		
Arrive Date	22-FEB-18	12:55	
Depart Date	25-FEB-18	13:09	
No. Of Guest	1		
Room Number	721		
Club Account			

*** Balance 0.00

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 JB18AA - JebFund 2018

Page Number : 1 Invoice Nbr : 144064
 Guest Number : 308939
 Folio ID : A
 Arrive Date : 22-FEB-18 16:18
 Depart Date : 25-FEB-18 12:12
 No. Of Guest : 1
 Room Number : 509
 Club Account : SPG - A9678

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Tax ID:
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Date	Reference	Description	Charges (USD)	Credits (USD)
22-FEB-18	60518	J&G Grill	170.59	
22-FEB-18	RT509	Room Charge COR	1099.00	
22-FEB-18	RT509	Occupancy Tax	147.49	
22-FEB-18	RT509	Resort Fee	35.00	
22-FEB-18	RT509	Tax Other	2.75	
23-FEB-18	393392	Deer Valley Skier Services	605.00	
23-FEB-18	24535826	Adj Jans Sport		-605.00
23-FEB-18	24534807	Jans Sport	575.00	
23-FEB-18	11-036759	Jans Sport	30.37	

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Arrive Date	22-FEB-18	16:18	
Depart Date	25-FEB-18	12:12	
No. Of Guest	1		
Room Number	509		
Club Account	SPG - A9678		

Date	Reference	Description	Charges (USD)	Credits (USD)
23-FEB-18	11-036784	Jans Sport	75.92	
23-FEB-18	RT509	Room Charge COR	1099.00	
23-FEB-18	RT509	Occupancy Tax	147.49	
23-FEB-18	RT509	Resort Fee	35.00	
23-FEB-18	RT509	Tax Other	2.75	
24-FEB-18	RT509	Room Charge COR	1099.00	
24-FEB-18	RT509	Occupancy Tax	147.49	
24-FEB-18	RT509	Resort Fee	35.00	
24-FEB-18	RT509	Tax Other	2.75	
25-FEB-18	55248	In Room Dining	269.11	
25-FEB-18	AX	American Express-1006		-4973.71

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JB18AA - JobFund 2018

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Folio ID	:	A		
Arrive Date	:	22-FEB-18	16:18	
Depart Date	:	25-FEB-18	12:12	
No. Of Guest	:	1		
Room Number	:	509		
Club Account	:	SPG - A9678		

Application Label: AMERICAN EXPRESS

** Total	5578.71	-5578.71
** Balance	-0.00	

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EXHIBIT 23

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 May 17, 2019

Jeffrey L. Brown
 Investigative Counsel
 Office of Congressional Ethics
 U.S. House of Representatives
 Washington, DC 20024

Hand Delivered

Re: Review No 19-2187 document production

Dear Mr. Brown,

Enclosed, please find a thumb drive containing documents, emails, and other records (the "Documents") responsive to your office's Request for Information ("RFI") in the above-listed review. Per your office's data delivery standards, the Documents are organized by custodian, year, and document type (e-mail, document, photo, etc.). Significant cost effort was expended to ensure that the Documents comply with your office's format and naming requirements so that your office can review them as easily as possible. The response to Request (2) is attached hereto.

Congressman Huizenga and his campaign and personal office staff conducted a thorough and exhaustive search for anything responsive to your RFI within their possession, custody, or control. They were able to locate 313 Documents, all of which we are producing to your office. The Documents were stored on campaign/personal office computers, e-mail accounts, or in physical storage. The Custodians of the Documents are: Congressman Bill Huizenga, Emily Zajac, Heather Sandberg, Jim Barry, Jon DeWitte, Marliss McManus, MaryEllen Ruehlen, Matt Kooiman, Natalie Huizenga, and Sarah Lisman.

The vast majority of the physical documents were in storage and under the custodianship of the campaign's former accountant, who, as we've discussed, recently passed away. Because Matt Kooiman conducted the search and sorting of those documents, he is listed as the custodian of them, and they are in his file on the thumb drive. It is worth noting, however, that the handwritten notes on those documents are presumably from the former accountant, not Mr. Kooiman.

