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

On March 17, 2026, the adjudicatory subcommittee in the matter of Representative Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick met in executive session to hear arguments on Respondent's motion to stay the adjudicatory proceedings past the pending criminal proceedings and motion to hold any adjudicatory hearing in executive session. After careful deliberation, the adjudicatory subcommittee voted unanimously to deny both motions. The matter of Representative Cherfilus-McCormick has been before the Committee since September 2023. Further delay of the matter would not serve the interests of justice. Moreover, holding the entire hearing in executive session at this phase of the proceedings would depart from Committee precedent, limit public transparency around these serious allegations, and do nothing to safeguard the House's integrity.

Therefore, the adjudicatory subcommittee will proceed with its previously-scheduled public hearing on March 26, 2026, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in 1310 Longworth House Office Building. At that hearing, the adjudicatory subcommittee will consider a motion for summary judgment in the matter. The Committee intends to make the motion for summary judgment publicly available twenty-four hours before the hearing.

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