

APPENDIX IV

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April 17, 2019

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE DAVID SCHWEIKERT

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

On April 16, 2018, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative David Schweikert. The matter referred by OCE is currently within the jurisdiction of an Investigative Subcommittee (ISC).

Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(B)(iii) and Committee Rule 17A(f)(2), if an ISC does not conclude its review within one year after receiving a referral from OCE, the Committee shall make public OCE's report no later than one year after the referral. Accordingly, the Committee is making public OCE's Report in the matter referred to the Committee on April 16, 2018.

The Committee notes that the mere fact of a continued investigation into these allegations does not itself indicate that any violation has occurred. No other public comment will be made on this matter except in accordance with Committee rules.

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May 3, 2019

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS COLLINS

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

In accordance with House Rule XI, clause 3, and Committee Rules 10(a)(2) and 18(e)(2), the Committee unanimously voted to re-authorize an investigative subcommittee (ISC) for the 116th Congress to review allegations involving Representative Chris Collins.

The Honorable Theodore E. Deutch will serve as the Chairman of the ISC, and the Honorable Jackie Walorski will serve as the Ranking Member. The other two members of the ISC are the Honorable William R. Keating and the Honorable Ben Cline.

The Department of Justice has requested that the Committee continue to defer consideration of the allegations involving Representative Collins that are currently pending prosecution in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. The Committee, following precedent, unanimously recommended to the ISC that it defer action on those allegations. No other public comment will be made on this matter except in accordance with Committee rules.

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May 3, 2019

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE DUNCAN HUNTER

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

In accordance with House Rule XI, clause 3, and Committee Rules 10(a)(2) and 18(e)(2), the Committee unanimously voted to re-authorize an investigative subcommittee (ISC) for the 116th Congress to review allegations involving Representative Duncan Hunter.

The Honorable Grace Meng will serve as the Chairwoman of the ISC, and the Honorable John Ratcliffe will serve as the Ranking Member. The other two members of the ISC are the Honorable Brian Higgins and the Honorable David Rouzer.

The Department of Justice has requested that the Committee continue to defer consideration of the allegations involving Representative Hunter that are currently pending prosecution in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California. The Committee, following precedent, unanimously recommended to the ISC that it defer action on those allegations. No other public comment will be made on this matter except in accordance with Committee rules.

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STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE DAVID SCHWEIKERT

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

In accordance with House Rule XI, clause 3, and Committee Rule 10(a)(2), the Committee unanimously voted to re-authorize an investigative subcommittee (ISC) for the 116th Congress to review allegations involving Representative David Schweikert.

The Honorable Dean Phillips will serve as the Chairman of the ISC, and the Honorable Bill Flores will serve as the Ranking Member. The other two members of the ISC are the Honorable Jamie Raskin and the Honorable John Katko.

The Committee notes that the mere fact of an investigation into these allegations does not itself indicate that any violation has occurred. No other public comment will be made on this matter except in accordance with Committee rules.

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June 28, 2019

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE MATT GAETZ

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

On March 13, 2019, the Committee received a Member complaint against Representative Matt Gaetz. The Committee then began a review, pursuant to Committee Rules 16(c) and 18(a), into allegations that Representative Gaetz sought to threaten, intimidate, harass, or otherwise improperly influence the President's former attorney, Michael Cohen, in connection with Mr. Cohen's testimony before a congressional committee.

As part of that review, on May 13, 2019, the Committee requested Representative Gaetz's appearance for an in-person interview. Representative Gaetz declined the Committee's interview request.

On May 16, 2019, the Committee informed Representative Gaetz that its ability to resolve the complaint would be hindered without his testimony and explained that if the Committee was unable to dispose of the complaint by June 24, 2019, House and Committee Rules would require the Committee to establish an Investigative Subcommittee to review the allegations against him.

Because Representative Gaetz did not provide the Committee with testimony, the Committee was unable to dispose of the complaint by the rule-based deadline. Accordingly, pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(2), and Committee Rule 16(d), an Investigative Subcommittee has been established and the complaint against Representative Gaetz forwarded to it for consideration.

The Committee notes that the mere fact of establishing an Investigative Subcommittee does not itself indicate that any violation has occurred.

