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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MEMBERS, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES

FROM:

Committee on Ethics

Charles W. Dent, Chairman

Linda T. Sánchez, Ranking Member

SUBJECT:

Upcoming Financial Disclosure Clinics & Training

The Committee on Ethics will offer four Financial Disclosure Clinics in April in advance of the upcoming May 16, 2016, due date for the filing of all annual Public Financial Disclosure Statements (FD Statements). In addition, the Committee will hold two Senior Staff Trainings before the May 16 deadline.¹

In addition to the Clinics and Trainings, the Committee's nonpartisan staff is available to review forms in advance of filing for House Members, Officers, and employees. <u>Employees, however, must submit their forms to the Committee for prescreening no later than Monday, May 2, 2016</u>, to ensure that the prescreening is completed by the filing deadline. You may fax your prescreen requests to (202) 225-3713 or e-mail it to financial.disclosure@mail.house.gov.

Financial Disclosure Clinics give filers a chance to work closely with financial disclosure staff to address individual filers' questions. Financial Disclosure Clinics also serve to help filers use the electronic filing system to input and submit Statements and Periodic Transaction Reports.

Senior staff training provides additional ethics guidance to staff who are required to file Statements pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act (EIGA). Attendance at Senior Staff Training will satisfy either the annual ethics training requirement or the requirement that senior staff complete an additional hour of specialized training per Congress. Please note that participation in the Clinics will not satisfy any House-mandated training requirements.

The date, time, and location for each Clinic are included below. Committee staff will be available for the entire time for each Clinic, but attendees are welcome to walk in at any time,

¹ May 15, 2016, falls on a Sunday. As a result, the annual filing deadline for Calendar Year (CY) 2015 FD Statements is Monday, May 16, 2016. The deadline will be May 15 again in 2017.

and may stay for as long as they need. You can find this and additional information about financial disclosure requirements on the Committee's Web site at https://ethics.house.gov.

Date	Time	Location
Friday, April 15, 2016	11:00am – 12:30pm	B249 Longworth HOB, Rooms B & C
Thursday, April 21, 2016	11:00am – 12:30pm	B249 Longworth HOB, Rooms B & C
Monday, April 25, 2016	10:00am – 11:30am	B249 Longworth HOB, Rooms B & C
Friday, April 29, 2016	11:00am – 12:30pm	B249 Longworth HOB, Room C

Members, officers, and employees are invited to attend these Clinics. We recommend that interested participants pre-register for the Clinics as space is limited.

To register:

- 1. Visit https://registerme.house.gov
- 2. Click on "Ethics," then "All Staff"
- 3. Add desired Financial Disclosure Clinic
- 4. Select "Register" on the left of the page
- 5. Login and Submit

In addition to the Clinics, the Committee will offer senior staff training that <u>will</u> satisfy either the annual ethics training requirement or the additional hour of training required for senior staff for the 114th Congress (staff must choose one or the other). This training will cover general information about the requirement to file Financial Disclosure and Periodic Transaction Reports. These trainings will take place on the following dates, at the listed times, and in the listed locations:

Date	Time	Location
Friday, April 15, 2016	2:00pm - 3:00pm	1310 Longworth
Thursday, April 21, 2016	2:00pm - 3:00pm	HVC-215, Capitol

In order to receive credit for this training, senior staff are <u>required to pre-register</u> by following the same directions as above and adding the desired Financial Disclosure Training in step three.

The Committee strongly recommends that filers use the electronic filing system to make all filings, but will provide assistance to both paper filers and electronic filers. Filers (and designated third-party preparers) can log onto the system at https://fd.house.gov. You can also download a blank copy of the paper form on the Committee's Web site at https://ethics.house.gov. If you need to make a filing, but did not receive login information, or if you have lost your temporary password, please contact the Legislative Resource Center at (202) 226-5200 for assistance.

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If you have any questions, please contact the Committee at (202) 225-7103.