# APPENDIX IV



### U.S. House of Representatives

#### **COMMITTEE ON ETHICS**

Washington, **BC** 20515

The Committee on Ethics has scheduled a public meeting to be held in 1015 Longworth House Office Building and via Cisco WebEx on Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. to consider organizational matters relating to the start of the 117th Congress. Public access will be available virtually through the Committee's website.

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#### 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 on March 1, 2021 to release the following statement:

On February 10, 2020, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Delegate Michael F.Q. San Nicolas.

Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(B)(iii) and Committee Rule 17A(f)(2), the Committee is making public OCE's Report in the matter referred to the Committee on February 10, 2020.

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

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined on March 1, 2021, to release the following statement:

On September 2, 2020, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Steven Palazzo. 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 December 17, 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 Palazzo and Representative Palazzo's submission to the Committee.

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

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 that Representative Matt Gaetz may have engaged in sexual misconduct and/or illicit drug use, shared inappropriate images or videos on the House floor, misused state identification records, converted campaign funds to personal use, and/or accepted a bribe, improper gratuity, or impermissible gift, in violation of House Rules, laws, or other standards of conduct. 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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#### STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE TOM REED

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 that Representative Tom Reed may have engaged in sexual misconduct, in violation of House Rules, laws, or other standards of conduct. 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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FOR RELEASE: Upon Receipt May 20, 2021

#### 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 to re-authorize an Investigative Subcommittee (ISC) for the 117th Congress to review allegations involving Delegate Michael F.Q. San Nicolas.

The Honorable Darren Soto will serve as Chair of the ISC, and the Honorable Jackie Walorski will serve as the Ranking Member. The other two members of the ISC are the Honorable Dina Titus and the Honorable Vicky Hartzler.

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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FOR RELEASE: Upon Receipt July 26, 2021

### STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE JOYCE BEATTY

On July 26, 2021, the Committee released the attached Report regarding allegations relating to Representative Joyce Beatty.

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FOR RELEASE: Upon Receipt July 30, 2021

### STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE HANK JOHNSON

On July 30, 2021, the Committee released the attached Report regarding allegations relating to Representative Hank Johnson.

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#### STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE JIM HAGEDORN

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 Jim Hagedorn, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on July 23, 2021.

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, October 21, 2021.

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## STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE MIKE KELLY

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 Mike Kelly, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on July 23, 2021.

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, October 21, 2021.

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## STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE TOM MALINOWSKI

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 Tom Malinowski, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on July 23, 2021.

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, October 21, 2021.

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## STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE ALEX MOONEY

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 Alex Mooney, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on July 23, 2021.

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, October 21, 2021.

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FOR RELEASE: Upon Receipt September 28, 2021

### STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE AL GREEN

On September 28, 2021, the Committee released the attached Report regarding allegations relating to Representative Al Green.

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FOR RELEASE: Upon Receipt September 28, 2021

# STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE SHEILA JACKSON LEE

On September 28, 2021, the Committee released the attached Report regarding allegations relating to Representative Sheila Jackson Lee.

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October 12, 2021

## STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING JOHN SAMPLE

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 John Sample, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on August 27, 2021.

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 Monday, November 29, 2021.

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# STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE JIM HAGEDORN

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined on October 21, 2021, to release the following statement:

On July 23, 2021, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Jim Hagedorn. 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 6, 2021, 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 Hagedorn and Representative Hagedorn's submission to the Committee.

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# STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE MIKE KELLY

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined on October 21, 2021, to release the following statement:

On July 23, 2021, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Mike Kelly. 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 6, 2021, 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.

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

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# STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE TOM MALINOWSKI

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined on October 21, 2021, to release the following statement:

On July 23, 2021, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Tom Malinowski. 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 6, 2021, 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.

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

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# STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE ALEX MOONEY

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined on October 21, 2021, to release the following statement:

On July 23, 2021, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Alex Mooney. 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 6, 2021, 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 Mooney.

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FOR RELEASE: Upon Receipt November 29, 2021

# STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING JOHN SAMPLE

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined on November 25, 2021, to release the following statement:

On August 27, 2021, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding John Sample. 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 October 12, 2021, 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 John Sample.

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FOR RELEASE: Upon Receipt December 3, 2021

## STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE JEFF FORTENBERRY

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

On October 19, 2021, criminal charges against Representative Jeff Fortenberry were filed in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. Pursuant to Committee Rule 18(e)(2) and Section 3(e) of House Resolution 8 of the 117th 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 Fortenberry's 2016 congressional campaign may have accepted illegal contributions; and Representative Fortenberry engaged in a scheme to falsify and conceal material facts and/or made false statements, during a federal investigation into his campaign committee's alleged acceptance of illegal campaign contributions.