The Honorable Anthony G. Brown will serve as the Chairman of the Investigative Subcommittee, and the Honorable Michael Guest will serve as the Ranking Member. The other two members of the Investigative Subcommittee are the Honorable Raja Krishnamoorthi and the

Honorable John W. Rose. No other public comment will be made on this matter except in accordance with Committee rules.

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September 5, 2019

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE DAVID SCHWEIKERT

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

On September 5, 2018, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative David Schweikert. The matter referred by OCE is currently within the jurisdiction of an Investigative Subcommittee (ISC).

Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(B)(iii) and Committee Rule 17A(f)(2), if an ISC does not conclude its review within one year after receiving a referral from OCE, the Committee shall make public OCE's report no later than one year after the referral. Accordingly, the Committee is making public OCE's Report in the matter referred to the Committee on September 5, 2019.

The Committee notes that the mere fact of a continued investigation into these allegations does not itself indicate that any violation has occurred. No other public comment will be made on this matter except in accordance with Committee rules.

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September 30, 2019

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE BILL HUIZENGA

Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee Rules 17A(b)(1)(A), 17A(c)(1), the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics have jointly decided to extend the matter regarding Representative Bill Huizenga, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on August 16, 2019.

The Committee notes that the mere fact of a referral or an extension, and the mandatory disclosure of such an extension and the name of the subject of the matter, does not itself indicate that any violation has occurred, or reflect any judgment on behalf of the Committee.

The Committee will announce its course of action in this matter on or before Thursday, November 14, 2019.

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September 30, 2019

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE ROSS SPANO

Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee Rules 17A(b)(1)(A) and 17A(c)(1), the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics have jointly decided to extend the matter regarding Representative Ross Spano, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on August 16, 2019.

The Committee notes that the mere fact of a referral or an extension, and the mandatory disclosure of such an extension and the name of the subject of the matter, does not itself indicate that any violation has occurred, or reflect any judgment on behalf of the Committee.

The Committee will announce its course of action in this matter on or before Thursday, November 14, 2019.

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STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE RASHIDA TLAIB

Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee Rules 17A(b)(1)(A), 17A(c)(1), the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics have jointly decided to extend the matter regarding Representative Rashida Tlaib, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on August 16, 2019.

The Committee notes that the mere fact of a referral or an extension, and the mandatory disclosure of such an extension and the name of the subject of the matter, does not itself indicate that any violation has occurred, or reflect any judgment on behalf of the Committee.

The Committee will announce its course of action in this matter on or before Thursday, November 14, 2019.

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October 1, 2019

STATEMENT REGARDING THE INVESTIGATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE IN THE MATTER OF REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS COLLINS

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7(f), the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined on October 1, 2019, to release the following statement regarding the Investigative Subcommittee in the Matter of Representative Chris Collins:

In the 115th Congress, on October 12, 2017, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) announced that it was reviewing allegations referred by the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Chris Collins. The Committee published OCE's referral at that time. Subsequently, on August 8, 2018, Representative Collins was indicted on federal charges of conspiracy, securities fraud, wire fraud, and false statements stemming from allegations separate from those already under review by the Committee. On September 6, 2018, the Committee unanimously voted to establish an Investigative Subcommittee (ISC) to determine whether Representative Collins violated the Code of Official Conduct or any law, rule, regulation, or other applicable standard of conduct in the performance of his duties or the discharge of his responsibilities, with respect to allegations that he engaged in unlawful conspiracy, securities fraud, and wire fraud; purchased discount stock that was not available to the public; took official actions on behalf of a company in which he had a significant financial interest; and made false statements to, withheld information from, or otherwise misled federal investigators. At that time, the Department of Justice (DOJ) had requested that the Committee defer consideration of the matters in DOJ's jurisdiction. The Committee unanimously recommended to the ISC that it defer action as to those matters.

On May 3, 2019, in accordance with House Rule XI, clause 3, and Committee Rules 10(a)(2) and 18(e)(2), and following Committee precedent, the Committee announced it had unanimously voted to reestablish the ISC in the 116th Congress. The DOJ had requested that the Committee continue to defer consideration of the matters in DOJ's jurisdiction. The Committee, again following precedent, unanimously recommended to the ISC that it defer action as to those matters.

