

# APPENDIX IV

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**March 2, 2023**

**STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING  
REPRESENTATIVE ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ**

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Chairman and 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 Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee Rules 17A(b)(1)(A) and 17A(c)(1), the then Chairwoman and Acting Ranking Member jointly decided on December 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 Ocasio-Cortez and Representative Ocasio-Cortez's submission to the Committee.

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

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

In accordance with House Rule XI, clause 3, and Committee Rules 10(a)(2) and 16(d), the Committee unanimously voted on February 28, 2023, to establish an Investigative Subcommittee. Pursuant to the Committee's action, the Investigative Subcommittee shall have jurisdiction to determine whether Representative George Santos may have: engaged in unlawful activity with respect to his 2022 congressional campaign; failed to properly disclose required information on statements filed with the House; violated federal conflict of interest laws in connection with his role in a firm providing fiduciary services; and/or engaged in sexual misconduct towards an individual seeking employment in his congressional office.

The Honorable David Joyce will serve as Chair of the Investigative Subcommittee, and the Honorable Susan Wild will serve as the Ranking Member. The other two members of the Investigative Subcommittee are the Honorable John Rutherford and the Honorable Glenn Ivey.

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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**June 22, 2023**

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

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined on June 22, 2023, to release the following statement:

On February 28, 2023, the Committee voted to establish an Investigative Subcommittee (ISC) with jurisdiction to determine whether Representative George Santos may have: engaged in unlawful activity with respect to his 2022 congressional campaign; failed to properly disclose required information on statements filed with the House; violated federal conflict of interest laws in connection with his role in a firm providing fiduciary services; and/or engaged in sexual misconduct towards an individual seeking employment in his congressional office.

The ISC is actively working to resolve this matter in an expeditious timeframe and has issued over 30 subpoenas and more than 40 voluntary requests for information. As required by House and Committee rules, the ISC's work is confidential and the Committee will not release its findings prior to the conclusion of the ISC process.

On May 9, 2023, Representative Santos was indicted on federal charges in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Most of the charges in the indictment were already in the jurisdiction of the ISC. In accordance with House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(9) and Committee Rule 18(e), the Committee voted to expand the jurisdiction of the ISC's inquiry to include counts IX-XI of the indictment, allegations that Representative Santos fraudulently obtained unemployment insurance benefits.

The Committee is aware of the risks associated with dual investigations and is in communication with the Department of Justice to mitigate the potential risks while still meeting the Committee's obligations to safeguard the integrity of the House.

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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**October 31, 2023**

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

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

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

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

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

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**November 9, 2023**

### **STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE SHEILA CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK**

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 Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on September 25, 2023.

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 Wednesday, December 27, 2023.

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**November 16, 2023**

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

Pursuant to House Rule XI Clause 3(q)(1), today the Chairman of the Committee on Ethics, Representative Michael Guest, and the Ranking Member, Representative Susan Wild, submitted a report to the House of Representatives in the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative George Santos. 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 Representative George Santos: knowingly caused his campaign committee to file false or incomplete reports with the Federal Election Commission; used campaign funds for personal purposes; engaged in fraudulent conduct in connection with RedStone Strategies LLC; and engaged in knowing and willful violations of the Ethics in Government Act as it relates to his Financial Disclosure (FD) Statements filed with the House. In light of the ongoing criminal investigation into Representative Santos, and the ISC's findings of additional uncharged and unlawful conduct by Representative Santos, the ISC recommended that the Committee immediately refer these allegations to the Department of Justice.

The Committee 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 concurs with the ISC's determination that Representative Santos' conduct warrants public condemnation, is beneath the dignity of the office, and has brought severe discredit upon the House.

The Committee thanks the Committee staff and the Members of the Investigative Subcommittee for their hard work, dedication, and service to the Committee and to the House. Representative David P. Joyce served as Chair of the Investigative Subcommittee. Representative Susan Wild served as Ranking Democratic Member. Representative John H. Rutherford and Representative Glenn F. Ivey also served on the Subcommittee.

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**November 22, 2023**

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

On October 26, 2023, Representative Jamaal Bowman was charged by the D.C. Attorney General's Office with a misdemeanor violation of making a false alarm of fire. Pursuant to Committee Rule 18(e)(2) and House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(9), within 30 days of a Member being indicted or otherwise formally charged with criminal conduct, the Committee shall either establish an Investigative Subcommittee ("ISC") or report to the House describing its reasons for not establishing an ISC.

