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September 15, 2011

The Honorable Daniel E. Lungren
Chairman
Committee on House Administration
1309 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with the regulations of the Committee on House Administration, I am submitting herewith three copies of the monthly report for August including:

1. Summary of Progress and projected programs;
2. Statements of Expenses under H.R. 131 (112th Congress, 1st Session);
3. A listing of Committee employees showing addresses, duties, and gross monthly salaries; and
4. A report of travel.

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HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

This letter certifies that copies of this report are available to each Member of the Committee on Ethics.

Sincerely,

Jo Bonner
Chairman

Enclosures

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

August 2011

The Committee continued to fulfill its responsibilities to advise and educate Members and staff on the laws, rules, and standards of conduct. (An enumeration of those laws and rules is found in H. Rep. 111-707, *Summary of Activities, One Hundred Eleventh Congress, A Report of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct*, 111th Cong., 2d Sess. (Jan. 3, 2011).) As a general matter, the Committee's activities in receiving and responding to requests for advice from House Members and staff are conducted on a confidential basis. The Committee received 48 requests for advisory opinions in August of 2011. Advisory materials the Committee has publicly released are available on the Committee's Web site, at <http://ethics.house.gov/>.

In accordance with the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 112th Congress, the Committee continued to review and approve requests to accept privately-sponsored, officially-connected travel. The Committee received 140 such requests in August of 2011.

In addition, the Committee is required under the House rules to offer annual ethics training to each Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer and employee of the House. Such training is mandatory for all House officers and employees, and new officers or employees must receive training not later than 60 days after beginning service to the House. The Committee continued to provide such training in August of 2011. The Committee provided live training sessions attended by 177 individuals in August of 2011. The Committee also continued to provide training online, through a number of training videos. Additional information about the calendar of upcoming in-person training sessions and online training opportunities is available on the Committee's Web site, at <http://ethics.house.gov/>.

The Committee made a public announcement and released a Committee report on August 5, 2011, with respect to the investigatory matter regarding Representative Luis V. Gutierrez, that the Committee voted against empanelling an investigative subcommittee.

The Committee made a public announcement and released an Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) report and Representative Gregory W. Meeks' response on August 5, 2011, with respect to the pending investigatory matter regarding Representative Meeks. The Committee announced that it unanimously voted to (1) accept the OCE's recommendation to dismiss an allegation that Representative Meeks received an improper loan in 2010 and to (2) accept the OCE's recommendation for further review of an allegation that Representative Meeks failed to disclose a payment he received in 2007 in a timely manner. The Committee is continuing to review that allegation.

The Committee made a public announcement and released a Committee report on August 5, 2011, with respect to the pending investigatory matter regarding Representative Jean Schmidt, that the Committee unanimously voted to release a public Report finding that Representative Schmidt did not knowingly violate any provision of the Code of Official Conduct or any law, rule, regulation, or other standard of conduct with respect to the receipt of gifts. The Committee has given Representative Schmidt guidance on how to appropriately repay certain legal bills.

The Committee made a public announcement and released a Committee report on August 5, 2011, with respect to the investigatory matter regarding Gregory Hill, that the Committee unanimously voted to release a public Report finding that Mr. Hill did not knowingly violate any provision of the Code of Official Conduct or any law, rule, regulation, or other standard of conduct with respect to the acceptance of excess outside income. The Committee will take no further action and considers this matter closed.

The Committee made a public announcement and released a Committee report and Letter of Repeval on August 5, 2011, with respect to the pending investigatory matter regarding Michael Collins, that the Committee unanimously determined that Mr. Collins violated House rules, laws, regulations or other standards of conduct and brought discredit upon the House of Representatives. The Committee unanimously voted to issue a letter of reproof to Mr. Collins and require that he pay a \$1,000 fine. In addition, Mr. Collins must take certain steps to remedy the violations.

These statements are available on the Committee's Web site, at <http://ethics.house.gov/>.