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We believe each Document is completely exculpatory, and to date, your office has not provided us or the Congressman with even a theory, much less evidence, of wrongdoing. We have also given you the response we filed with the Federal Election Commission, which provides context to many of the expenditures your office seems to be investigating now, along with sworn affidavits denying any wrongdoing. In light of this exculpatory evidence, we believe the Board should decline to continue pursuing these baseless allegations. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us directly at (202) 572-8663 with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Charles R. Spies.

Charles R. Spies
Derek H. Ross

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(2) The names, contact information, and title of each individual attending the meal referenced in Request 1.

The expenditure at Osteria Rossa paid for dinner and drinks for campaign staff and supporters who attended the nearby Artprize event. Campaign business was discussed during the dinner. The event was almost five years ago, so a full list of those in attendance cannot be provided because the Congressman and his campaign staff does not have a firm recollection of the exact individuals who were present at one specific event out of hundreds that have occurred since the Congressman was elected. However, based on the best recollection of the Congressman and campaign staff who were there, they believe those in attendance included:

Bill Huizenga
Congressman
Contact through counsel

Natalie Huizenga
Huizenga for Congress
Contact through counsel

Jim Barry
Chairman, Huizenga for Congress
Contact through counsel

Liza Barry
Huizenga for Congress
Contact through counsel

Dave Hildenbrand
State Senator
[REDACTED]

Sarah Hildenbrand
Contact information unknown

Peter MacGregor
State Representative
[REDACTED]

Christie MacGregor
Contact information unknown

EXHIBIT 24

OCE Compiled Mileage Chart

	Rep. Hutzenga (Member)	Member's Wife	Campaign Chairman	Michigan Deputy Chief of Staff - Campaign Fundraiser	District Director - Campaign Manager
2018 Total Reimbursement for Campaign Mileage	\$ 4,011.08	\$ 3,246.91	\$ 3,239.94	\$ 6,438.56	\$ 6,656.26
2018 Miles Driven for Campaign (Reimbursement above / 545)	7,359.80	5,957.63	6043.93	11,813.87	12,213.32
2018 Campaign Miles Driven Per Day (miles driven / 365)	20.16	16.32	16.56	32.37	33.46
2018 Q1 MRA Reimbursement for "Private Auto Mileage"	\$ 817.50			\$ 989.72	\$ 177.07
2018 Q2 MRA Reimbursement for "Private Auto Mileage"	\$ 343.35			0	\$ 1,137.09
2018 Q3 MRA Reimbursement for "Private Auto Mileage"	\$ 386.95			\$ 4,527.87	\$ 876.32
2018 Q4 MRA Reimbursement for "Private Auto Mileage"	\$ 790.25			\$ 1,084.01	\$ 1,002.78
2018 Total MRA Reimbursement for "Private Auto Mileage" (Total from Q1-4 above)	\$ 2,338.05			\$ 6,601.60	\$ 3,193.26
2018 Total MRA Miles Driven (reimbursement above / 545)	4,290			12,113.03	5859.19
2018 Total Official Miles Driven Per Day (miles driven / 365)	11.75			33.19	16.05
2018 TOTAL Miles Driven Per Day for Campaign and Official Work	31.91			65.56	49.51
2017 Total Reimbursement for Campaign Mileage	\$ 4,885.97	\$ 2,174.44	\$ 2,188.50	\$ 7,525.63	\$ 2,891.64
2017 Miles Driven for Campaign (Reimbursement above / 535)	9,132.65	4,064.37	4,090.65	14,066.60	5,404.93
2017 Campaign Miles Driven Per Day (miles driven / 365)	25.02	11.14	11.21	38.54	14.81