Pursuant to Committee Rule 10(a), establishment of an ISC and a report to the House regarding the conduct of a Member both require an affirmative vote of a majority of the Members of the Committee. A majority of the Members of the Committee did not agree to establish an ISC or report to the House regarding Representative Bowman's conduct.

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**December 27, 2023**

### **STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE SHEILA CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK**

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 17A, 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 Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick violated the Code of Official Conduct or any law, rule, regulation, or other applicable standard of conduct in the performance of her duties or the discharge of her responsibilities, with respect to allegations that she may have violated campaign finance laws and regulations in connection with her 2022 special election and/or 2022 re-election campaigns; failed to properly disclose required information on statements required to be filed with the House; and/or accepted voluntary services for official work from an individual not employed in her congressional office.

The Honorable Andrew R. Garbarino will serve as the Chair of the Investigative Subcommittee, and the Honorable Chrissy Houlahan will serve as the Ranking Member. The other two members of the Investigative Subcommittee are the Honorable Cliff Bentz and the Honorable Troy A. Carter.

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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**January 25, 2024**

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

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

The Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding allegations that Representative Jamaal Bowman may have willfully or knowingly given a false alarm of fire within the District of Columbia and may have obstructed or attempted to impede an official House proceeding. In its referral, OCE unanimously recommended that the Committee further review allegations that Representative Bowman gave a false fire alarm and dismiss allegations that he obstructed or attempted to impede an official House proceeding.

The Committee independently reviewed the allegations that are the subject of OCE's referral, pursuant to Committee Rule 18(a). While the Committee's review was ongoing, on October 26, 2023, Representative Bowman pled guilty in the District of Columbia Superior Court to knowingly and willfully giving a false fire alarm, pursuant to a deferred sentencing agreement. Under the terms of the agreement, Representative Bowman was required to write a letter of apology to the Chief of the U.S. Capitol Police, pay a \$1,000 fine, and make a \$50 contribution to the Crime Victims Compensation Fund.

Pursuant to Committee Rule 18(e)(2) and House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(9), within 30 days of a Member being indicted or otherwise formally charged with criminal conduct, the Committee shall either establish an Investigative Subcommittee (ISC) or report to the House describing its reasons for not establishing an ISC. On November 22, 2023, the Committee announced that a majority of the Members of the Committee did not agree to establish an ISC or issue a report to the House. At that time, some Members of the Committee thought it was appropriate to impanel an ISC immediately, while other Members of the Committee thought that any action should wait until OCE made its referral.

On December 7, 2023, a majority of the House of Representatives voted to censure Representative Bowman for his conduct. The [censure resolution](#) included language that Representative Bowman knowingly caused a false fire alarm, forced the evacuation of the Cannon House Office building, and disrupted the work of the House.

On December 11, 2023, OCE transmitted its referral recommending that the Committee further review allegations that Representative Bowman gave a false fire alarm.

In light of the House's intervening censure of Representative Bowman, the Committee determined that further review of Representative Bowman's conduct would be moot. The Committee has separately confirmed that Representative Bowman has complied with the relevant terms of his deferred sentencing agreement.

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

Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(E) and Committee Rule 17A(g), the Committee hereby publishes OCE's Report and Findings.

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**March 26, 2024**

## **STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE TROY E. NEHLS**

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 Troy E. Nehls, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on December 11, 2023.

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, May 10, 2024.

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**May 9, 2024**

### **STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE WESLEY HUNT**

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 Wesley Hunt, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on March 25, 2024.

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, June 24, 2024.

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**May 9, 2024**

### **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), and 17A(c)(1), 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 March 25, 2024.

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, June 24, 2024.

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**May 10, 2024**

### **STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE TROY E. NEHLS**

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

On December 11, 2023, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Troy E. Nehls. 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 March 26, 2024, 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 Nehls and Representative Nehls' submission to the Committee.

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**May 29, 2024**

### **STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE HENRY CUELLAR**

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

On April 30, 2024, criminal charges against Representative Henry Cuellar were filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas. Pursuant to Committee Rule 18(e)(2) and House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(9), 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 Cuellar solicited or accepted bribes, gratuities, or improper gifts; acted as a foreign agent; violated federal money laundering laws; misused his official position for private gain; and/or made false statements or omissions on public disclosure statements filed with the House.

