EXHIBIT 1
Training for Members on Ethics Laws, Rules, and Standards of Conduct

Presented by the Committee on Ethics
U.S. House of Representatives

117th Congress
The Ethics Committee and its Functions

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- Non-partisan staff:
  - Advise and provide training and guidance on ethics laws, rules, and standards of conduct
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  - Investigate possible violations by Members, officers, and employees
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- Gifts from relatives
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- With Committee permission, you may be able to retain the gift for official use.
Attendance at Events

“Free attendance” at certain types of events may be accepted under the rule:

- Charity Events
- Campaign or Political Events
- Widely Attended Events
- Receptions

Gift bags are permitted only if otherwise acceptable under the gift rule.
Widely Attended & Charity Events

Widely Attended Events
- Attendance connected to official duties
- Open to the public or at least 25 non-Hill attendees

Charity Events
- Sponsored by a 501(c)(3) non-profit
- May accept free attendance only from the sponsor
Receptions & Campaign Events

Receptions
- Food or refreshments of a nominal value
- Cannot constitute a meal

Campaign or Political Events
- Sponsored by a 527 organization
- Invitation must come directly from the 527
Solicitations

- General prohibition \textit{against} most solicitations (5 U.S.C. § 7353)

- Permissible charitable solicitations
  - Must be in your personal capacity
  - On your own time
  - Not using official resources
  - No solicitations of lobbyists or foreign agents
  - No implied official endorsement
  - No direct personal benefit to soliciting individual
Travel
Privately-sponsored Travel

- *Each* traveler must obtain prior, written approval from the Ethics Committee.

- Request must be submitted at least **30 days** before start date of the trip.

  • There are significant restrictions on accepting travel expenses from private entities that *retain* or *employ* lobbyists or foreign
Pre-Approval Exceptions

Committee pre-approval not required for travel paid for using:

- House funds (MRA or committee funds)
- Federal campaign funds, provided your travel is reported to the FEC
- U.S. federal, state, or local government funds
  - Public (state) university funds
Travel from Foreign Government

Special rules and disclosure requirements for travel funded by foreign governments:

- MECEA (Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act)
- FGDA (Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act)
  - Committee pre-approval not required for either
  - FGDA travel must be reported to Committee on special form within 30 days
Private Planes

- Significant restrictions on the use of campaign or personal funds to pay for flights on privately-owned aircraft

- Call the Ethics Committee before flying

- Prior Ethics approval may be required to accept a gift of private plane travel

- Disclosure may be required
Campaign Activity

- Same Rules apply to all Members and House staff.
- Rules apply in both election and non-election years.
- Rules generally apply to *any* campaign (Presidential, House, local, etc.).
- Rules apply to paid and volunteer campaign staff.
Exceptions for Certain Campaign-Related Activities

Common sense exceptions to the prohibition on use of official resources:

- scheduling
- handling press calls
- referrals to campaign office
- providing official materials
**Official Use of Campaign Funds**

- **General rule:** Campaign funds may be used for some expenses of a Member’s personal office or a committee on which the Member serves.

- **Permitted official uses:**

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Do Not Use Material, Nonpublic Information
May constitute INSIDER TRADING.
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Prohibitions on Outside Positions

Members *may not* serve as an officer or director of any:

- Public company, defined by the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934; or
- Company traded on a foreign market.
- There are NO exceptions to these restrictions.

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- Entity that receives funding from a federal agency, jurisdiction of which falls within a committee on which a Member sits; or
- Entity that is regulated by a federal agency, jurisdiction of which falls within a committee on which a Member sits.
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Earned Income and Other Restrictions

Members may not—

- **All Members** are limited in the amount of outside income they may earn (2021: $29,595)
- Permit a firm that provides *fiduciary services* to *use your name*
- Receive —
  - compensation for serving as an *officer or director* of any entity
    - Includes both for-profit and non-profit organizations
  - payment for performing services involving a *fiduciary relationship*
- Fiduciary Professions: *Legal, real estate, consulting and advising (including lobbying), insurance, medicine,* financial services, and similar positions where you hold a position of trust

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Post Employment Restrictions

- Former Members may not communicate or appear before the House or Senate on behalf of third party seeking official action for a year.