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United States House of Representatives

Committee on Ethics

Fund Balance Statement as of 8/31/2011

All BOC codes

Resolution: 131

Report Done: 9/12/2011

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

Less Expenses

Total Authorization

\$2,824,535.12

Year	Month
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2011 January \$184,024.95

2011 February \$191,136.87

2011 March \$185,941.30

2011 April \$151,552.94

2011 May \$165,458.58

2011 June \$160,287.90

2011 July \$181,183.68

2011 August \$246,591.70

Total Committee Expenses to Date \$1,466,177.92

Unexpended Authorization \$1,358,357.20

Committee on Ethics

H. Res. Resolution: 131

Statement of expenses from 8/1/2011 to 8/31/2011

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

Report Done: Monday, September 12, 2011

Category	August 2011	Cumulative For Funding Resolution: 131	8/31/2011
Staff Salaries	\$235,757.31	\$1,403,303.50	
Overtime	\$1,245.72	\$2,039.83	
Consultant Contracts	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Equipment	\$775.00	\$6,411.05	
Travel	\$167.39	\$167.39	
Rent, Communications and Utilities	\$4,264.48	\$21,470.99	
Printing and Reproduction	\$2,192.07	\$2,871.82	
Miscellaneous Other Services	\$0.00	\$13,016.47	
Specialized Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Training Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Representational Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Supplies and Materials	\$2,189.73	\$16,896.87	
Grand Total	\$246,591.70	\$1,466,177.92	

Committee on Ethics

H. Res. Resolution: 131F

Statement of expenses from 8/1/2011 to 8/31/2011

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

Report Done: Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Category	August 2011	Cumulative For Funding Resolution: 131F	8/31/2011
Staff Salaries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Overtime	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Consultant Contracts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rent, Communications and Utilities	\$123.96	\$528.23	\$528.23
Printing and Reproduction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Other Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Specialized Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Representational Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies and Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total	\$123.96	\$528.23	

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

AUGUST 2011

STANDING COMMITTEE STAFF

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>ADDRESSES</u>	<u>DUTIES</u>	<u>MONTHLY SALARIES</u>
Deborah Bethea	Washington, DC	Senior Financial Disclosure Manager	9,876.98
Brittany Bohren	Washington, DC	Investigative Clerk	833.34 (June)
Brittany Bohren	Washington, DC	Investigative Clerk	3,333.33
Sheria Clarke	Woodbridge, VA	Counsel	10,000.00
Frank Davies	McLean, VA	Senior Investigator	8,755.00
Teri K. Dees	Washington, DC	Counsel	10,000.00
Carol Dixon	Washington, DC	Director of Advice And Education	12,916.67
Robert Eskridge	Washington, DC	Counsel	4,152.78 (July)
Robert Eskridge	Washington, DC	Counsel	9,583.33
Donna Hayes	Hyattsville, MD	Staff Assistant	2,753.63
Peter L. Johnson	Alexandria, VA	System & Financial Disclosure Admin.	7,275.89
Heather Jones	Arlington, VA	Senior Counsel	11,666.67
Deborah Mayer	Arlington, VA	Director of Investigations	6,027.78 (July)
Deborah Mayer	Arlington, VA	Director of Investigations	12,916.67
Patrick McMullen	Washington, DC	Counsel	9,583.33

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>ADDRESSES</u>	<u>DUTIES</u>	<u>MONTHLY SALARIES</u>
Tamar Nedzar	Alexandria, VA	Counsel	9,583.33
Thomas A. Rust	Arlington, VA	Senior Counsel	11,666.67
Daniel A. Schwager	Washington, DC	Staff Director/Chief Counsel	14,375.00
Matthew Scott	Washington, DC	Staff Assistant	2,708.33
Clifford Stoddard, Jr.	Clinton, MD	Senior Counsel	11,666.67
Kelle Strickland	Arlington, VA	Counsel to the Chairman	11,951.67
Christopher Tate	Arlington, VA	Counsel	4,152.78 (July)
Christopher Tate	Arlington, VA	Counsel	9,583.33
Daniel Taylor	Arlington, VA	Counsel to the Ranking Member	11,951.67
Miguel Toruño	Washington, DC	Senior Counsel	11,666.67
Kaitlin Vogt	Washington, DC	Staff Assistant	2,500.00
Joanne White	Ft. Wash., MD	Administrative Staff Director	9,942.46
<u>Overtime</u>			
Brittany Bohren (June)	86.54		
Brittany Bohren	728.36		
Kaitlin Vogt	108.17		
Joanne White	322.65		

Travel Performed: Committee on Ethics

8/1/2011 to 8/31/2011

Travel Order	Traveler	Begin	End	purpose	Pay #	Date	Transportation	Per_Diem	Other	Total	remarks
112-01	Amelia Peterson			Official Business		8/15/2011	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$27.39	\$167.39	
Totals							\$140.00	\$0.00	\$27.39	\$167.39	