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The Honorable Michael Guest
Adjudicatory Subcommittee Chairman
The Honorable Mark DeSaulnier
Adjudicatory Subcommittee Ranking Member
1015 Longworth House Building
Washington, DC 20515

In re: Consideration of Sanctions Relating to Representative Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick

Dear Chairman Guest and Ranking Member DeSaulnier:

On behalf of WOMEN OF VETERAN AFFAIRS, INC., I write with respect to the Committee's consideration of potential sanctions involving our Congresswoman, Representative Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick.

We recognize and respect the independent authority of the Committee on Ethics under Article I of the Constitution. We do not seek to interfere with the Committee's work. Rather, we respectfully urge careful consideration of the consequences of expulsion, particularly in light of the immediate and lasting harm it would cause to the people of Florida's 20th Congressional District.

Expulsion would result in the loss of representation for more than 700,000 constituents, leaving our communities without a voice in Congress at a critical time.

The timing of such a decision further amplifies this harm. Our district is currently navigating a high-stakes redistricting period, during which continued representation is essential. The loss of a sitting Member would weaken the district's ability to advocate for itself and protect its interests when those interests are most vulnerable.

At its core, this is about the people. The voters of Florida's 20th Congressional District must retain the ability to determine their representation through the democratic process. Premature expulsion would override that right and effectively disenfranchise the very

communities the House is meant to serve.

We also note that expulsion is the most severe sanction available to the House and has historically been reserved for extraordinary circumstances. The House maintains a range of disciplinary tools that can ensure accountability without removing representation from an entire district.

Our Congresswoman has remained an active and engaged advocate for the district, delivering resources and advancing policies that directly impact the lives of residents across Florida's 20th Congressional District. The work of representation is ongoing and should not be interrupted in a manner that silences an entire district.

There is no urgent justification to take the extraordinary step of expulsion at this time, particularly when doing so would deprive the district of its voice during a consequential period.

We therefore respectfully urge the Committee to consider proportionate alternatives that ensure accountability, while preserving representation for the people of Florida's 20th Congressional District.

This request is grounded in a commitment to fairness, democratic principles, and the protection of our community's voice at a critical time.

We appreciate your consideration and your continued commitment to the integrity of the House and the people it serves.

Respectfully,

Linda Hugley
President