OCE Compiled Mileage Chart


2017 Q1 MRA Reimbursement for "Private Auto Mileage"	\$ 624.89				\$ 1,105.85	\$ 647.51
2017 Q2 MRA Reimbursement for "Private Auto Mileage"	\$ 1,104.78				\$ 1,758.02	\$ 1,048.13
2017 Q3 MRA Reimbursement for "Private Auto Mileage"	\$ 582.62				\$ 2,833.37	\$ 866.97
2017 Q4 MRA Reimbursement for "Private Auto Mileage"	\$ 735.63				\$ 1,597.52	\$ 1,186.21
2017 Total MRA Reimbursement for "Private Auto Mileage" (Total from Q1-4 above)	\$ 3,047.92				\$ 7,294.76	\$ 3,748.82
2017 Total MRA Miles Driven (reimbursement above / 535)	5,697.04				13,635.10	7,007.14
2017 Total Official Miles Driven Per Day (miles driven / 365)	15.61				37.36	19.2
2017 TOTAL Miles Driven Per Day for Campaign and Official Work	40.63				75.9	34.01
2016 Total Reimbursement for Campaign Mileage	\$ 5,960.60	\$ 1,347.50	\$ 1,752.15	\$ 6,066.76	\$ 6,790.72	
2016 Miles Driven for Campaign (reimbursement above / .54)	11,038.14	2,495.37	3,207.69	11,234.74	12,575.41	
2016 Campaign Miles Driven Per Day (miles driven / 365)	30.24	6.84	8.79	30.78	34.45	
2016 Q1 MRA Reimbursement for "Private Auto Mileage"	\$ 874.80			\$ 1,269.54	\$ 1,363.88	
2016 Q2 MRA Reimbursement for "Private Auto Mileage"	\$ 612.36			\$ 659.88	\$ 908.12	
2016 Q3 MRA Reimbursement for "Private Auto Mileage"	\$ 231.12			\$ 2,626.56	\$ 664.20	
2016 Q4 MRA Reimbursement for "Private Auto Mileage"	\$ 882.01			\$ 3,394.44	\$ 838.94	
2016 Total MRA Reimbursement for "Private Auto Mileage" (Total from Q1-4 above)	\$ 2,600.29			\$ 7,950.42	\$ 3,775.14	

OCE Compiled Mileage Chart

2016 Total MRA Miles Driven (reimbursement above / .54)	4,815.35				14,723.00	6,991.00
2016 Total Official Miles Driven Per Day (miles driven / 365)	13.19				40.34	19.15
2016 TOTAL Miles Driven Per Day for Campaign and Official Work	43.43				71.12	53.6
2015 Total Reimbursement for Campaign Mileage above / .575)	4,427.53	\$ 920.22	\$ 2,788.17		3,102.72	\$ 1,966.99
2015 Miles Driven for Campaign (reimbursement above / .575)	7,700.05	1,600.38	4,848.99		5,396.03	3,420.85
2015 Campaign Miles Driven Per Day (miles driven / 365)	21.1	4.38	13.28		14.78	9.37
2015 Q1 MRA Reimbursement for "Private Auto Mileage"	615.25				583.05	\$ 785.77
2015 Q2 MRA Reimbursement for "Private Auto Mileage"	186.87				1,650.83	\$ 1,280.86
2015 Q3 MRA Reimbursement for "Private Auto Mileage"	758.07				2,182.72	\$ 1,842.25
2015 Q4 MRA Reimbursement for "Private Auto Mileage"	626.75				2,209.16	\$ 1,030.51
2015 Total MRA Reimbursement for "Private Auto Mileage" (Total from Q1-4 above)	2,186.94				6,625.76	\$ 4,939.39
2015 Total MRA Miles Driven (reimbursement above / .575)	3803.37				11,523.06	8590.24
2015 Total Official Miles Driven Per Day (miles driven / 365)	10.42				31.57	23.53
2015 TOTAL Miles Driven Per Day for Campaign and Official Work	31.52				46.35	32.9

EXHIBIT 25

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James Barry's Photos
in the Photos

James Barry
September 28, 2014

My little brother Bill and me. We were in GR with the wives for a little dinner and ArtPrize last night. Fun night! — at Olyena Rossa.

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September 12, 2019

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Washington, DC 20515

Re: Documents in Response to August 16, 2019 Letter

Committee on Ethics,

In response to your letter to the Honorable Bill Huizenga dated August 16, 2019, please find enclosed all previous correspondence between counsel and the Office of Congressional Ethics ("OCE"), including all documents previously produced to OCE. There were three separate rounds of document production to OCE, and the enclosed documents are separated by each production.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us directly at (202) 572-8663.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles R. Spies
Sloane S. Carlough

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September 12, 2019

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Dear Colleagues:

I write as you consider the Office of Congressional Ethics ("OCE") referral (the "Referral") from that office's months' long inquiry into multiple years of my congressional campaign and office activity. I have carefully reviewed the Referral, and while I believe it identifies certain technical shortcomings in my campaign's reimbursement policies that I have subsequently addressed, the Referral does not identify any reasonable basis to open a further investigation and expend further resources pursuing this matter. For the reasons discussed below, I respectfully request that the Committee decline to do so.