The House received Representative Collins' resignation on October 1, 2019. As a consequence, the Investigative Subcommittee and the Committee no longer have jurisdiction over him. The Committee considers this matter closed.

No other public statement will be made on this matter except in accordance with Committee rules.

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October 23, 2019

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE KATIE HILL

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

The Committee is aware of public allegations that Representative Katie Hill may have engaged in a sexual relationship with an individual on her congressional staff, in violation of House Rule XXIII, clause 18(a). The Committee, pursuant to Committee Rule 18(a), has begun an investigation and will gather additional information regarding the allegations.

The Committee notes that the mere fact that it is investigating these allegations, and publicly disclosing its review, does not itself indicate that any violation has occurred, or reflect any judgment on behalf of the Committee. No other public comment will be made on this matter except in accordance with Committee rules.

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October 24, 2019

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING DELEGATE MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS

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

The Committee is aware of public allegations that Delegate Michael F. Q. San Nicolas may have engaged in a sexual relationship with an individual on his congressional staff, converted campaign funds to personal use, and/or accepted improper or excessive campaign contributions. The Committee, pursuant to Committee Rule 18(a), has begun an investigation and will gather additional information regarding the allegations.

The Committee notes that the mere fact that it is investigating these allegations, and publicly disclosing its review, does not itself indicate that any violation has occurred, or reflect any judgment on behalf of the Committee. No other public comment will be made on this matter except in accordance with Committee rules.

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November 4, 2019

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE LORI TRAHAN

Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee Rules 17A(b)(1)(A) and 17A(c)(1), the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics have jointly decided to extend the matter regarding Representative Lori Trahan, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on September 18, 2019.

The Committee notes that the mere fact of a referral or an extension, and the mandatory disclosure of such an extension and the name of the subject of the matter, does not itself indicate that any violation has occurred, or reflect any judgment on behalf of the Committee.

The Committee will announce its course of action in this matter on or before Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

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November 14, 2019

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE ALCEE HASTINGS

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

The Committee is aware of public allegations arising out of Representative Alcee Hastings' personal relationship with an individual employed in his congressional office. On May 14, 2019, the Committee, pursuant to Committee Rule 18(a), began an investigation regarding the allegations. The Committee is specifically considering whether Representative Hastings' relationship with the individual employed in his congressional office is in violation of House Rule XXIII, clause 18(a), and whether Representative Hastings has received any improper gifts, including any forbearance, from that employee. The Committee continues to gather additional information regarding the allegations.

The Committee notes that the mere fact that it is investigating these allegations, and publicly disclosing its review, does not itself indicate that any violation has occurred, or reflect any judgment on behalf of the Committee. No other public comment will be made on this matter except in accordance with Committee rules.

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STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE BILL HUIZENGA

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined on November 14, 2019, to release the following statement:

On August 16, 2019, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Bill Huizenga. Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee Rules 17A(b)(1)(A) and 17A(c)(1), the Chairman and Ranking Member jointly decided on September 30, 2019, to extend the Committee's review of the matter. In order to gather additional information necessary to complete its review, the Committee will review the matter pursuant to Committee Rule 18(a). The Committee notes that the mere fact of conducting further review of a referral, and any mandatory disclosure of such further review, does not itself indicate that any violation has occurred, or reflect any judgment on behalf of the Committee.

In order to comply with Committee Rule 7 regarding confidentiality, out of fairness to all respondents, and to assure the integrity of its work, the Committee will refrain from making further public statements on this matter pending completion of its initial review.

Pursuant to Committee Rule 17A, the Committee hereby publishes OCE's Report and Findings relating to allegations against Representative Huizenga.

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STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE ROSS SPANO

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined on November 14, 2019, to release the following statement:

On August 16, 2019, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Ross Spano. Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A) and Committee Rules 17A(b)(1)(A) and 17A(c)(1) the Chairman and Ranking Member jointly decided on September 30, 2019, to extend the Committee's review of the matter.

