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October 13, 2009

The Honorable Robert Brady
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 September including:

1. Summary of Progress and projected programs;
2. Statement of Expense under H.R. 279 (111th Congress, 1st Session); and
3. A listing of Committee employees showing addresses, duties, and gross monthly salaries

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

Sincerely,



Zoe Lofgren
Chair

Enclosures

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

September 2009

The Committee continued to fulfill its responsibilities to advise and educate Members and staff on the laws, rules and standards of official conduct. (An enumeration of those laws and rules is found in H. Rep. 110-938, *Summary of Activities, One Hundred Tenth Congress, A Report of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct*, 110th Cong., 2d Sess. (Jan. 3, 2009).) 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 46 requests for advisory opinions in September of 2009.

In accordance with the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 111th Congress, the Committee continued to review and approve privately sponsored, officially connected travel. The Committee received 69 such requests in September of 2009. 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 September of 2009. The Committee provided training sessions attended by 194 individuals in September of 2009.

The Committee continued to fulfill its investigatory responsibilities, and publicly announced action with respect to several investigations.

Rep. Sam Graves. The Committee voted unanimously on September 15, 2009, to extend the matter regarding Representative Sam Graves, which was referred to the Committee from the Office of Congressional Ethics, for a 45-day period pursuant to Rules 17A(b)(1)(B) and 17A(3)(c).

The Committee voted to extend the matter for two reasons. First, the Office of Congressional Ethics did not find a "substantial reason to believe" that there was a substantive violation of any provision of the Code of Official Conduct or any law, rule, regulation, or other standard of conduct applicable to Representative Graves' conduct in the performance of his duties or the discharge of his responsibilities. Nevertheless, it referred the matter to the Committee for further review. Second, the Committee identified materials in the Office of Congressional Ethics' report and findings that may contain exculpatory evidence, which OCE never provided to Representative Graves. The Committee voted unanimously to extend this matter to provide Representative Graves with potentially exculpatory materials, which the Committee understands, in the interests of justice, should have been provided to Representative Graves pursuant to Office of Congressional Ethics Rule 4(F). Additionally, Committee Rule 25 requires the Committee to disclose these materials to Representative Graves.

Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr. Pursuant to Committee Rule 18, the Committee has been investigating whether Representative Jesse Jackson, Jr., or an agent of Representative Jackson, may have offered to raise funds for then-Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich in return for the appointment of Representative Jackson to the Illinois Senate seat vacated by President Barack Obama.

During the course of the Committee's investigation, the Committee received a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics regarding this same matter. The Committee has also been in communication with the Department of Justice relating to the criminal indictment against Rod Blagojevich and investigation into the facts surrounding Rod Blagojevich's consideration of multiple candidates to fill the vacant Senate seat.

The Department of Justice has asked the Committee to defer consideration of this matter and the Committee, following precedent, unanimously voted to defer consideration of this matter at this time.

The Committee will continue to monitor the situation and will consider pursuing avenues of inquiry that it concludes do not interfere with the activities of the Department of Justice. At least annually, the Committee will make a public statement if it continues to defer taking action on the matter. The Committee reserves the right to assert its jurisdiction if, in its determination, a violation of House rules, code, or other laws under its jurisdiction are discovered that will not interfere with the Department of Justice's activities.

Rep. Maxine Waters. The Committee voted unanimously to extend the matter regarding Representative Maxine Waters, which was referred to this Committee from the Office of Congressional Ethics, for a 45-day period pursuant to Rules 17A(b)(1)(B) and 17A(b)(3)(c). Before or by the end of this 45-day period, the Committee will announce its course of action in this matter.