The Honorable Susan Wild will serve as Chair 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 Colin Allred and the Honorable David Rouzer.

The Department of Justice has asked the Committee to defer consideration of the matters in the Investigative Subcommittee's jurisdiction. The Committee, following precedent, unanimously recommended to the Investigative Subcommittee that it defer action on its investigation at this time. No other public comment will be made on this matter except in accordance with Committee rules.

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FOR RELEASE: Upon Receipt December 9, 2021

## STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE DOUG LAMBORN

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 Doug Lamborn, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on October 25, 2021.

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 Monday, January 24, 2022.

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#### STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE MARIE NEWMAN

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 Marie Newman, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on October 25, 2021.

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 Monday, January 24, 2022.

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### STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE DOUG LAMBORN

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

On October 25, 2021, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Doug Lamborn. 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 December 9, 2021, 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 Lamborn and Representative Lamborn's submission to the Committee.

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### STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE MARIE NEWMAN

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

On October 25, 2021, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Marie Newman. 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 December 9, 2021, 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 Newman and Representative Newman's submission to the Committee.

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### STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE JAMAAL BOWMAN

On February 7, 2022, the Committee released the attached Report regarding allegations relating to Representative Jamaal Bowman.

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#### STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE ALEX MOONEY

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 Alex Mooney, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on December 22, 2021.

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 Monday, May 23, 2022.

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## STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE ILHAN OMAR

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

On December 22, 2021, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding allegations that Representative Ilhan Omar may have omitted required information from her annual financial disclosure reports and may have received an advance payment on royalties relating to her memoir. In its referral, OCE unanimously recommended that the Committee dismiss the matter.

A majority of the Committee did not vote to dismiss the matter. Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(E) and Committee Rule 17A(g), the Committee hereby publishes OCE's Report relating to allegations against Representative Omar. OCE did not transmit findings to the Committee in this matter, so no findings are published.

House Rule XI, clause 3 and Committee Rule 17A provide for no specific further action. The Committee will not further review the matter.

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**April 1, 2022** 

### STATEMENT REGARDING THE INVESTIGATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE IN THE MATTER OF REPRESENTATIVE JEFF FORTENBERRY

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined to release the following statement regarding the Investigative Subcommittee in the Matter of Representative Jeff Fortenberry:

On October 19, 2021, criminal charges against Representative Jeff Fortenberry were filed in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. On November 17, 2021, in accordance with House Rule XI, clause 3, and Committee Rules 10(a)(2) and 18(e)(2), the Committee unanimously voted to establish an Investigative Subcommittee with jurisdiction to determine whether: Representative Fortenberry's 2016 congressional campaign may have accepted illegal contributions; and Representative Fortenberry engaged in a scheme to falsify and conceal material facts and/or made false statements, during a federal investigation into his campaign committee's alleged acceptance of illegal campaign contributions. The Department of Justice asked the Committee to defer consideration of the matters in the Investigative Subcommittee's jurisdiction. The Committee, following precedent, unanimously recommended to the Investigative Subcommittee that it defer action on its investigation at that time.

On March 24, 2022, Representative Fortenberry was convicted of one count of engaging in a scheme to falsify and conceal material facts and two counts of making false statements following a jury trial.

The House received Representative Fortenberry's notice of resignation on March 26, 2022, effective at the close of business on March 31, 2022. 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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### STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE RONNY JACKSON

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 Ronny Jackson, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on December 22, 2021.

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 Monday, May 23, 2022.

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## STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE JOHN RUTHERFORD

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 John Rutherford, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on February 28, 2022.

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, May 31, 2022.

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**April 14, 2022** 

## STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS SUOZZI

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 Thomas Suozzi, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on February 28, 2022.

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 Friday, July 29, 2022.

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### STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE PAT FALLON

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 Pat Fallon, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on March 2, 2022.

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, May 31, 2022.

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## STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE MADISON CAWTHORN

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 May 11, 2022, to establish an Investigative Subcommittee. Pursuant to the Committee's action, the Investigative Subcommittee shall have jurisdiction to determine whether Representative Madison Cawthorn may have: improperly promoted a cryptocurrency in which he may have had an undisclosed financial interest, and engaged in an improper relationship with an individual employed on his congressional staff.

The Honorable Veronica Escobar will serve as Chair 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 Lisa Blunt Rochester and the Honorable Michelle Fischbach.

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.

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# STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE MADISON CAWTHORN

On May 23, 2022, the Committee released the attached Report regarding allegations relating to Representative Madison Cawthorn.

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### STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE RONNY JACKSON

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

On December 22, 2021, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Ronny Jackson. 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 April 7, 2022, 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 Jackson and Representative Jackson's submission to the Committee.