The Department of Justice has asked the Committee to defer consideration of this matter and the Committee, following precedent, unanimously voted to defer consideration of this matter at this time. Pursuant to Committee Rule 17A(h)(1), the Committee is making OCE's Report in this matter public. Under that rule, when the Committee votes to defer in this manner, it must release the Report, but not the Findings, along with a public statement announcing its deferral. At least annually, the Committee will make a public statement if it continues to defer taking action on the matter. The Committee notes that the mere fact of its decision to defer action on this matter, and any mandatory disclosure of that decision and OCE's Report, does not itself indicate that any violation has occurred.

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November 14, 2019

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE RASHIDA TLAIB

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined on November 14, 2019, to release the following statement:

On August 16, 2019, the Committee on Ethics received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Rashida Tlaib. Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee Rules 17A(b)(1)(A) and 17A(c)(1), the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics jointly decided on September 30, 2019, to extend the Committee's review of the matter. In order to gather additional information necessary to complete its review, the Committee will review the matter pursuant to Committee Rule 18(a). The Committee notes that the mere fact of conducting further review of a referral, and any mandatory disclosure of such further review, does not itself indicate that any violation has occurred, or reflect any judgment on behalf of the Committee.

In order to comply with Committee Rule 7 regarding confidentiality, out of fairness to all respondents, and to assure the integrity of its work, the Committee will refrain from making further public statements on this matter pending completion of its initial review.

Pursuant to Committee Rule 17A, the Committee hereby publishes OCE's Report and Findings relating to allegations against Representative Tlaib, and Representative Tlaib's response to OCE's Report and Findings.

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December 5, 2019

STATEMENT REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE DUNCAN HUNTER

The Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics today issued the attached letter to Representative Duncan Hunter.

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December 9, 2019

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE DUNCAN HUNTER

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined on December 9, 2019, to release the following statement regarding the Investigative Subcommittee in the Matter of Representative Duncan Hunter:

In the 115th Congress, on March 23, 2017, the Committee announced that it was reviewing allegations referred by the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Duncan Hunter. The Committee also announced that, following precedent, it had voted unanimously to defer its review at the request of the Department of Justice (DOJ). Accordingly, pursuant to Committee Rule 17A(h)(1), the Committee made OCE's Report but not its Findings public at that time. On March 23, 2018, the Committee announced that it was continuing to defer its consideration of the matter at the request of the DOJ.

On August 21, 2018, Representative Hunter was indicted on federal charges of conspiracy, wire fraud, falsifying campaign finance records, prohibited use of campaign contributions, and false statements. On September 6, 2018, the Committee unanimously voted to establish an Investigative Subcommittee (ISC) into the allegations raised in the indictment and recommended the ISC defer action on its investigation at the request of the DOJ. On May 3, 2019, the Committee announced the ISC had been re-authorized for the 116th Congress, and that it continued to recommend deferral at the request of the DOJ.

On December 3, 2019, Representative Hunter pleaded guilty to one count of conspiring to misuse campaign funds. The DOJ has now withdrawn its request that the Committee defer consideration of this matter. Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(B)(iii) and Committee Rule 17A(f)(2), if an ISC does not conclude its review before the end of the Congress in which the report of the Board is made public, the Committee shall make public any findings of the Board on the last day of that Congress, but the Committee is not required to make such a release when deferring action at the request of appropriate law enforcement. Because deferral is no longer requested and the last day of the Congress in which OCE's Report was made public has passed, the Committee is making public OCE's Findings in this matter.

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December 17, 2019

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE LORI TRAHAN

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined on December 17, 2019, to release the following statement:

On September 18, 2019, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Lori Trahan. Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee Rules 17A(b)(1)(A) and 17A(c)(1), the Chairman and Ranking Member jointly decided on November 4, 2019, to extend the Committee's review of the matter. In order to gather additional information necessary to complete its review, the Committee will review the matter pursuant to Committee Rule 18(a). The Committee notes that the mere fact of conducting further review of a referral, and any mandatory disclosure of such further review, does not itself indicate that any violation has occurred, or reflect any judgment on behalf of the Committee.