As you are aware, the Referral focuses on three areas: 1) personal use of campaign funds by my congressional campaign, 2) improper recordkeeping or outlays by official congressional office staffers who also volunteer or have official positions on my congressional campaign, and 3) improper use of official office funds. As to the third issue, the OCE Board unanimously and correctly voted to dismiss the allegation.

In regard to the first allegation, I continue to believe that all funds disbursed by my campaign were for campaign purposes or official duties related to my congressional office, and therefore are permissible under federal law and House Rules. The campaign events OCE scrutinized were annual events attended by numerous Members, their staffs, and families. As I stated in my interview, these events are family oriented, and my family serves an active role in my campaign. Although these events may have aspects of them that are "fun" and often occur at "fun" places, they are campaign events that are important to my and other Members' campaigns because they allow us to interact with supporters, stakeholders, and their families. Importantly, the Federal Election Commission analyzed these exact allegations, declined to pursue them, and unanimously voted to close the file.

There is nothing in the record to indicate that my family, or the families of my campaign staff, did not perform campaign work or serve a bona fide campaign purpose while attending these events. To the contrary, the record clearly reflects that families are included on these trips to encourage attendance by and interaction with stakeholders. Under federal law, candidates and officeholders have broad discretion to determine how their campaign funds will be spent. Additionally, FEC guidance states that costs for entertainment can be paid with campaign funds

if the entertainment is associated with campaign activity. Accordingly, because I have determined, under the broad discretion provided to me under federal law, that attendance by my family and staffs' families serves a bona fide campaign purpose, the use of campaign funds for these events was permissible. That should be sufficient to end the inquiry into this allegation.

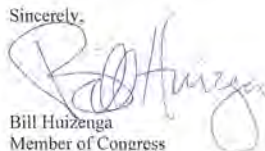
In regard to recordkeeping and outlays, as a result of OCE's investigation I have worked with a new compliance professional and counsel to implement new policies to prevent any even incidental future violations. While I believe that these minor mistakes cited by OCE would be uncovered in any congressional campaign that is the subject of a months' long inquiry involving at least four OCE staffers, cross-country interviews, and the production of hundreds of emails and other documents, I take them very seriously and am committed to ensuring they do not occur again in the future. As explained during the investigation, in the past year my campaign has hired a professional compliance firm to ensure that receipts, expenditures, and reimbursements are properly reported and accounted for. While I believe that any improper outlays were good-faith mistakes that were ultimately fully reimbursed to each staffer, a new (and better) campaign finance and ethics education program for my campaign will prevent any future violations.

As you are aware, OCE investigations are extremely burdensome on a Member's campaign and official office resources. The OCE inquiry that led to the present Referral has already required almost fifty thousand dollars in legal fees, and countless staff hours. Despite no obligation to do so, and despite the Federal Election Commission declining to pursue an investigation into substantially the same allegations, I have been fully cooperative throughout the entire process. I have not knowingly withheld any relevant information.

As indicated in the Referral, 15 of the 19 sources OCE sought information from cooperated in the investigation. The record is sufficiently complete for the Committee to review each allegation and reach the appropriate conclusion. My campaign has produced hundreds of documents, sat for numerous interviews, and otherwise did everything OCE asked. Expending additional resources to further investigate this matter would serve no purpose as there is nothing left to uncover. Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Committee decline to open an additional investigation into this matter, and I welcome any remedial recommendations from the Committee to ensure full and complete compliance in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

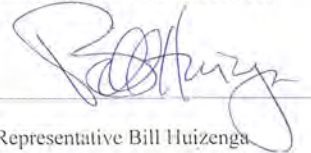


Bill Huizenga
Member of Congress

Declaration

I, Representative Bill Huizenga, declare (certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the response and factual assertions contained in the attached letter dated 11/12, 2019, relating to my response to the August 16, 2019, Committee on Ethics letter, are true and correct.

Signature:



Name:

Representative Bill Huizenga

Date:

11/12, 2019

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