- Current Members and staff *may not* aid former Members and staff in violating the post-employment restrictions.

- Members and senior staff must disclose negotiations with private entities.

- Members and senior staff may be required to recuse from related official matters.
Financial Disclosure
Financial Disclosure Statements

- Due date is May 15th

- You must have at least one employee in your personal office who files an FD. Must be either –
  - senior staff rate ($132,552) for 60 days or more, or
  - A Principal Assistant: An employee you select to file a financial disclosure (if no employee paid at senior staff rate)

- Committee staff are able to prescreen your FD prior to filing

- You may use your MRA to compensate someone to prepare your FD

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FD and PTR:
Whose Assets Must be Reported?

On both annual FD and PTR, report assets (and transactions in assets) owned wholly or in part by:

You
Your spouse, or
Your dependent children
  Under age 21, unmarried, & living with you (or in college) or
  Claimed as dependent on your federal taxes
Call or Write Before Acting

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1015 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515
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(202) 225-7392 (fax)
website: ethics.house.gov

All communications are confidential
Good faith reliance on written Committee opinions protects you from sanctions under House rules
EXHIBIT 2
Ethics Training for Members-Elect

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Important Benchmarks for New Members

- Members ARE subject to the federal bribery and illegal gratuity statutes BEFORE swearing in

- Members are subject to the House ethics rules and the STOCK ACT UPON swearing in

- Wind down outside business within 90 days

- Staff must complete ethics training within first 60 days

- Annual Financial Disclosure Statement due May 17th
Official Resources

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TRAVEL
Privately-Sponsored Travel

- Each traveler must obtain **prior, written approval** from the House Ethics Committee
- Request must be submitted 30 days prior to the trip
- Travel Rules and Forms available on the Committee’s Web site

- Committee pre-approval **not** required for travel paid for using:
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  - Federal, state, or local government funds (includes domestic public university funds)
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- Statutes permitting:
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CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY
Permissible Uses of Campaign Funds During Your Transition

- As a general rule, you may continue to use your campaign funds for *bona fide* expenses you incur in preparing to take office. (Always check with the FEC regarding proper use of campaign funds.)

- Such expenses may include those for
  - Transition staff
  - Transition supplies & equipment
  - Transition office space
  - Travel
  - Expenses incurred in moving to Washington, DC (both office and personal effects)
Campaign Rules Overview

Maintain a bright line between House office and campaign activity

Limited overlap exceptions:

1. Staff that handle the Member’s schedule may coordinate with campaign

2. Press team may answer incidental campaign questions during official interview, but should not initiate discussion of campaign issues

Call if ever in doubt
Official Use of Campaign Funds

**General rule**: Campaign funds may be used for some official expenses—however

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OUTSIDE BUSINESS OR ACTIVITIES
Business Interests: Begin Wind-Down NOW

Benchmark: Within first 90 days

Start planning your transition now
• *May* need to
  • Change business name,
  • Change business structure, or
  • Sell or divest from a business
• Committee counsel available to discuss your particular situation and requirements
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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE
Financial Disclosure Statements

- **Benchmark:** Must file each May 15, (May 17th in 2021)

- Additional reporting requirements for Member FD versus candidate FD:
  - Transactions
  - Liabilities on personal residence
  - Gifts & travel received *after* sworn in to Congress

- You must have at least one employee in your personal office who files an FD. Must be either -
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Periodic Transaction Reports (PTRs)

Benchmark: Applies to transactions executed on or after your swearing-in date

- Requirement applies to Members and senior staff
- Reporting of securities transactions only (stocks, bonds, options, futures, other securities) and only transactions valued at more than $1,000
- Transactions reported on the PTR must also be reported on the annual FD
- You must file a PTR *not more than 45 days* from the date of the transaction
- Graduated late fee structure for late PTRs—can result in thousands of dollars in late fees (!)

