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# U.S. House of Representatives

#### **COMMITTEE ON ETHICS**

September 17, 2012

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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. 496 (112<sup>th</sup> Congress, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session); and Statement of Expenses under H.R. 131 (112<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Session); and
- 3. A listing of Committee employees showing addresses, duties, and gross monthly salaries.
- 4. A report of travel.

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

Jo Bonner Chairman

Enclosures

#### **COMMITTEE ON ETHICS**

#### August 2012

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*, 111<sup>th</sup> 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 32 requests for advisory opinions in August of 2012. 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 112<sup>th</sup> Congress, the Committee continued to review and approve requests to accept privately-sponsored, officially-connected travel. The Committee received 41 such requests in August of 2012.

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 2012. The Committee provided live training sessions attended by 151 individuals in August of 2012. 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 <a href="http://ethics.house.gov/">http://ethics.house.gov/</a>.

The Committee released a general advisory on August 17, 2012, Periodic Reporting of Personal Financial Transactions Pursuant to the STOCK Act, as amended. The general advisory is available on the Committee's Web site, at <a href="http://ethics.house.gov/">http://ethics.house.gov/</a>.

The Committee released four public statements regarding investigative matters in August of 2012. The Chairman and Ranking Member submitted a report to the House of Representatives in the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Laura Richardson, and recommended the House adopt the report and with it a reprimand of Representative Richardson. The Acting Chairman Bob Goodlatte and Acting Ranking Member John Yarmuth in the Matter of Representative Maxine Waters released a public statement, on August 2, 2012, that the Committee voted unanimously to extend the contract of William R. Martin as outside counsel. The Chairman and Ranking Member released a public statement on August 7, 2012, regarding S. 3510 and Periodic Transaction Reports (PTRs), explaining changes to the STOCK Act, S. 2038. The Chairman and Ranking Member released a public statement on August 31, 2012, regarding Representative Robert Andrews that they jointly decided to extend the matter and publish the

Office of Congressional Ethics' Report and Findings. The public statements and reports are available on the Committee's Web site, at <a href="http://ethics.house.gov/">http://ethics.house.gov/</a>.

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#### **Committee on Ethics**

H. Res. Resolution: 496

Statement of expenses from 8/1/2012 to 8/31/2012

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

Report Done: Monday, September 17, 2012

Category	August 2012	Cumulative For Funding Resolution: 496	8/31/2012
Staff Salaries	\$218,189.74	\$1,729,961.48	
Overtime	\$196.52	\$905.95	
Consultant Contracts	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Equipment	\$775.00	\$8,169.76	
Travel	\$435.13	\$7,326.81	
Rent, Communications and Utilities	\$2,035.52	\$14,436.85	
Printing and Reproduction	\$422.34	\$617.34	
Miscellaneous Other Services	\$97,269.58	\$496,989.58	
Specialized Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Training Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Representational Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Supplies and Materials	\$5,911.13	\$16,388.47	
Grand Total	\$325,234.96	\$2,274,796.24	

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## Committee on Ethics

## Fund Balance Statement as of 8/31/2012

#### All BOC codes

Resolution: 496

Report Done: 9/17/2012

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

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	Total Authorization	\$3,393,775.00
Year Month		
2012 January		\$205,381.09
2012 February		\$222,738.76
2012 March		\$284,475.06
2012 April		\$221,515.50
2012 May		\$408,477.09
2012 June		\$290,517.03
2012 July		\$316,456.75
2012 August		\$325,234.96
Total Committee Expenses	s to Date	\$2,274,796.24
Unexpended Authorization		\$1,118,978.76

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#### Committee on Ethics

#### Fund Balance Statement as of 8/31/2012

#### All BOC codes

Resolution: 496F

Report Done: 9/17/2012

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

Less Expenses

Total Authorization	\$5,000.00

Year Month	
2012 January	\$41.06
2012 February	\$25.28
2012 March	\$38.92
2012 April	\$66.21
2012 May	\$120.02
2012 June	\$18.29
2012 July	\$3,267.15
2012 August	\$117.68
Total Committee Expenses to Date	\$3,694.61
Unexpended Authorization	\$1,305.39