The Honorable Michael Guest will serve as Chair of the Investigative Subcommittee, and the Honorable Glenn Ivey will serve as the Ranking Member. The other two members of the Investigative Subcommittee are the Honorable Ben Cline and the Honorable Madeleine Dean.

The Committee is aware of the risks associated with dual investigations and is in communication with the Department of Justice to mitigate the potential risks while still meeting the Committee's obligations to safeguard the integrity of the House. No other public comment will be made on this matter except in accordance with Committee rules.

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**June 5, 2024**

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

On June 5, 2024, the Committee released the attached Report regarding allegations relating to Representative Bill Huizenga.

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**June 18, 2024**

### **STATEMENT REGARDING THE MATTER OF REPRESENTATIVE MATT GAETZ**

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined to release the following statement:

On April 9, 2021, the Committee announced it had initiated a review into 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 deferred its consideration of the matter in response to a request from the Department of Justice (DOJ). In May 2023, the Committee reauthorized its investigation after DOJ withdrew its deferral request.

There has been a significant and unusual amount of public reporting on the Committee's activities this Congress. Much of that reporting has been inaccurate. The Committee's investigations are conducted confidentially, but the Committee's confidentiality rules do not prohibit witnesses from disclosing information about the Committee's requests or conversations with Committee investigators. The Committee is confident in the integrity of its process.

Representative Gaetz has categorically denied all of the allegations before the Committee. Notwithstanding the difficulty in obtaining relevant information from Representative Gaetz and others, the Committee has spoken with more than a dozen witnesses, issued 25 subpoenas, and reviewed thousands of pages of documents in this matter. Based on its review to date, the Committee has determined that certain of the allegations merit continued review. During the course of its investigation, the Committee has also identified additional allegations that merit review.

Accordingly, the Committee is reviewing allegations pursuant to Committee Rules 14(a)(3) and 18(a) that Representative Gaetz may have: engaged in sexual misconduct and illicit drug use, accepted improper gifts, dispensed special privileges and favors to individuals with whom he had a personal relationship, and sought to obstruct government investigations of his conduct. The Committee will take no further action at this time on the allegations that he may have shared inappropriate images or videos on the House floor, misused state identification records, converted campaign funds to personal use, and/or accepted a bribe or improper gratuity.

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 24, 2024**

### STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE WESLEY HUNT

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

On March 25, 2024, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Wesley Hunt. 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 May 9, 2024, 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 Hunt and Representative Hunt's submission to the Committee.

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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 March 25, 2024, 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), the Chairman and Ranking Member jointly decided on May 9, 2024, 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.

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**June 25, 2024**

### STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE SHEILA CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK

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

On December 27, 2023, the Committee announced it had voted to establish an Investigative Subcommittee (ISC) with jurisdiction to determine whether Representative Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick may have: violated campaign finance laws and regulations in connection with her 2022 special election and/or 2022 re-election campaigns; failed to properly disclose required information on statements required to be filed with the House; and/or accepted voluntary services for official work from an individual not employed in her congressional office. In its December 27, 2023, announcement, the Committee explained it had determined to take this action based upon a review of a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding these same matters. On May 29, 2024, OCE transmitted an additional referral to the Committee regarding allegations involving Representative Cherfilus-McCormick.

In accordance with House Rule XI, clause 3(o)(2), and Committee Rule 19(d), the Committee voted to expand the jurisdiction of the ISC's inquiry regarding Representative Cherfilus-McCormick to include allegations based upon a review of OCE's additional referral. Specifically, the ISC's inquiry was expanded to include: Whether Representative Cherfilus-McCormick violated the Code of Official Conduct or any law, rule, regulation, or other standard of conduct applicable to the performance of her duties or the discharge of her responsibilities, with respect to allegations that Representative Cherfilus-McCormick: (1) engaged in improper conduct in connection with community project funding requests; (2) misused official funds for campaign purposes; and/or (3) violated campaign finance laws and regulations in connection with her 2024 re-election campaign.

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 SHEILA CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK**

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 25, 2023, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick. 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 25, 2023.

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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**November 12, 2024**

## **STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE VICTORIA SPARTZ**

On November 12, 2024, the Committee released the attached Report regarding allegations relating to Representative Victoria Spartz.

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**November 18, 2024**

**STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MEMBER  
OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING  
REPRESENTATIVE ANDY OGLES**

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 of the Committee on Ethics have jointly decided to extend the matter regarding Representative Andy Ogles, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on August 2, 2024.