In order to comply with Committee Rule 7 regarding confidentiality, out of fairness to all respondents, and to assure the integrity of its work, the Committee will refrain from making further public statements on this matter pending completion of its initial review.

Pursuant to Committee Rule 17A, the Committee hereby publishes OCE's Report and Findings relating to allegations against Representative Trahan and Representative Trahan's submission to the Committee.

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December 19, 2019

**STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE
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REPRESENTATIVE CATHY MCMORRIS RODGERS**

On December 19, 2019, the Committee released the attached Report regarding allegations relating to Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers.

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January 14, 2020

STATEMENT REGARDING THE INVESTIGATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE IN THE MATTER OF REPRESENTATIVE DUNCAN HUNTER

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined on January 14, 2020, to release the following statement regarding the Investigative Subcommittee in the Matter of Representative Duncan Hunter:

In the 115th Congress, on March 23, 2017, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) announced that it was reviewing allegations referred by the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Duncan Hunter. The Committee also announced that because the Department of Justice (DOJ) had asked the Committee to defer its consideration of the matter, the Committee had followed precedent and voted unanimously to defer its review at that time. Accordingly, pursuant to Committee Rule 17A(h)(1), the Committee made OCE's Report, but not its Findings, public at that time. On March 23, 2018, the Committee announced that it was continuing to defer its consideration of the matter at the request of DOJ.

Subsequently, on August 21, 2018, Representative Hunter was indicted on federal charges of conspiracy, wire fraud, falsifying campaign finance records, prohibited use of campaign contributions, and false statements. On September 6, 2018, the Committee unanimously voted to establish an Investigative Subcommittee to determine whether Representative Hunter violated the Code of Official Conduct or any law, rule, regulation, or other applicable standard of conduct in the performance of his duties or the discharge of his responsibilities, with respect to allegations that he engaged in unlawful conspiracy, fraud, falsification of campaign finance records, and prohibited use of campaign contributions. At that time, DOJ had requested that the Committee continue to defer consideration of the matters in DOJ's jurisdiction. The Committee unanimously recommended to the Investigative Subcommittee that it defer action as to those matters.

On May 3, 2019, in accordance with House Rule XI, clause 3, and Committee Rules 10(a)(2) and 18(e)(2), and following Committee precedent, the Committee announced it had unanimously voted to reestablish the Investigative Subcommittee in the 116th Congress. DOJ had requested that the Committee continue to defer consideration of the matters in DOJ's jurisdiction. The Committee, again following precedent, unanimously recommended to the Investigative Subcommittee that it defer action as to those matters.

Representative Hunter pled guilty to one count of conspiring to convert campaign funds to personal use on December 3, 2019. Following Representative Hunter's guilty plea, the Committee reminded Representative Hunter that, pursuant to House Rule XXIII, clause 10(a), he should refrain from voting in the House. DOJ also withdrew its request for deferral and the Committee released OCE's Findings.

The House received Representative Hunter's notice of resignation on January 7, 2020, effective at the close of business on January 13, 2020. As a consequence, the Investigative Subcommittee and the Committee no longer have jurisdiction over him. The Committee considers this matter closed.

No other public statement will be made on this matter except in accordance with Committee rules.

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June 12, 2020

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING DELEGATE MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

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

In accordance with House Rule XI, clause 3, and Committee Rules 10(a)(2) and 18, the Committee unanimously voted on March 11, 2020, to establish an Investigative Subcommittee. Pursuant to the Committee's action, the Investigative Subcommittee shall have jurisdiction to determine whether Delegate Michael F.Q. San Nicolas may have: engaged in a sexual relationship with an individual on his congressional staff; converted campaign funds to personal use; accepted improper and/or excessive campaign contributions; reported campaign disbursements that may not be legitimate and verifiable campaign expenditures attributable to bona fide campaign or political purposes; omitted required information from or disclosed false information in reports filed with the Federal Election Commission; made false statements to government investigators or agencies; and/or improperly interfered or attempted to interfere in a government investigation of related allegations in violation of House Rules, law, regulations, or other standards of conduct.

