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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ETHICS,
Washington, DC, November 12, 2024.

Hon. KEVIN MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. MCCUMBER: Pursuant to clauses 3(a)(2) and 3(b) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, we herewith transmit the attached report, "In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Victoria Spartz."

Sincerely,

MICHAEL GUEST,
Chairman.
SUSAN WILD,
Ranking Member.

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Mr. GUEST, from the Committee on Ethics,
submitted the following

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In accordance with rule 18(e)(2) of the Committee on Ethics (Committee) and rule XI, clause 3(b)(9) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee hereby submits the following Report to the House of Representatives:

I. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

On September 24, 2024, the Committee convened for the purpose of considering the July 11, 2024, misdemeanor charge filed against Representative Victoria Spartz, for carrying a weapon in an airport terminal at Washington Dulles International Airport in Virginia (Dulles).¹ The charges were filed in Loudoun County General District Court after Representative Spartz was cited on June 28, 2024, for traveling through Dulles security with an unloaded handgun. Representative Spartz informed the Committee she completed a gun safety course as part of an agreement for the charge to be dis-

¹The Committee was originally scheduled to discuss the matter during the week of July 29, 2024, within 30 days of the charge as required by Committee Rule 18(e)(2) and Rule XI, Clause 3(b)(9) of the Rules of the House of Representatives. Due to changes in the House calendar, the Committee was unable to consider the matter at that time. As a result, the Committee was unable to resolve the review until the onset of the general election “blackout period.” As a matter of longstanding practice, the Committee refrains from making public statements about matters in the 60 days prior to a federal, state, or local election in which the Respondent is a candidate. While House Rule XI, cl. 3(b)(9) and Committee Rule 18(e) do not address the impact of the “blackout period” on a candidate charged with criminal conduct, the Committee determined that, in the unique circumstances of this case, it would be unfair and contrary to the spirit of the rules to publish its Report prior to the general election.

missed.² On September 20, 2024, the charge was voluntarily dismissed through a *nolle prosequi* declaration.

The Committee voted against impanelling an investigative subcommittee in this matter. The Committee considered the scope and nature of the conduct described above and determined that review by an investigative subcommittee is not required.

The Committee has determined to take no further action in this matter, and upon publication of this Report, considers the matter closed.

II. STATEMENT UNDER HOUSE RULE XIII, CLAUSE 3(C)

The Committee made no special oversight findings in this Report. No budget statement is submitted. No funding is authorized by any measure in this Report.



²Additionally, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) charged Representative Spartz with a federal civil penalty for possessing a weapon in an airport terminal and Representative Spartz paid the required penalty amount.