**NO EXTENSIONS ALLOWED!**
Do not file a report of “no activity”
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Washington, DC 20515
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- Permit a firm that provides **fiduciary services** to **use your name**
- Receive —
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    - Includes both for-profit and non-profit organizations
  - payment for performing services involving a **fiduciary relationship**
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Do NOT represent an outside organization in a matter if the Federal government is a party or has an interest.
Do NOT lobby or aid outside organizations in the lobbying of Congress or the Executive Branch. - *18 U.S.C. §§ 203 & 205; House Rule 25, clause 6.*
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Financial Disclosure
Financial Disclosure Statements

- Due date is May 15th

- You must have at least one employee in your personal office who files an FD. Must be either –
  • senior staff rate ($127,914) for 60 days or more, or
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Your spouse, or
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  Claimed as dependent on your federal taxes
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    - We keep a record of all inquiries
  - Review Financial Disclosure filings (staff are available to perform prescreens)
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- Avoid *ex parte* communications
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- Members are subject to the House ethics rules and the STOCK ACT UPON swearing in

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- Annual Financial Disclosure Statement due May 15th
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- Official resource is anything paid for with an appropriation (including your staff)
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  - Foreign government funds (only as authorized by law)
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- Statutes permitting:
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CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY
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- As a general rule, you may continue to use your campaign funds for *bona fide* expenses you incur in preparing to take office. (Always check with the FEC regarding proper use of campaign funds.)

- Such expenses may include those for
  - Transition staff
  - Transition supplies & equipment
  - Transition office space
  - Travel
  - Expenses incurred in moving to Washington, DC (both office and personal effects)
Campaign Rules Overview

Maintain a bright line between House office and campaign activity

*Limited overlap exceptions:*

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*Call if ever in doubt*
**Official Use of Campaign Funds**

**General rule:** Campaign funds may be used for some official expenses—*however*

House Rules specifically **prohibit** Members from using campaign funds for the following official expenses:

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- Office space
- Furniture
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Some clearly prohibited personal expenses:

☒ Normal living expenses (food, clothing, shelter)
☒ Vacation expenses
☒ Tickets to shows and sporting events
  (unless part of a bona fide campaign event)
☒ Country club or health club dues

  Members may never borrow from their campaign account
OUTSIDE BUSINESS OR ACTIVITIES
Business Interests: Begin Wind-Down NOW

Benchmark: Within first 90 days

Start planning your transition now

• *May* need to
  • Change business name,
  • Change business structure, or
  • Sell or divest from a business

• Committee counsel available to discuss your particular situation and requirements
Earned Income and Other Restrictions

- All Members are limited in the amount of outside income they may earn (2018: $28,050)
- Members may not—
  - Permit a firm that provides fiduciary services to use your name
- Receive —
  - compensation for serving as an officer or director of any entity
    - Includes both for-profit and non-profit organizations
  - payment for performing services involving a fiduciary relationship
- Fiduciary Professions: Legal, real estate, consulting and advising (including lobbying), insurance, medicine, *financial services, and similar positions where you hold a position of trust

*Note: There are special rules for Members who are also medical doctors
Other Outside Activities

Honoraria: Members may not receive an honorarium (i.e., payment for a speech, article, or appearance), but may have up to $2,000 donated directly to a charity.

Teaching: Members may not teach for compensation unless they first get written permission from the Ethics Committee for each semester of teaching.

Writing: Members must receive prior Committee approval for any book contract. Members may not receive an advance on copyright royalties.
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
General Principles

- Do not allow compensation to accrue to your personal benefit from improper use of House position. - *House Rule 23, clause 3*

- Do not accept benefits for you or your family under circumstances that appear to influence your governmental duties. - *Code of Ethics for Government Service ¶ 5*

- No "special favors" to anyone, based on personal, business, or political relationships. - *Code of Ethics for Government Service ¶ 5*

- Do not use official position or confidential information for personal gain. - *Code of Ethics for Government Service ¶ 8*

- Do not use official House resources for personal or campaign activities. - *31 U.S.C. § 1301*
Official Activity

Voting in the House

- You MUST vote on each question put, UNLESS you have a direct personal or pecuniary interest in the matter. - House Rule 3, clause 1.

