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STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE SANTOS

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined on October 31, 2023, to release the following statement:

On February 28, 2023, the Committee voted to establish an Investigative Subcommittee (ISC) to review allegations involving Representative George Santos. The ISC is continuing to expeditiously review the allegations during the pendency of a related criminal prosecution. The jurisdiction of the ISC includes 23 counts charged over two indictments, as well as multiple allegations of criminal and ethical violations that are beyond the scope of the indictments. Specifically, the ISC has reviewed allegations that Representative Santos: engaged in unlawful activity with respect to his 2022 congressional campaign; failed to properly disclose required information on statements filed with the House; violated federal conflict of interest laws in connection with his role in a firm providing fiduciary services; engaged in sexual misconduct towards an individual seeking employment in his congressional office; and/or fraudulently obtained unemployment insurance benefits.

The ISC has contacted approximately 40 witnesses, reviewed more than 170,000 pages of documents, and authorized 37 subpoenas. The Committee's nonpartisan staff and the ISC Members have put countless hours into this investigation, which has been a priority for the investigative team and involved a significant amount of the Committee's resources.

The Committee will announce its next course of action in this matter on or before November 17, 2023.

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