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 January 2, 2025.

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**December 5, 2024**

**STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS  
REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE MATT GAETZ**

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined to release the following statement:

The Committee met today to discuss the matter of Representative Matt Gaetz. The Committee is continuing to discuss the matter. There will be no further statements other than in accordance with Committee and House Rules.

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**December 16, 2024**

### STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE CORY MILLS

Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee Rules 17A(b)(1)(A) and 17A(c)(1), the Committee on Ethics has extended the matter regarding Representative Cory Mills, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on August 29, 2024.

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 119th Congress.

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**December 23, 2024**

**STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE  
MATT GAETZ**

On December 23, 2024, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) released the attached Report regarding allegations relating to Representative Matt Gaetz.

The Committee previously noted that there has been a significant and unusual amount of reporting on its activities during its review of the matter of Representative Gaetz, and much of that reporting has been inaccurate. The Committee's investigations are conducted confidentially, but the Committee's confidentiality rules do not prohibit witnesses from disclosing information about the Committee's requests or conversations with Committee investigators. To the extent that any of the public reporting on this matter came from unauthorized disclosures of confidential Committee information, we strongly condemn such unauthorized disclosures, which are damaging and harmful to the Committee's work.

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**December 23, 2024**

**STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE  
MICHAEL MCCAUL**

On December 23, 2024, the Committee released the attached Report regarding allegations relating to Representative Michael McCaul.

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**December 30, 2024**

### STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING CERTAIN INVESTIGATIVE MATTERS INVOLVING ALLEGATIONS OF PERSONAL USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS

The Committee on Ethics (Committee) has investigated allegations that several Members may have used campaign funds for purposes that are not legitimate and verifiable. The Committee has now unanimously determined to close several such investigative matters, including those relating to allegations referred by the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) involving Representative Sanford Bishop, Representative Wesley Hunt, Representative Ronny Jackson, and Representative Alexander Mooney, in addition to other confidential matters that have been under review.

Clause 6 of the Code of Official Conduct provides that Members “may not convert campaign funds to personal use in excess of an amount representing reimbursement for legitimate and verifiable campaign expenditures,” and generally “may not expend funds from a campaign account of such individual that are not attributable to bona fide campaign or political purposes.” Federal campaign finance law also prohibits the personal use of campaign funds and the Federal Election Commission (FEC) has issued regulations and guidance relating to the definition of “personal use.” The Committee’s longstanding guidance notes that the requirement under clause 6 that expenditures be “verifiable” is “separate from, and in addition to, whatever record requirements are imposed by the [FEC].” Although Members have “wide discretion” in determining what constitutes a bona fide campaign or political purpose for which campaign funds and resources may be devoted, the Committee has cautioned that “Members have no discretion whatsoever to convert campaign funds to personal use.” In a recent report, however, the Committee noted that existing law and guidance from the FEC is often ambiguous and provides for significant gray areas of spending, and that it is apparent that the House community would benefit from updated guidance on personal use of campaign funds and related recordkeeping requirements. Accordingly, the Committee is now releasing such guidance.

In several of the matters that the Committee is resolving, there was evidence that the Member’s campaign did not fully comply with the applicable standards relating to personal use of campaign funds, as well as reporting or recordkeeping requirements for campaign expenditures. However, there was no evidence that any Member intentionally misused campaign funds for their personal benefit. The Committee has contacted relevant Members to provide them with a copy of the updated guidance as well as specific findings and recommendations with respect to that Member’s campaign activity. The Committee will take no further action in those matters and will consider them closed.

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**January 2, 2025**

**STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING  
REPRESENTATIVE SHEILA CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK**

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined to release the following statement regarding the Investigative Subcommittee in the Matter of Representative Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick:

On September 25, 2023, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick. The matter referred by OCE is currently within the jurisdiction of the Investigative Subcommittee (ISC).

On September 25, 2024, pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(B)(iii) and Committee Rule 17A(f)(2), the Committee released OCE's Report. 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 OCE's Report is made public, the Committee shall make public any findings of OCE's Board on the last day of that Congress. Accordingly, the Committee is making public OCE's Findings in the matter referred to the Committee on September 25, 2023.

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

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**January 2, 2025**

## STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE ANDY OGLES

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined to release the following statement:

On August 2, 2024, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) regarding Representative Andy Ogles. 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 November 18, 2024, 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 Ogles.

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