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## STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE ALEX MOONEY

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

On December 22, 2021, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Alex Mooney. 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 jointly decided on February 7, 2022, 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 Mooney.

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### STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE PAT FALLON

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

On March 2, 2022, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Pat Fallon. 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 April 18, 2022, 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 Fallon and Representative Fallon's submission to the Committee.

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

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

On February 28, 2022, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Chris Jacobs. In its referral, OCE did not make a recommendation regarding the allegations because of a tie vote of the OCE Board. 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.

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Pursuant to Committee Rule 17A, the Committee hereby publishes OCE's Report relating to allegations against Representative Jacobs and Representative Jacobs' submission to the Committee. OCE did not transmit findings to the Committee in this matter, so no findings are published.

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May 31, 2022

### STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE JOHN RUTHERFORD

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

On February 28, 2022, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative John Rutherford. 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 April 14, 2022, 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 Rutherford and Representative Rutherford's submission to the Committee.

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

Pursuant to House Rule XI Clause 3(q)(1), today the Chairman of the Committee on Ethics, Representative Theodore E. Deutch, and the Ranking Member, Representative Jackie Walorski, submitted a report to the House of Representatives in the Matter of Allegations Relating to Delegate San Nicolas. The full Committee report includes the report of the Investigative Subcommittee (ISC) in this matter.

At the completion of its investigation, the ISC unanimously concluded that there was substantial evidence that Delegate San Nicolas: accepted improper excessive campaign contributions; engaged in a conspiracy to hide the proceeds of the illicit campaign contributions; knowingly caused his campaign committee to file false or incomplete reports with the Federal Election Commission; and attempted to improperly influence a witness in connection with this Committee's investigation. In light of the Delegate's impending retirement from the House and the potential for expiration of applicable statutes of limitations, the ISC recommended that the Committee refer these allegations to the Department of Justice.

The Committee on Ethics has unanimously voted to adopt the ISC's report, and with it, refer the substantial evidence of potential violations of federal criminal law to the Department of Justice for such further action as it deems appropriate.

The Committee thanks the members of the Investigative Subcommittee for their hard work, dedication, and service to the Committee and to the House. Representative Darren Soto served as Chair of the Investigative Subcommittee. Representative Jackie Walorski served as Ranking Republican Member. Representatives Dina Titus and Vicky Hartzler 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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### STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE JUDY CHU

On July 22, 2022, the Committee released the attached Report regarding allegations relating to Representative Judy Chu.

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# STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING THE ARRESTS OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE DURING A PROTEST OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT ON JULY 19, 2022

On July 29, 2022, the Committee released the attached Report regarding allegations relating to the arrests of Members of the House during a protest outside the United States Supreme Court on July 19, 2022.

Susan Wild, Pennsylvania Dean Phillips, Minnesota Veronica Escobar, Texas Mondaire Jones, New York

Michael Guest, Mississippi Dave Joyce, Ohio John H. Rutherford, Florida Kelly Armstrong, North Dakota



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# STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE PAT FALLON, REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS JACOBS, AND REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS SUOZZI

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

On February 28, 2022, and March 2, 2022, the Committee received referrals from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding allegations that Representative Pat Fallon, Representative Chris Jacobs, and Representative Thomas Suozzi may have failed to timely file Periodic Transaction Reports (PTRs) for various reportable transactions.

The Committee unanimously voted to dismiss the referrals. The Committee concluded that there was not clear evidence that the errors and omissions in the Members' PTRs were knowing or willful and that the Members were generally unclear on the requirements relating to PTR filings. The Committee has worked with each Member, and they have all made diligent efforts to take appropriate remedial actions and ensure their continued compliance with applicable financial disclosure requirements. The Committee previously published OCE's referrals relating to Representative Fallon and Representative Jacobs. Pursuant to Committee Rule 17A, the Committee hereby publishes OCE's Report and Findings relating to allegations against Representative Suozzi and Representative Suozzi's submission to the Committee.

The Committee takes the statutory financial disclosure requirements and its oversight of them very seriously. It is working to address various programmatic issues raised by these referrals and will publicly address them at a later date.

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### STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE ANDY LEVIN

On July 29, 2022, the Committee released the attached Report regarding allegations relating to Representative Andy Levin.



### COMMITTEE ON ETHICS Washington, DC 20515

FOR RELEASE: Upon Receipt August 4, 2022

#### STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF RANKING MEMBER JACKIE WALORSKI

The Committee on Ethics mourns the tragic loss of its Ranking Member, Representative Jackie Walorski. Representative Walorski first served as a Member of an investigative subcommittee in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, then became a Member of the full Committee in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress, and served as the Committee's Ranking Member in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Ranking Member Walorski demonstrated a commitment to upholding the integrity of the House throughout her service. The Committee is charged with overseeing the House's Code of Official Conduct, which provides first and foremost that Members shall act at all times in a manner that reflects creditably upon the House. Ranking Member Walorski embodied that standard through her consistent compassion, fairness, and dedication to public service and the institution. She will be deeply missed.