The Honorable Grace Meng will serve as Chairwoman of the Investigative Subcommittee, and the Honorable Jackie Walorski will serve as the Ranking Member. The other two members of the Investigative Subcommittee are the Honorable Darren Soto and the Honorable Vicky Hartzler.

The Committee has determined to take this action following receipt of a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics regarding this matter. The Committee notes that the mere fact of establishing an Investigative Subcommittee does not itself indicate that any violation has occurred.

No other public comment will be made on this matter except in accordance with Committee rules. Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(B)(iii), and Committee Rule 17A(f)(1), no documents will be released at this time.

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June 12, 2020

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE ALCEE HASTINGS

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

On May 14, 2019, the Committee, pursuant to Committee Rule 18(a), began investigating allegations arising out of Representative Alcee Hastings' personal relationship with an individual employed in his congressional office. Specifically, the Committee investigated whether Representative Hastings' relationship with the employed individual is in violation of House Rule XXIII, clause 18(a), and whether Representative Hastings has received any improper gifts, including any forbearance, from that employee. On November 14, 2019, the Committee announced it was aware of public allegations arising out of Representative Hastings' relationship, and that it was investigating and gathering more information regarding those allegations.

During its review, the Committee became aware that Representative Hastings has been married to the individual employed in his congressional office since January 2019. Accordingly, Representative Hastings is not in violation of House Rule XXIII, clause 18(a), as its terms do not apply to relationships between two people who are married to each other, nor is he in violation of the House Gift Rule, which permits Members to accept gifts from relatives. However, the Committee continued to review Representative Hastings' conduct prior to his marriage. The Committee also considered whether Representative Hastings had complied with the laws and rules relating to nepotism.

Following its review, the Committee determined to take no further action in this matter. The Committee's determination was based on the particular facts of the matter, including the fact that Representative Hastings' spouse's employment began prior to the 113th Congress and is therefore not prohibited under clause 8(c) of House Rule XXIII. The Committee considers this matter closed.

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June 16, 2020

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee Rules 17A(b)(1)(A), 17A(c)(1), and 17A(j), the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics have jointly decided to extend the matter regarding Representative Sanford Bishop, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on February 10, 2020.

The Committee notes that the mere fact of a referral or an extension, and the mandatory disclosure of such an extension and the name of the subject of the matter, does not itself indicate that any violation has occurred, or reflect any judgment on behalf of the Committee.

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July 16, 2020

**STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER
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REPRESENTATIVE LORI TRAHAN**

On July 16, 2020, the Committee released the attached Report regarding allegations relating to Representative Lori Trahan.

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July 30, 2020

**STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER
OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING
REPRESENTATIVE DAVID SCHWEIKERT**

Pursuant to House Rule XI Clause 3(q)(2)(D), today the Chairman of the Committee on Ethics, Representative Theodore E. Deutch, and the Ranking Member, Representative Kenny Marchant, submitted a report to the House of Representatives in the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative David Schweikert. The full Committee report includes the report of the Investigative Subcommittee (ISC) in this matter, along with the responsive views of Representative Schweikert.

At the completion of its investigation, the ISC unanimously concluded that there was substantial reason to believe that Representative David Schweikert violated House Rules, the Code of Ethics for Government Service, federal laws and other applicable standards in connection with: campaign finance violations and reporting errors by his authorized campaign committees; the misuse of his Members' Representational Allowance for unofficial purposes; pressuring official staff to perform campaign work; and his lack of candor and due diligence during the investigation.

As part of a resolution Representative Schweikert negotiated with the ISC, he agreed to admit to all eleven counts in the Statement of Alleged Violations adopted by the ISC, accept a sanction of reprimand and a \$50,000 fine, and waive all further procedural rights in this matter provided to him by House or Committee Rule. On July 29, 2020, the full Committee unanimously accepted the ISC's recommendations that the Committee submit a public report to the House, and that the adoption of that report by the House serve as a reprimand of Representative Schweikert for his misconduct and impose a fine in the amount of \$50,000.

Therefore, the Committee on Ethics has unanimously recommended that the House of Representatives adopt the report, and with it, a reprimand of Representative Schweikert for the conduct described therein. The Committee intends to bring a privileged resolution for consideration and vote by the full House.