Other House Actions

- You MUST use "added circumspection" on all other official actions (sponsoring a bill, advocating for or participating in House committee action, contacting an executive branch agency, etc.).

- Possible Solutions include recusal or referral to another Member office, committee with jurisdiction, or Senate office.

  BUT: do NOT advocate to that other office.

- REMINDER: Your staff acts on your behalf and you may be held liable for their actions.

Earmarks & Financial Interest Certification

- You MUST certify that neither you nor your spouse has a personal financial interest in a requested earmark or limited tax or tariff benefit. The Committee of jurisdiction over the bill determines if earmark or tariff benefit.
Personal Activity

Do Not Contract with Federal Government


No Lobbying or Representational Contacts

• Do NOT represent an outside organization in a matter if the Federal government is a party or has an interest.
• Do NOT lobby or aid outside organizations in the lobbying of Congress or the Executive Branch. 18 U.S.C. §§ 203 & 205; House Rule 25, clause 6.
• SPOUSE CANNOT lobby you or your staff if, spouse is a registered federal lobbyist. House Rule 25, clause 7.

Do Not Use Material, Nonpublic Information

• May constitute INSIDER TRADING.
• SEC definition of “public” not obvious or clear.

Do NOT Participate in an IPO

Benchmark: Members are subject to the STOCK ACT UPON swearing in
Post-Employment Restrictions

- Former Members may not communicate or appear before the House or Senate on behalf of third party seeking official action for a year

- Current Members and staff *may not* aid former Members and staff in violating the post-employment restrictions

- Members and senior staff must disclose negotiations with private entities

- Members and senior staff may be required to recuse from related official matters
FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE
Financial Disclosure Statements

- **Benchmark:** Must file each May 15

- Additional reporting requirements for Member FD versus candidate FD:
  - Transactions
  - Liabilities on personal residence
  - Gifts & travel received *after* sworn in to Congress

- You must have at least one employee in your personal office who files an FD. Must be either -
  - senior staff rate ($126,148) for 60 days or more, or
  - A Principal Assistant: An employee you select to file a financial disclosure (if no employee paid at senior staff rate)

- Committee staff are able to prescreen your FD prior to filing
- You may use your MRA to compensate someone to prepare your FD
Periodic Transaction Reports (PTRs)

Benchmark: Applies to transactions executed on or after your swearing-in date

- Requirement applies to Members and senior staff
- Reporting of securities transactions only (stocks, bonds, options, futures, other securities) and only transactions valued at more than $1,000
- Transactions reported on the PTR must also be reported on the annual FD
- You must file a PTR not more than 45 days from the date of the transaction
- Graduated late fee structure for late PTRs—can result in thousands of dollars in late fees (!)

NO EXTENSIONS ALLOWED!
Do not file a report of “no activity”
FD and PTR:
Whose Assets Must be Reported?

On both annual FD and PTR, report assets (and transactions in assets) owned wholly or in part by:

- You
- Your spouse, or
- Your dependent children
  - Under age 21, unmarried, & living with you (or in college) or
  - Claimed as dependent on your federal taxes
Call or Write Before Acting

House Committee on Ethics
Office of Advice and Education
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (office) (202) 225-7392 (fax)
www.ethics.house.gov

- All communications are confidential
- Law states that no one is placed at risk by seeking Committee advice about future conduct
- Good faith reliance on written Committee opinions protects you from sanctions under House rules
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Sure thing.

Just make sure that in each instance where 100% of the stock was sold, then the sale is reported on Schedule B (Transactions), and stock is still be listed on Schedule A, with a value of “None” (representing the fact that no value was held in the stock as of 12/31/2020).

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