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STATEMENT OF THE CHAIR AND RANKING REPUBLICAN MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

October 8, 2009

The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct voted unanimously on October 8, 2009, to expand the jurisdiction of the investigative subcommittee's inquiry regarding the Matter of Representative Charles B. Rangel to determine if Representative Rangel violated the Code of Official Conduct or any law, rule, regulation or other standard of conduct applicable to his conduct in the performance of his duties or the discharge of his responsibilities with respect to all Financial Disclosure Statements and all amendments filed in calendar year 2009 by or on behalf of Representative Charles B. Rangel pursuant to Title I of the Ethics in Government Act.

The investigative subcommittee has collaborated in a bipartisan manner in the performance of its duties and obligations. To that end, the investigative subcommittee to date has: authorized the issuance of close to 150 subpoenas; interviewed approximately 34 witnesses resulting in over 2,100 pages of transcripts; reviewed and analyzed over 12,000 pages of documents; and held over 30 investigative subcommittee meetings.

The Committee's confidentiality rules restrict the disclosure of information under consideration by the investigative subcommittee, and we therefore will not comment further on this matter at this time.