The Committee thanks the members of the Investigative Subcommittee for their hard work, dedication, and service to the Committee and to the House. Representative Dean Phillips served as Chair of the Investigative Subcommittee. Representative Bill Flores served as Ranking Republican Member. Representatives Jamie Raskin and John Katko also served on the

Subcommittee. Each of these members devoted substantial time and effort to the investigation, and the Committee thanks each of them for their service.

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July 31, 2020

**STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE
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REPRESENTATIVE SANFORD BISHOP, JR.**

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined on July 31, 2020, to release the following statement:

On February 10, 2020, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Sanford Bishop. Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee Rules 17A(b)(1)(A) and 17A(c)(1), and 17A(j) the Chairman and Ranking Member jointly decided on June 16, 2020, to extend the Committee's review of the matter. In order to gather additional information necessary to complete its review, the Committee will review the matter pursuant to Committee Rule 18(a). The Committee notes that the mere fact of conducting further review of a referral, and any mandatory disclosure of such further review, does not itself indicate that any violation has occurred, or reflect any judgment on behalf of the Committee.

In order to comply with Committee Rule 7 regarding confidentiality, out of fairness to all respondents, and to assure the integrity of its work, the Committee will refrain from making further public statements on this matter pending completion of its initial review.

Pursuant to Committee Rule 17A, the Committee hereby publishes OCE's Report and Findings relating to allegations against Representative Bishop and Representative Bishop's submission to the Committee.

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August 7, 2020

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE RASHIDA TLAIB

On August 7, 2020, the Committee released the attached Report regarding allegations relating to Representative Rashida Tlaib.

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August 13, 2020

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE STEVE WATKINS

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

On July 14, 2020, criminal charges against Representative Steve Watkins were filed in Shawnee County District Court in Kansas. Pursuant to Committee Rule 18(e)(2) and Section 103(k) of House Resolution 6 of the 116th Congress, within 30 days of a Member being indicted or otherwise formally charged with criminal conduct, the Committee shall either establish an Investigative Subcommittee or report to the House describing its reasons for not establishing an Investigative Subcommittee.

In accordance with House Rule XI, clause 3, and Committee Rules 10(a)(2) and 18(e), the Committee unanimously voted to establish an Investigative Subcommittee. Pursuant to the Committee's action, the Investigative Subcommittee shall have jurisdiction to determine whether Representative Watkins falsely reported information to a law enforcement officer; voted in an election district without being lawfully registered to vote; knowingly marked or transmitted more than one advance voting ballot; and/or failed to notify the proper agency of a change of name or address.

The Honorable Anthony Brown will serve as Chair of the Investigative Subcommittee, and the Honorable Pete Olson will serve as the Ranking Member. The other two members of the Investigative Subcommittee are the Honorable Theodore E. Deutch and the Honorable Ann Wagner.

No other public comment will be made on this matter except in accordance with Committee rules.

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August 21, 2020

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE MATT GAETZ

On August 21, 2020, the Committee released the attached Report regarding allegations relating to Representative Matt Gaetz.

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November 16, 2020

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE ROSS SPANO

Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(C)(ii) and Committee Rule 17A(h)(2), the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined on November 16, 2020, to release the following statement:

On August 16, 2019, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding whether Representative Ross Spano received loans to support his election to the House of Representatives that exceeded federal campaign contribution limits. In response to a request from the Department of Justice, the Committee unanimously voted to defer consideration of this matter, and announced that deferral in a public statement dated November 14, 2019.

The Committee continues to defer consideration of this matter at this time. The Committee notes that the mere fact of its decision to defer action on this matter, and any mandatory disclosure of that decision, does not itself indicate that any violation has occurred.

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STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE STEVEN PALAZZO

Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee Rules 17A(b)(1)(A), 17A(c)(1), and 17A(j), the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics have jointly decided to extend the matter regarding Representative Steven Palazzo, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on September 2, 2020.

The Committee notes that the mere fact of a referral or an extension, and the mandatory disclosure of such an extension and the name of the subject of the matter, does not itself indicate that any violation has occurred, or reflect any judgment on behalf of the Committee.

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