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United States House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
Fund Balance Statement as of 9/30/2009

All BOC codes

Resolution: 279

Report Done: 10/13/2009

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

Less Expenses

Total Authorization \$2,735,247.00

Year Month	
2009 January	\$133,847.97
2009 February	\$145,514.71
2009 March	\$166,502.65
2009 April	\$166,458.23
2009 May	\$159,343.73
2009 June	\$163,857.19
2009 July	\$169,680.38
2009 August	\$180,341.03
2009 September	\$219,977.45
Total Committee Expenses to Date	\$1,505,523.34
Unexpended Authorization	\$1,229,723.66

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

H. Res. Resolution: 279

Statement of expenses from 9/1/2009 to 9/30/2009

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

Report Done: Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Category	September 2009	Cumulative For Funding Resolution: 279	9/30/2009
Staff Salaries	\$206,247.00	\$1,432,106.44	
Overtime	\$0.00	\$226.09	
Transit Benefits	\$0.00	\$2,028.61	
Consultant Contracts	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Equipment	\$495.00	\$7,286.40	
Travel	\$14.00	\$552.72	
Rent, Communications and Utilities	\$3,839.26	\$16,119.00	
Printing and Reproduction	\$63.80	\$2,031.10	
Miscellaneous Other Services	\$1,837.83	\$17,392.62	
Specialized Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Training Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Representational Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Supplies and Materials	\$7,480.56	\$27,780.36	
Grand Total	\$219,977.45	\$1,505,523.34	

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

H. Res. Resolution: 279F

Statement of expenses from 9/1/2009 to 9/30/2009

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

Report Done: Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Category	September 2009	Cumulative For Funding Resolution: 279F	9/30/2009
Staff Salaries	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Overtime	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Consultant Contracts	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Rent, Communications and Utilities	\$148.54	\$584.10	
Printing and Reproduction	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous Other Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Specialized Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Training Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Representational Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Supplies and Materials	\$0.00	\$86.36	
Grand Total	\$148.54	\$670.46	

United States House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
Fund Balance Statement as of 9/30/2009

All BOC codes

Resolution: 279F

Report Done: 10/13/2009

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

Less Expenses

Total Authorization \$5,000.00

Year	Month	
2009	January	\$143.81
2009	February	\$86.36
2009	March	\$54.01
2009	April	\$23.88
2009	May	\$79.97
2009	June	\$22.08
2009	July	\$79.25
2009	August	\$32.56
2009	September	\$148.54
Total Committee Expenses to Date		\$670.46
Unexpended Authorization		\$4,329.54

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

September 2009

STANDING COMMITTEE STAFF

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>ADDRESSES</u>	<u>DUTIES</u>	<u>MONTHLY SALARIES</u>
Kenyen Brown	White Plains, MD	Director of Advice And Education	\$14,224.67
Blake Chisam	Arlington, VA	Chief Counsel/Staff Director	14,375.00
Sheria Clarke	Woodbridge, VA	Counsel	2,722.22
Sheria Clarke	Woodbridge, VA	Counsel	5,833.33
Frank Davies	McLean, VA	Senior Investigator	8,500.00
Carol Dixon	Washington, DC	Counsel	12,482.32
Donna Hayes	Hyattsville, MD	Staff Assistant	2,753.63
John V. Jesaitis	Washington, DC	Committee Investigative Staff	5,000.00
Peter L. Johnson	Alexandria, VA	System & Financial Disclosure Admin.	7,063.97
Morgan Kim	Arlington, VA	Deputy Chief Counsel	2,714.13
Morgan Kim	Arlington, VA	Deputy Chief Counsel	13,570.67
Paulicia Larkin	Alexandria, VA	Staff Assistant	3,231.91
Susan Olson	Arlington, VA	Counsel	12,482.32
Deborah Peay	Washington, DC	Senior Financial Disclosure Manager	9,589.30
Margaret Perl	Falls Church, VA	Counsel	10,640.00
Thomas A. Rust	Arlington, VA	Counsel	8,055.56

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>ADDRESSES</u>	<u>DUTIES</u>	<u>SALARIES</u>
Donald Sherman	Washington, DC	Counsel	6,250.00
Stan Simpson	Takoma Park, MD	Director of Financial Disclosure Review	11,172.00
Tonia Smith	Baltimore, MD	Counsel	11,172.00
Clifford Stoddard, Jr.	Clinton, MD	Counsel	8,333.33
Daniel Taylor	Arlington, VA	Counsel	2,761.11
Daniel Taylor	Arlington, VA	Counsel to the Chair	11,833.33
Todd Ungerecht	Herndon, VA	Counsel to the Ranking Republican Member	11,833.33
Joanne White	Ft. Wash., MD	Administrative Staff Director	9,652.87