#### **Committee on Ethics**

H. Res. Resolution: 496F

Statement of expenses from 8/1/2012 to 8/31/2012

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

Report Done: Monday, September 17, 2012

	August	Cumulative For Funding	8/31/2012
Category	2012	Resolution: 496F	
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	\$117.68	\$3,694.61	
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	\$0.00	
Grand Total	\$117.68	\$3,694.61	

#### **COMMITTEE ON ETHICS**

#### **AUGUST 2012**

#### STANDING COMMITTEE STAFF

NAMES	ADDRESSES	<u>DUTIES</u>	MONTHLY SALARIES
Craig Barber		System Administrator	6,250.00
Deborah Bethea		Senior Financial Disclosure Manager	9,876.98
Brittany Bohren		Investigative Clerk	3,506.41
Ambar Canales		Staff Assistant	2,731.77
Sheria Clarke		Counsel	10,000.00
Frank Davies		Senior Investigator	8,755.00
Teri K. Dees		Counsel	10,000.00
Carol Dixon		Director of Advice And Education	12,916.67
Robert Eskridge		Counsel	9,583.33
Donna Hayes		Staff Assistant	2,753.63
Heather Jones		Senior Counsel	11,666.67
Deborah Mayer		Director of Investigations	12,916.67
Patrick McMullen		Counsel	9,940.33

<u>NAMES</u>	ADDRESSES	<u>DUTIES</u>	MONTHLY SALARIES
Tamar Nedzar		Counsel	9,583.33
Thomas A. Rust		Senior Counsel	11,666.67
Daniel A. Schwager		Staff Director/Chief Counsel	14,375.00
Matthew Scott		Staff Assistant	2,708.33
Clifford Stoddard, Jr.		Senior Counsel	11,666.67
Kelle Strickland		Counsel to the Chairman	11,951.67
Christopher Tate		Counsel	9,583.33
Daniel Taylor		Counsel to the Ranking Member	11,951.67
Miguel Toruño		Senior Counsel	11,666.67
Hallie Tosher		Staff Assistant	2,500.00
Joanne White		Administrative Staff Director	10,192.46

#### **Committee on Ethics**

H. Res. Resolution: 131

Statement of expenses from 8/1/2012 to 8/31/2012

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

Report Done: Monday, September 17, 2012

Category	August 2012	Cumulative For Funding Resolution: 131	8/31/2012
Staff Salaries	\$0.00	\$2,303,548.75	
Overtime	\$0.00	\$7,132.95	
Consultant Contracts	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Equipment	\$0.00	\$12,910.17	
Travel	\$0.00	\$1,866.79	
Rent, Communications and Utilities	\$0.00	\$37,324.77	
Printing and Reproduction	\$0.00	\$3,923.77	
Miscellaneous Other Services	\$0.00	\$348,402.48	
Specialized Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Training Expenses	\$0.00	\$60.00	
Representational Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Supplies and Materials	\$448.21	\$55,829.84	
Grand Total	\$448.21	\$2,770,999.52	

# United States House of Representatives

# Committee on Ethics

## Fund Balance Statement as of 8/31/2012

#### All BOC codes

Resolution: 131

Report Done: 9/17/2012

Whole Committee - Funding Lim	iit		
Less Expenses		Total Authorization	\$2,824,535.12
	Year Month		
	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
	2011 September		\$230,505.32
	2011 October		\$234,431.49
	2011 November		\$401,594.98
	2011 December		\$286,576.11
	2012 January		\$90,326.60
	2012 February		\$2,253.14
	2012 March		\$57,133.27
	2012 April		\$326.97
	2012 June		\$1,225.51
	2012 August		\$448.21
	Total Committee Expenses	s to Date	\$2,770,999.52
	Unexpended Authorization		\$53,535.60

# 8/1/2012 to 8/31/2012

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112B-11	Witness 2012-06	7/31/2012	Official Business	112B-26	8/2/2012	\$263.60	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$263.60	
112B-12	Frank Davies	8/22/2012 8/23/2012 Official B	2 Official Business	112B-31	8/31/2012	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$171.53	\$171.53	
				Totals		\$263.60	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$171.53	\$435.13	