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The Honorable Ted Deutch Chair Committee on Ethics 1015 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Jackie Walorski Ranking Member Committee on Ethics 1015 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Deutch and Ranking Member Walorski:

I write to appeal a fine imposed by the Acting Sergeant at Arms in response to an incident outside the House Chamber on April 20, 2021. After entering the Chamber from the Will Rogers corridor and passing through security screening, I briefly exited the Chamber and returned through the West Lobby.

The U.S. Capitol Police memorandum states that "Representative Clyburn deliberately avoided being screened by refusing to submit to screening." This is not true. At no time did I refuse any officer's request to submit to screening.

I encourage you to review the facts of this incident, including any video recording and firsthand accounts that may be available, and determine if a fine is appropriate under the terms of H. Res. 73.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

James E. Clyburn

Member of Congress