The Committee Members and staff extend our heartfelt condolences to the Ranking Member's family and staff, as well as to the families of her dedicated staff, Emma Thomson and Zach Potts, who also passed away.



### COMMITTEE ON ETHICS Washington, DC 20515

FOR RELEASE: Upon Receipt August 24, 2022

### STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE JOHN RUTHERFORD

On February 28, 2022, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics regarding allegations that Representative John Rutherford may have failed to timely file Periodic Transaction Reports (PTRs) for various reportable transactions.

The Committee voted to dismiss the referral. The Committee concluded that there was not clear evidence that the errors and omissions in Representative Rutherford's PTRs were knowing or willful and that he was generally unclear on the requirements relating to PTR filings. The Committee has worked with Representative Rutherford, and he has made diligent efforts to take appropriate remedial actions and ensure his continued compliance with applicable financial disclosure requirements.

The Committee takes the statutory financial disclosure requirements and its oversight of them very seriously. It is working to address various programmatic issues raised by the referral and will publicly address them at a later date.



### COMMITTEE ON ETHICS Washington, DC 20515

FOR RELEASE: Upon Receipt October 5, 2022

### STATEMENT REGARDING THE NEW LEADERSHIP FOR THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

For the remainder of the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) will be led by its new Acting Chairwoman Susan Wild and Acting Ranking Member Michael Guest. Both Acting Chairwoman Wild and Acting Ranking Member Guest have served on the Committee since the start of the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress. In that time, they have served in various Committee leadership roles, including leading investigative subcommittees and a working group. They look forward to working together to further the vital mission of the Committee.

The Committee wishes to acknowledge the leadership of its former Chairman Ted Deutch and its former Ranking Member the late Jackie Walorski.



### COMMITTEE ON ETHICS Washington, DC 20515

FOR RELEASE: Upon Receipt October 7, 2022

### STATEMENT OF THE ACTING CHAIRWOMAN AND ACTING RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE CAROLYN B. MALONEY

Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee Rules 17A(b)(1)(A), 17A(c)(1), and 17A(j), the Acting Chairwoman and Acting Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics have jointly decided to extend the matter regarding Representative Carolyn B. Maloney, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on June 23, 2022.

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 Monday, November 21, 2022.



#### **COMMITTEE ON ETHICS**

Washington, DC 20515

FOR RELEASE: Upon Receipt October 14, 2022

### STATEMENT OF THE ACTING CHAIRWOMAN AND ACTING RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE KAIALI'I KAHELE

Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee Rules 17A(b)(1)(A) and 17A(c)(1), the Acting Chairwoman and Acting Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics have jointly decided to extend the matter regarding Representative Kaiali'i Kahele, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on August 30, 2022.

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 November 28, 2022.



### COMMITTEE ON ETHICS Washington, DC 20515

FOR RELEASE: Upon Receipt November 21, 2022

### STATEMENT OF THE ACTING CHAIRWOMAN AND ACTING RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE CAROLYN B. MALONEY

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

On June 23, 2022, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Carolyn B. Maloney. Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee Rules 17A(b)(1)(A) and 17A(c)(1), the Acting Chairwoman and Acting Ranking Member jointly decided on October 7, 2022, 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 Maloney and Representative Maloney's submission to the Committee.



#### **COMMITTEE ON ETHICS**

Washington, DC 20515

FOR RELEASE: Upon Receipt November 28, 2022

### STATEMENT OF THE ACTING CHAIRWOMAN AND ACTING RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE KAIALI'I KAHELE

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

On August 30, 2022, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Kaiali'i Kahele. Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee Rules 17A(b)(1)(A) and 17A(c)(1), the Acting Chairwoman and Acting Ranking Member jointly decided on October 14, 2022, 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 Kahele and Representative Kahele's submission to the Committee.



### COMMITTEE ON ETHICS Washington, DC 20515

FOR RELEASE: Upon Receipt December 6, 2022

# STATEMENT OF THE ACTING CHAIRWOMAN AND ACTING RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE MADISON CAWTHORN

On December 6, 2022, the Committee released the attached Report regarding allegations relating to Representative Madison Cawthorn.



### COMMITTEE ON ETHICS Washington, DC 20515

FOR RELEASE: Upon Receipt December 7, 2022

### STATEMENT OF THE ACTING CHAIRWOMAN AND ACTING RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ

Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee Rules 17A(b)(1)(A), 17A(c)(1), and 17A(j), the Acting Chairwoman and Acting Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics have jointly decided to extend the matter regarding Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on June 23, 2022.

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 following its organizational meeting and adoption of Committee Rules in the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress.