| Paul Solis: | I just want to know if anybody of the current staff has explained to you or not whether Ethics Committee lawyers have come in and talked to the current staff about- |
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| Former Staffer 2: | Like what y'all are doing now? |
| Paul Solis: | No, no, about use of official staff time, and- |
| Former Staffer 2: | I don't know about that. |
| Paul Solis: | Okay. |
| Former Staffer 2: | I haven't heard about that. |
| Paul Solis: | I guess lastly, I'll just ask have you spoken to anybody in Representative Garrett's office about our review, any current staffers? |
| Former Staffer 2: | Nope. |
| Paul Solis: | What about Representative Garrett himself? |
| Former Staffer 2: | Nope. |
| Paul Solis: | Has he reached out to you about our review, or anyone representing him? |
| Former Staffer 2: | No, nope. |
| Paul Solis: | Do you know who represents him in anyway? Do you know if he has a lawyer? |
| Former Staffer 2: | I don't know if he has a lawyer. |
| Paul Solis: | What about former staffers? Have you talked to any former staffers about the fact that I reached out to you, or that they've been contacted by me? |
| Former Staffer 2: | I haven't contacted anybody. I think Jimmy, in passing, may have said that he thinks Ethics is going to do stuff, but this is back ... This is weeks ago. |
| Paul Solis: | What did he say about that? |
| Former Staffer 2: | He said that Ethics is going to open up an investigation. That was it, that was the extent of it. |
| Paul Solis: | That's the only thing he said to you about it? |

Former Staffer 2: Yeah, pretty much. I can't ... This was weeks ago though. This was well before you contacted me. This was like a week before the Politico article came out or something.

Paul Solis: $\quad$ He told you this over the phone or in person?
Former Staffer 2: I do not remember.
Paul Solis: Or text?
Former Staffer 2: Don't think it was over text. Might have been in person, might ... It would have been in person, because we don't ... Well, he calls a lot, but it would have probably been in a group setting. I don't know.

Paul Solis: Did he say why he thought Ethics was going to be doing something on this?

Former Staffer 2: No.

Paul Solis: $\quad$ Did he say how he knew?
Former Staffer 2: No.

Paul Solis: He just declared Ethics was going to do something about this.
Former Staffer 2: Mm-hmm (affirmative), that's ... Going back to your questions about my communication with Congressman Garrett, as far as what you're doing, this official process, I've had zero communication with him about it, even before that. Closest thing that I ever had with him was as soon as that article came out, prior to him even saying he was not running again, all right? So there was kind of like a week limbo. I told him ... He talked about a lawyer, and I was like, "you probably should get one. " He was like, "I haven't done anything." I was like, "Yeah, I know you haven't done anything, but DC ..." And that's why Jimmy . . . going back to Jimmy talking about it happening, same reason why the article was leaked in the first place.

From our perspective, once the machinations of the government are put over your head, they do not stop. I deal with federal investigations and prosecutions for a living. This isn't a prosecution, this is an ethics thing. It's an investigation. Once leadership has pushed a narrative into the public sphere that it percolates its way into your office, it will not stop until it is done. If he stepped out, or didn't run again, which is what they wanted, NRCC wanted, then the chances of it going nuclear, and you could say, "What would that even be?" Nothing, but if you plaster it all in the media, in politics it doesn't matter if it's true or not. Do you have the resources to
do defend yourself? Not in a court, not in an ethics things, but in the media.

Tom was an underfunded candidate, right? He had the least amount of fundraising in all of congress, so he had no ability, and the NRCC, and Jimmy and leadership knew, know that if this type of stuff, that article, pick another article ... You can write an article about whatever you want. They wrote an article about Jimmy leaving the office. That wasn't newsworthy, but they wrote it. Once that starts, and it's a public plastered witch hunt, you better either get out of the way or get some funds, what have you.

So when Jimmy mentioned it, it was obvious. When that article hit, it was like, "That'll probably be an Ethics investigation." Ethics has been investigating stuff since I got there, you know? I mean, look at Blake Farenthold. Look at all the Me Too Movement, and sexual harassment that's gone through both chambers. Look at Trent Franks, look what they did to him. When I say "they" . . . wasn't y'all, it was Paul Ryan saying, "You need to get out, or we're going to turn it into something." Whether there's substance in all of these or not, if you pull back the curtain on any of these offices, you're going to find a lot. This isn't a story in my view, but Jimmy made it clear. He was like, "Oh, this will probably be a ... This will be an Ethics investigation."

That's to your original question. Your original question was how did he bring it up? It was in reference to the article. He was like, "Tom's going to need to get out, or their going to open up an ethics." And I told him, "They're not going to find anything Jimmy." And he goes, "Yeah, but it doesn't matter. He needs to get out, or we're going to lose the district. He's going to lose his seat. He'll be embarrassed, and he won't be able to win." So, that's how that conversation was had. It's been had in pieces multiple times.

Paul Solis: Jimmy agreed with you when you said there was nothing there?
Former Staffer 2: He did the ... No, he pulled the ...he pulled the ... He pulled like, "I don't know, there might be." Kind of like, "I don't know if there is nothing there. There is stuff there." I'm like, "Okay, well I don't ..." I'm not fluent in ethics, or congressional ethics, I mean as far as the code. What applies to it, and what doesn't. What that can be. Ethics is not inherently criminal. I mean, sometimes it is, sometimes it's not, right? Sometimes you can be unethical, and just be a regular person. It's DC, there's plenty of that, right?

I'm from a criminal component, there's nothing there. Because unless you're mixing funds, and using stuff in ways ... unless there's funds issues, from what I ... I mean, not the only way, there's plenty of ways to do it, but
he didn't say there was nothing there. I didn't ask him if there was anything there is what my answer should be. My answer should be: I didn't ask him if there was anything there. I declaratively said that "this was a witch hunt." Not from y'all's perspective, but from other ... Y'all are doing your job, I'm not saying you guys, I'm saying the spot light was put over Tom for a reason, and this is BS. I was very defensive of that, because I found it to be inappropriate. I thought it was sad, and I think it's sad. Y'all are just doing your job at this point, but there are reasons why we're even sitting here. That's the way I would frame it.

Paul Solis: And I, again, just want to be very, very clear when I asked you if you've spoken to anybody at all, current staffers, former staffers, Representative Garrett about our-

Former Staffer 2: This?
Paul Solis: ... yeah, our review.
Former Staffer 2: No.
Paul Solis: $\quad$ Spoken to nobody about it?
Former Staffer 2: Y'all emailed Tanner Hirschfeld a couple of days ago, and he sent me a .. and said, "Have you gotten this?" And I said ... I said ... He texted, and then he asked for me to call, so it was over the phone. I said, "I did get that a few weeks ago." Because you had contacted me originally weeks ago. I told him, "You can do whatever. I'm not ..." He said, "Are you going to talk to them?" And I said, "I don't know." You know? Tanner's the only person that knows that this is happening, but he had been ... you contacted him, and he contacted me, because he's assuming, I guess, that if he's being contacted, somebody else is getting contacted. So, that's the only person. That is the only person.

Paul Solis: He texted you?
Former Staffer 2: Yes.
Paul Solis: And you called him back.
Former Staffer 2: Yes.
Paul Solis: $\quad$ How long did you talk?
Former Staffer 2: Two minutes, one minute, less than a minute. I don't know, very quick.
Paul Solis: And he asked you if you were going to speak with us?

Former Staffer 2: He asked me if he needs to speak with you, and I said-
Paul Solis: What did you tell him?
Former Staffer 2: ... I said, "From what I understand, you don't have to talk to them." I said, "You can do whatever you want." I said, "You're not being subpoenaed. You don't work there, but you can talk to them." And he said, "Well, are you talking to them?" And I said, "I don't know." I said, honestly I said, "Probably not."

Paul Solis: And how many days ago did you speak to Tanner?
Former Staffer 2: I think it was maybe two days ago, or three days ago, maybe two or three days ago.

Paul Solis: You spoke to him since then?

Former Staffer 2: Yeah, but not about this. I mean, we're real good friends. We went on vacation together like three weeks ago.

Paul Solis: I just want to be very clear-
Former Staffer 2: I'm answering this because I got to answer that, and-
Paul Solis: Yep.
Former Staffer 2: ... and I know that you asked me to keep it confidential, but when it was brought to me in that fashion, I wasn't affirmatively telling somebody, "Hey, I've been contacted." But he sent me, I think might have been a Snapshot. It was a similar email, and he contacted me. So, I'm sorry that might have blown the confidentiality component of this, but generally speaking, that is the only person I've discussed this.

Paul Solis: Okay. You said generally speaking-
Former Staffer 2: I'm saying the larger concept of an ethics investigation is known.
Paul Solis: About . . in a similar fashion to what happened to Tanner, have you ever talked to Representative Garrett-

Former Staffer 2: Nope, absolutely not. Absolutely not.
Paul Solis: ... about the fact that I reached out to you or-
Former Staffer 2: No, absolutely not. I haven't talked to Tom that much really since he said he wasn't running again.

| Paul Solis: | And nobody from his current staff you've talked to about our review? |
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| Former Staffer 2: | No one. |
| Paul Solis: | Okay, I think that is really all I have. Ali did you have any questions for <br> Former Staffer 2? |
| Ali Bazzi: | I just want to clarify one thing. You had mentioned that some of the <br> allegations in the article were out of context. Your interpretation of <br> walking a dog was something that you would have wanted to do- |
| Former Staffer 2: | Or others wanted to do. I mean, a lot of people are like, "Oh, come sit <br> here." You know, they want to be with the dog. |
| Ali Bazzi: | So, I guess my question was, are you aware of any kind of staffers who <br> might have not interpreted it that way, or expressed frustration about it? |
| Paul Solis: | I do not know. I don't, I don't know. |
| Paul Solis: | Well, all right Former Staffer 2, that's all we have for you, so thank you <br> very much. |
| Former Staffer 2: | Thank you. |

## EXHIBIT 7

To whom it may concern at the House Office of Congressional Ethics:

In response to a call and subsequent email from Paul Solis, I wanted to provide this document to formally express my willingness to meet with your office and respond to your request for pertinent materials, as well as provide some background that may be useful.

First, and as I told Paul, I am re-joining Rep. Garrett's office in my former role of Deputy Chief of Staff and Communications Director. For transparency's sake I wanted to make sure you understand this - not that it changes your approach, but as a testament that if I bought into or was aware of questionable behavior previously, I would not be coming back. I consider the Congressman both a friend and mentor of sorts and highly valued my time with him.

I initially met Rep. Garrett when I ran for Congress against him in the 2016 primary. After he secured the GOP nomination, he asked me to join his team for the general election at which point I spent nearly every day for the next several months traveling the district with him. Following our election victory, he asked me to join him back on Capitol Hill. As the end of 2017 approached, I was burnt out from the hill and had hit a ceiling with my growth for the office so I took a great opportunity elsewhere. However, in light of everything that has happened and knowing staff will be jumping ship in the months to come with an outgoing member, I agreed to come back and try to help the office maintain a level of constituent engagement and stability to make sure his last few months go as smoothly as possible.

With regard to your request for pertinent documents to include texts, emails, memos, and the like in relation to personal requests for staff - I quite simply do not have any. I have been gone from his office for nearly a year now and even have a new personal phone with my old one wiped and sold. That is not to say I previously had anything that would have been of use to you because to my knowledge, I had none. However, at this late stage, I do not possess any old text threads from my time either on the campaign or official side with the Congressman.

To address the articles that came out, I wanted to highlight a few things that stood out to me that I know to be patently false. But I will preface it by saying that l'd be hard-pressed to find an office on the hill that doesn't have disgruntled current or former staff. On that note, I believe there were things staff or interns volunteered to do that were not asked of them and other personnel that may be bitter for some reason or other anonymously went on record to get back at the office by taking things out of context. Finally, I would add that we had an unusual office in that, most of our original staff were like a family having worked the campaign side by side and grown a very close and personal relationship with both Congressman Garrett and his wife Flanna. This relationship afforded a different environment than many offices are accustomed to and new staff that came in later may have not quite understood that.

My issues are as follows:

- I read somewhere that Rep. Garrett drank on the job. Not sure if it was a blog or elsewhere. I know with absolute truth that never happened during my tenure with him on the campaign or official side - it is an attempt to smear his character but it is false.
- The Congressman never made anyone drive around his family. I remember only one time where an intern drove his daughters somewhere - but that particular intern is one of the most eager and ambitious people I have ever worked with (and continues to be working on numerous campaigns) but he has also grown a reputation for kissing up. In this situation we were trying to re-work the Congressman's schedule and the intern jumped at the chance to volunteer to pick them up. He was delighted to look like the hero of the day.
- Out of my 6 months on the campaign and 10-11 months on the official side, Sophie the Dog was always very present - as is the case with many members. Me personally, I've never been a big fan of her but she is sweet and NOT ONCE have I seen her poop or pee in the office much less had staff clean that up. Again, I have been gone for nearly a year so maybe suddenly the dog began defecating everywhere but I just don't see how that new trend started. Flanna regularly would bring in Sophie and take her with her when she left. I do not recall any time when staff took her for a walk but that dog was like family to many of the staff so it wouldn't surprise me. These "anonymous" sources, I suspect, are disgruntled employees embellishing or outright lying about their observations.
- In terms of the Congressman or his wife texting people at night. I would again credit this to the relationship our original staff had. Often Rep. Garrett has so much going on that he uses Flanna to relay messages. Commonly, in fact daily, we would receive texts from Flanna with the opening "TAMMY:" which meant: "Tom asked me to tell you" and it was well understood that he was driving or busy and asking her to send along his requests whether it be setting up an interview or moving a meeting. We have had issues previously with scheduling conflicts and things not being properly put on the calendar and the next day's final calendar was frequently sent out the evening before in which case they would respond on a group thread trying to sort it out. I do not think there was anything wrong here if anything I and our former Chief should probably take blame for not keeping it a bit more organized.

In closing, I will say that Rep. Garrett is nowhere near a perfect man or easy to work for. But he is honorable and would never intentionally cross any lines. Most of what I saw in those articles angered me because it was nothing more than hearsay from "anonymous" sources who may or may not have had a motive. The Congressman has publicly admitted his personal struggles and I think it's borderline outrageous that an investigation would be opened into him based off of these articles. Finally, I have not spoken to him about this and he has no idea I have written this and I was not asked or pressured into doing so. I am happy to meet with your team should you see the necessity to do so.

I hope this provides some level of insight and I look forward to hearing from you.

## Sincerely,

## EXHIBIT 8




## EXHIBIT 9

| Paul Solis: | Speaking is Paul Solis of the Office of Congressional Ethics. I'm joined by my colleague, Omar Ashmawy. We are here for an interview with Former Staffer 5. He's joined by his attorney, Todd Jones. It is July 31st, 2018. I have provided Former Staffer 5 a copy of 18 U.S.C. 1001, and he has signed the acknowledgement form. We can begin. |
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|  | So, Former Staffer 5, currently, where do you work? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I'm currently unemployed. I turned in my resignation to the congressman's office. I am studying for a test. |
| Paul Solis: | When did you ... Let's see, when you said Congressman, what Congressman are you talking about? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Congressman Thomas A. Garrett, Jr, Virginia's 5th district. |
| Paul Solis: | So, how long were you employed with Congressman Garrett? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Including my internship, I would gather approximately 10 months, the end of August of 2017 to July 6th, 2018. |
| Paul Solis: | And what about your internship? Can you tell me about that? Was that prior to your employment with Representative Garrett's office? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Yes. It was an internship that started in late August. It lasted about a month before they offered me a stipend. And then I became full time staff assistant around mid-December. |
| Paul Solis: | And that stipend, how much was that for? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I'm not exactly sure. I would think it's around a thousand three hundred, a thousand four, a thousand seven hundred, somewhere in that range. |
| Paul Solis: | Per month or- |
| Former Staffer 5: | Per month. |
| Paul Solis: | Prior to starting as an intern ... Also, I want to ask, during that time you were an intern, were you also unpaid or were you given a stipend throughout that time? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Pardon me? |
| Paul Solis: | The time you were an intern, from August to December, were you paid the entire time with that stipend, or was there a period where you were unpaid? |

Former Staffer 5: There was a period where I was unpaid.
Paul Solis: Okay. What time frame were you unpaid?
Former Staffer 5: Late August to, I think, the end of September, as best as I can remember.
Paul Solis: And then, prior to August, did you have any role in Representative Garrett's office as an intern or any other way?

## Former Staffer 5: No.

Paul Solis: Did you ever work on Representative Garrett's congressional campaign?

## Former Staffer 5: No.

Paul Solis: Have you ever volunteered at all, in any capacity, for his congressional campaign?

Former Staffer 5: No. I saw him speak at a town hall when he was running for election. That was about it.

Paul Solis: $\quad$ Were you ever asked to do any work for the campaign?
Former Staffer 5: Prior to my employment?
Paul Solis: Either prior or during your employment.
Former Staffer 5: I'm not exactly sure what constitutes campaign activity. I think chances are yes, if it constituted like a small errand on behalf of the congressman. But, I never was employed by the campaign and I don't recall doing any full-time campaign work of any sort.

Paul Solis: When you mentioned small errand ... I think we'll get back to that in a moment.

Former Staffer 5: Right.
Paul Solis: Your job titles, you were an intern, then what was your job title after you were an intern?

Former Staffer 5: Staff Assistant.
Paul Solis: $\quad$ Did you have any other job titles?
Former Staffer 5: No.

| Paul Solis: | What were some of your duties as an intern and also a staff assistant in Representative Garrett's office? |
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| Former Staffer 5: | As an intern, I would answer constituent calls. I would help with the flag process for constituents who requested flag requests. I would assist the legislative team with anything they were doing. I would attend meetings, take notes, and ... I think that basically covers ... Oh, and help out with legislative correspondent issues, so writing letters, folding letters, that sort of thing. |
| Paul Solis: | Who did you report to? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I reported to Mackenzie Morales when I was an intern. |
| Paul Solis: | What about when you were a staff assistant? |
| Former Staffer 5: | A staff assistant, I reported to Chief of Staff Jimmy Keady, and then Hallie Pence, Legislative Director. |
| Paul Solis: | Who were the senior staffers in the office? And I understand that that term might not have a strict definition, but who were the people in the office that had sort of the authority to give tasks and delegate responsibilities? |
| Former Staffer 5: | That would be Jimmy. He would ... Jimmy Keady, he was the ultimate authority as far as employee actions, and since I reported to Hallie, if she asked me to do something I'd help her with that, as well. |
| Paul Solis: | What about like a Communications Director in the office? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I didn't report to the Communications Director. I think Mackenzie served as a ... she did work with a lot of press, so she reported to the communications director. But, not directly to him for me. |
| Paul Solis: | Who was that? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Matt Missen, and then Andrew Griffin, briefly before I ... when I started out as an intern. |
| Paul Solis: | Did Andrew come back to the office at all? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Yes, he did. Sometime in June I want to say. |
| Paul Solis: | Of 2018? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Right. So, I think he's still the current comms director. |


| Paul Solis: | What was Hallie's job titles throughout the time you were there? Did she have the same or did she have some different ones? |
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| Former Staffer 5: | Right. So, she started out ... She was Legislative Assistant when I first arrived. I think when our former Legislative Director, Elliot, left ... which I'm not sure when he did. It was, I think, late 2017. She became Legislative Director. And those were her job titles. |
| Paul Solis: | And as far as you know, does she still hold that position today? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Yes. |
| Paul Solis: | When you left, she was still the LD? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Correct. |
| Paul Solis: | Who was the chief of staff when you left the office? |
| Former Staffer 5: | That would be Bill Janis. |
| Paul Solis: | And when did he start? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I'm not entirely sure. It was a couple weeks before I left. |
| Paul Solis: | Maybe late June, mid to late June? |
| Former Staffer 5: | That ... yeah. Mid to late June. I'm not entirely sure. |
| Paul Solis: | So, if Bill started, Jimmy had left? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Right. |
| Paul Solis: | Okay. How did Jimmy leave or what do you know about Jimmy's departure from the office? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I'm not sure exactly as to any communication between him and Congressman Garrett. It all occurred during the time of that Politico article. He was there one day and then the next day he wasn't at work. And there was a brief interim period where there was ... we're not sure if we had an official interim chief of staff. I think briefly, Hallie did function in that role, and officially we kept it open, and then Bill Janis came in. |
| Paul Solis: | When you said Jimmy was sort of there one day and not there the next, did you hear about how he left? Did any of the staff talk about it? | you hear about how he left? Did any of the staff talk about it?


| Former Staffer 5: | Not that I remember. I think I was told he had some sort of falling out with the Congressman. And I wasn't exactly sure as to what the circumstances were, whether Congressman Garrett fired him or whether he decided to leave on his own accord. |
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| Paul Solis: | Do you know who you heard that from? |
| Former Staffer 5: | No. |
| Paul Solis: | Are you friends with any current or former staffers with Representative Garrett? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Yes. |
| Paul Solis: | Who are you close with? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I would say I stay in contact with Hallie, Marissa, and Mackenzie. Not very close friends, but still on good speaking terms. |
| Paul Solis: | What about John March, do you know him? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Yes. He was our legislative correspondent when I was an intern, and we've texted a couple times in the past few months. |
| Paul Solis: | What about Nick O'Boyle, do you know who he is? |
| Former Staffer 5: | No. |
| Paul Solis: | Okay. Elliot Harding, do you know who he is? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Yes. I haven't been in contact with Elliot, that I recall, of course, but yes. He was Legislative Director when first arrived. |
| Paul Solis: | And Jimmy, do you have a personal friendship with him? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I would say so. He's a good guy. And I offered to ... when I heard about what had happened, I'd asked him if there was anything I could do for him to help him with the transition. That's about it. |
| Paul Solis: | When you say you heard what had happened, what do you mean by that? |
| Former Staffer 5: | That he was no longer with the office. |
| Paul Solis: | So, how often would you say you speak to Jimmy, even currently? Do you text or- | text or-

Former Staffer 5: Not recently. He had offered to help me find a job since the Congressman was no longer gonna be in town. But ultimately, I decided that I wanted to go back to North Carolina, and I haven't been in contact with him since.

Paul Solis: How long ago was that?
Former Staffer 5: I would say ... I'm not sure. Probably mid-June if I had to take a guess.
Paul Solis: Did you talk about anything else besides him offering to help you out?
Former Staffer 5: Not that I remember. Just asked him if he was okay, if he needed someone to help him move his stuff out of his office.

Paul Solis: Did he respond to that?
Former Staffer 5: He said he had a hold of it, that he was doing fine.
Paul Solis: So, his personal effects were still in the office when you left?
Former Staffer 5: Yes. Or wait, when I left the office as in resigned?
Paul Solis:
Right.
Former Staffer 5: No, not that I know of.
Paul Solis: At what point was Jimmy's stuff in the office and then one day it was gone? What date was his office cleared out?

Former Staffer 5: I can't exactly remember. If I remember correctly, when Bill Janis arrived as the new chief of staff, there was still stuff that Jimmy had in the office, but I'm not entirely sure on that.

Paul Solis: Do you know when Jimmy's last day functioning as chief of staff in his official role, when that would have been? When was the last time you saw him as chief of staff?

Former Staffer 5: I think it was a Tuesday night. It was right before the Politico article came out.

Paul Solis: $\quad$ So, late May?
Former Staffer 5: Right. Or, I think it was the Politico article, so it would have been late May, yeah. Around the 25th.

Paul Solis: Do you know if Jimmy kept receiving a paycheck after he left the office?

Former Staffer 5: That I don't know.
Paul Solis: Did anybody talk about ... Did you ever hear the word severance?

Former Staffer 5: No.

Paul Solis: And with Mackenzie and Hallie, how often do you speak with them?
Former Staffer 5: As of right now, I text them, on average, maybe like once a week. Just say, "Hey, hope y'all are doing well." That's pretty much it. I don't converse with them in depth on anything.

Paul Solis: $\quad$ So, you talked about this Politico article, right? Did you read the article when it came out?

Former Staffer 5: Yes, I did, correct.

Paul Solis: What was your reaction to I when it came out?
Former Staffer 5: It was a lot to process. You know, I of course was aware that Congressman Garrett had asked people to do errands before, and yeah, I just ... It was a little hard for me to interpret the significance of it at the time.

Paul Solis: When it came out, did the staff comment on it as a whole? Did you guys have a group setting where you read it or talked about it?

Former Staffer 5: Yes. I think we were all in the congressman's office when it came out. And we had either ... one of us had either read it out so everyone could hear it and we could all know exactly what was going on. But I don't remember too much discussion of it. I think we kind of, you know, saw it for what it was.

Paul Solis: Do you remember who read the article out loud?
Former Staffer 5: I don't.
Paul Solis: Was it Paul?
Former Staffer 5: Possibly, I don't know.
Paul Solis: Or Matt, maybe?
Former Staffer 5: Sorry

| Paul Solis: | That's okay, no, it's only whatever you remember, what you know for certain. So, did Representative Garrett have a response to the article? Did he talk to you all about that article? |
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| Former Staffer 5: | I don't remember anything immediately after the article coming out. And again, the timing of this is all very hazy to me. But, I do remember he had, at one point, got us in his office and he said, "We'll get through it. It's terrible what happened and we've gotta move on from this." That's all I remember. |
| Paul Solis: | Did he deny the things that were mentioned in the article? Did he say they weren't true? |
| Former Staffer 5: | He ... From what I remember, he mentioned that some of these things are true, other things are outright lies. That's pretty much how he left it |
| Paul Solis: | Did he specify which things he thought were true and which were lies? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Not that I remember. |
| Paul Solis: | About when did he talk about the article? How many days after it came out? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I really can't remember that, either. Sorry. |
| Paul Solis: | It's alright. Was it a group setting, like he spoke to the staff? Or was it to you, personally? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I think it was a group setting, yeah. It was all the D.C. office. And I know at some point we were also trying to get the district office in on conference call. I can't remember how that turned out. |
| Paul Solis: | When you mentioned that someone read the article out loud and the staffers were all together, was Representative Garrett around for that? |
| Former Staffer 5: | No. |
| Paul Solis: | What were some of the staffers ... the best you can remember, what were some of the staffers saying about the things in the article? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Well |
| Paul Solis: | Were people saying that happened or that didn't happen? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I don't remember a whole lot of discussion based on specific parts. And you know, there was ... I know at first I was wondering who was the one |

who spoke with Politico. And Matt, the Communications Director, says, "I know who they are, but we're not gonna bring it up. Don't ask me because I won't tell you who the person is." And that's really all I remember.
Paul Solis: $\quad$ Matt Missen said that?

## Former Staffer 5: Yes.

Paul Solis: He said that in the group setting?
Former Staffer 5: Yes.
Paul Solis: $\quad$ So, why don't we go through some of the things that were in the article and just tell us what you know about it. If someone was asked to do these things, whether you personally were asked. We have this document that you provided to us that kind of outlines and summarizes some of the things you experienced. And maybe we'll ask you about that, as well. What about picking up groceries, delivering groceries, were you ever asked to do that?

Former Staffer 5: Yes. So, there was an instance, and it should be in the document, as far as the specific date that I was able to find. Should be like October, I think. I had gone with the Congressman's wife to Costco to pick up some items for the office. From best I can remember, some of those items were personal items for them, as well. And this would have been while I was an intern. And ... yeah.

## Paul Solis: $\quad$ And who's the Staff Assistant in this item here?

Former Staffer 5: Mackenzie.
Paul Solis: Did she go with you?
Former Staffer 5: No.
Paul Solis: Did she say if she was asked by somebody to ask you?
Former Staffer 5: I don't remember.
Paul Solis: $\quad$ Any other times where you picked up groceries or delivered groceries?
Former Staffer 5: I can't remember any instances of that.
Paul Solis: What about other people in the office? Whether you were aware that they picked up groceries or delivered groceries? Were you ever aware of anyone else doing that?

Former Staffer 5: No. I don't remember any specific instance involving groceries.
Paul Solis: What about driving the congressman's family members or himself on a personal related trip? Were you ever asked to do that?

Former Staffer 5: I don't ... So, I did drive the congressman's wife very briefly. I mentioned another instance in December. She was there with her baby and we were coming back ... Sorry. We were coming back from IKEA, and her baby was crying profusely. So, I said, "Hey, I'd be happy to drive if you want to tend to Sheridan." Sheridan is their daughter. So, that particular instance I did drive. But that was it that I remember.

Paul Solis: And again, the same question. Anyone else in the office, that you're aware, drove a car with his wife, their daughter, anywhere?

Former Staffer 5: Don't remember that. I think one staffer did change their oil. But I can't remember who it was or when it happened.

Paul Solis: $\quad$ Was it possibly Stephen down at the district? Stephen Harvey?
Former Staffer 5: I'm not sure. I don't keep in contact with Stephen.
Paul Solis: Okay. Do you know if other staffers were asked to change the oil in the car? Representative Garrett's car. Was it just that one time?

Former Staffer 5: That's all I remember. And again, there very well could have been a lot more of those instances before I arrived at the office.

Paul Solis: Understood. I asked about driving. The article mentioned that one of the staffers or interns, somebody drove back to the district to pick up Representative Garrett's daughters and drive them back to D.C., or the other way around, drove them from D.C. to Scottsville. Do you know anything about that?

Former Staffer 5: No. I never heard of that.
Paul Solis: Do you know who Tanner Hirschfeld is?
Former Staffer 5: Yes, I do.
Paul Solis: Now that I've said that name, do you know if Tanner ever drove?
Former Staffer 5: No.
Paul Solis: The daughters.

| Former Staffer 5: | He was an intern before I arrived and he had visited the office <br> occasionally while I was working there. And I knew him before from <br> UVA, but I never talked with him about anything like that. |
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| Paul Solis: | What about going to Representative Garrett's apartment in D.C. to pick up <br> clothing or anything like that? Were you ever tasked with that? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Yes. I think that's another thing that I documented. He had forgotten a <br> tuxedo. So there was a transition period between him moving out of his <br> old apartment and a new apartment. The Chief of Staff took over the old <br> apartment. I had gone back ... I think it was right after they had moved, to <br> try to look for the tuxedo. He was going to ... It was an important event. I <br> can't remember what the event was, but I had gone there to look for it. <br> Was unsuccessful. And then later that night, they needed shoes or <br> something like that. So, that was after work hours and I went over, looked <br> around, was able to find ... I think it was Flanna's mom, she gave me what <br> we were looking for and I brought it back. |
| Paul Solis: | Any other staffers that you are aware that picked up clothing for <br> Representative Garrett or his wife? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I would imagine that it happened, but I can't remember anything specific. |
| Paul Solis: | Did Mackenzie ever talk to you about it or anybody say, I have to do this <br> errand? Did they ever mention to you? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Yes. The dog, Sophie. He or Flanna would bring it in every so often. It <br> wasn't like the dog was going to be there. There was a week that I |
| Paul Solis: | They did, yeah. Mackenzie would ... and I don't know if it was specifically |
| related to clothing, but she would say "hey, I have to go take care of this |  |
| thing for Congressman Garrett or Flanna." And she would go and then |  |
| come back. Yeah. |  |

remember that the dog was there the full time. I think Congressman Garrett and his wife were out traveling. And occasionally the dog would be there and, you know ... yeah.

Paul Solis:
So, it wasn't every day? Except that one week, it wasn't ... What was the frequency the dog was there?

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\text { Former Staffer 5: } & \text { That's a good question. I would estimate at least once a month. Certainly } \\
\text { before the Politico article came out, maybe twice a month. But it wasn't } \\
\text { every day. }
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| Paul Solis: | And were you expected to ... Were you ever asked to take the dog out and <br> walk it or watch it in some capacity? |
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| Former Staffer 5: | Well, I like dogs, so I was happy to do it. But someone would say, "Hey, I <br> think Sophie needs to go out." So, either I or another staffer would take <br> her out for a walk for like a minute or two, then we'd be back, or you <br> know, ten minutes, however long it took. And then ... yeah. And we had <br> food there for her, too. |
| Paul Solis: | What staffers were primarily responsible for the dog, taking the dog out? |
| Former Staffer 5: $\quad$Mackenzie did it a lot. Jimmy, I think, also wanted to make sure that the <br> dog was getting taken care of. I would do it every so often. Interns would <br> occasionally help out with that. Really whoever was available. |  |
| Paul Solis: | Just going back to this picking up the tuxedo and the groceries, who's <br> typically asking you to do this? |
| Former Staffer 5: | So, a lot of these activities would be Jimmy. He would say, "Hey, I'd <br> really appreciate your help. Someone needs to do X, Y, Z." Occasionally, |
|  | Flanna would text me directly, almost never was it the congressman, that I <br> remember. Besides like quick, "Hey, I forgot to bring my tie to the house <br> floor, do you mind getting it?" Or something like that. It was mostly <br> through Jimmy. |
| Paul Solis: $\quad$So, you mentioned that Flanna would text you. Would she text you <br> individually or as part of a group? |  |
| Former Staffer 5: $\quad$It varied, I would say.$\quad$Did her text ... Did you all have a name for what those texts were? Did |  |
| you have like an acronym or something you called them? |  |


| Former Staffer 5: | Oh, so I didn't write this down, but I know some people referred to it as TAMMY, which, Tom asked me to tell you. So, yeah, that would be the acronym, I'd think. |
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| Paul Solis: | What is the frequency of her texting you? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Not very often. Not to me, personally. |
| Paul Solis: | I think you mentioned this, but the Congressman himself, personally, wasn't texting you? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Not for any specific instances that I can remember. |
| Paul Solis: | If you could ballpark it, how often is Flanna Garrett texting either you personally or a group setting? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I would say once a month, if that. Maybe a little bit more than that, but not very often. |
| Paul Solis: | Do you know if she was in greater contact with other staffers? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Yes. I would imagine her and Marissa ... or, sorry. Mackenzie and Marissa would probably get the bulk of her text messages along with Jimmy. |
| Paul Solis: | Why do you say Marissa and Mackenzie? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I had heard them express frustration with the Congressman's wife texting them. I don't know any of the details, but they texted frequently from what I gathered. |
| Paul Solis: | And do you know what the basis of the frustration was? Was it just ... Was it the message that was conveyed or was it the frequency of the texting? Do you have any idea of that? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I don't. I think a lot of the time it was the content. They just didn't enjoy her tone a lot of the time. But it's hard for me to say from the outside looking in as to the exact dynamic of it all |
| Paul Solis: | Understood. How often was Representative Garrett's wife in the office? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Maybe, my estimate would be once every week or once every two weeks. She wasn't there all the time during business hours. |
| Paul Solis: | After the Politico article came out, was she there the same amount or Was there a time that you started to see her less or hear from her less? Either one. |

Former Staffer 5: The errands I helped out with, I felt like there was a drop after December in the amount of stuff that I did. And I think I saw her once after the article came out. That was about it.

Paul Solis:
When you say there was a drop in December, can you tell us a little bit more about that? What do you mean by that?

| Former Staffer 5: | I think the ... what Jimmy was trying to do was have a particular point of <br> contact for Flanna and what her priorities were within the office. That way <br> it was kinda centralized. He knew what was going on. He could always <br> ask someone as to what the specifics were. So that, I think, was kind of the <br> driver behind that. |
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| Paul Solis: | What about the time that Flanna would text? Would it ever be late at <br> night? |
| Former Staffer 5: $\quad$ To me? |  |
| Paul Solis: | Yeah, to you. The ones that you experienced. | Former Staffer 5: $\quad$| Not that I remember. I didn't ... I certainly didn't feel obligated to respond |
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| if it was like at 11 or 12 at night. I would just wait 'til the morning. |

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creating the position. I would work during lunch break and then nothing out. And then, keep everything separate from work.

However, I had heard that the Congressman and his wife preferred one of the female staffers within our office for that position. So, ultimately I didn't have it. And I don't remember ever being paid by the campaign for that kind of activity.

Paul Solis:
Right. So, when you were approached about it, who approached you?
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\begin{array}{ll}\text { Former Staffer 5: } & \begin{array}{l}\text { I think it was first Hallie who sent me a message, and I can't remember the } \\
\text { exact date. It was just, "Hey, can we chat outside?" And so, went outside. } \\
\text { She said, "Hey, would you be interested? By no means feel obligated or } \\
\text { intimidated to do this. We just really appreciate your work and was } \\
\text { wondering if you'd be interested in any campaign activity?" And I said, } \\
\text { "Yeah, provided it's within the rules, I'd be happy to." }\end{array}
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Paul Solis: \& Did she say who she meant by we?\end{array}\right\}\)| Former Staffer 5: $\quad$I would assume that meant Jimmy, as well. Jimmy was the ... from what I <br> remember, the second person I talked to about the position. |  |
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| Paul Solis: | Okay. So you spoke with him after Hallie? |
| Former Staffer 5: $\quad$I think so.$\quad$Okay. The best you can recall, what did you and Jimmy talk about then? |  |
| Former Staffer 5:He said, really appreciate your work. We're hoping to create a position, <br> one, to help the Congressman and his wife with any ... if they need help <br> with anything, you know. He did mention errands like the dog, just say <br> hey, it would be great if we could just have someone on call for this sort of <br> thing. I don't know if he mentioned the dog specifically, but that's kind of <br> the sense I got. And then you would also be working as someone who |  |
| could volunteer for the ... or actually work for the campaign and help out |  |
| with that sort of activity. |  |


| Paul Solis: | Did he talk about how many hours a week or a month this new role would entail? |
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| Former Staffer 5: | He did. I can't remember. From my sense, it was like an hour worth lunch break and then maybe an hour at night or like three or four extra hours somewhere dispersed throughout the week. |
| Paul Solis: | Did he say how you'd be paid? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I would think it would be through the campaign, although I can't remember. |
| Paul Solis: | Why do you think it would be through the campaign? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Because I would have been a campaign employee. |
| Paul Solis: | And that was how Jimmy presented it to you? You'd be a- |
| Former Staffer 5: | Right. |
| Paul Solis: | Paid campaign employee. Okay. Did he talk about whether or not your official roles, the hours would be decreased or the pay would be decreased at all to compensate for this? |
| Former Staffer 5: | No. So, after I had received the offer, I went to meet with an ethics counselor to see if there was precedence for this sort of thing, make sure it could be doable, and I would maintain my work hours, I would have my lunch break, and I could do ... From my understanding of the situation, I could do work outside of official nine to five business hours. |
| Paul Solis: | You say ethics counselor, what do you mean by that? Someone on the Ethics Committee? |
| Former Staffer 5: | No. Well, you know the office at Longworth, across from Dunkin' Donuts? |
| Paul Solis: | Mm-hmm (affirmative). |
| Former Staffer 5: | That place. |
| Paul Solis: | Okay. It wasn't the Ethics Committee staff. |
| Former Staffer 5: | Not to my knowledge. It would have been ... what is the field title of the people across from the Dunkin' Donuts? |
| Omar Ashmawy: | So, you're talking about the basement level of Longworth? |


| Former Staffer 5: | Yes, exactly. |
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| Paul Solis: | That's payroll, possibly. |
| Former Staffer 5: | No, the other side. |
| Omar Ashmawy: | Yes, there is an ethics office. There's a satellite ethics office there that's available for staffers who have questions. |
| Paul Solis: | Okay. |
| Omar Ashmawy: | [inaudible]. |
| Paul Solis: | Do you know the name of the person you met with? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I don't remember. I think it was a female. |
| Paul Solis: | Were they, they were a lawyer? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Yes. |
| Paul Solis: | And they presented themselves as a lawyer? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Yes. They said to be very careful. That it was a very tough situation to do. |
| Paul Solis: | What guidance did they give you? What did you walk away with from that meeting? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I was in the early stages of being looked at for this position. I got from ... The sense that I got from the conversation, it was keeping track of my hours, making sure I kept my work completely separate, that I kept up the hours that I was doing for the official staff, and then whatever campaign activity, keep it separate. |
| Paul Solis: | Did you talk to them at all about this other $50 \%$ of doing things for the Congressman and his wife that would be part of this position? Did you bring that up to the ethics counselor? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I don't remember bringing up the specific activities. I just presented it as I was offered an opportunity through a campaign, or by the campaign. |
| Paul Solis: | Did they give you any advice about conducting ... doing tasks for Representative Garrett and his wife? |
| Former Staffer 5: | No, I know it sounds crazy in retrospect, but I didn't ... From what I understood at the time, I didn't think it would be an issue or anything | understood at the time, I didn't think it would be an issue or anything

that ... From my understanding, Jimmy was trying to help out with making those activities be completely above board, so I didn't even perceive it as a problem at the time.

| Paul Solis: | Well, that's ... I guess that would be my next question to you. When <br> Jimmy ... Not actually doing work for the campaign, again, this $50 \%$ of <br> time spent doing things for the Congressman and his wife, did you at all <br> feel uncomfortable with that? That you would be getting paid to do those <br> errands, did you feel- |
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| Former Staffer 5: $\quad$The more I heard about the position, the more uncomfortable I felt with it, <br> which is why I didn't really make a big stink as to when I was ultimately <br> not selected for it. I was more interested in the intellectual side of <br> campaign work. And I just kinda let it go after that. |  |
| Omar Ashmawy: $\quad$This may be ... this is sort of, maybe it's an obvious question, but instead <br> of assuming the answer. Why did you seek out the advice of the ethics <br> counselor? |  |
| Former Staffer 5: $\quad$I had heard that it was very important to keep your work separate and keep <br> your hours maintained and that ... I had actually brought it up while it was <br> me... Well, first Hallie was like, "you should probably speak with an <br> official employment counselor to make sure what you're doing is correct." |  |
| I asked Jimmy's permission. I said, "hey do you mind if I speak with a |  |
| counselor before I proceed with this?" He was like "sure, absolutely." |  |


| Former Staffer 5: | Yes. From what I remember, yeah. |
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| Paul Solis: | Was there any emails exchanged with this lawyer? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I can't remember. I think ... yeah, I can't remember. |
| Paul Solis: | Okay. So, when you went and talked to this person, did you give it ... gave it more time to think about whether or not you wanted the role? I mean, what's happening in the interim after you were presented with the opportunity, you meet with this lawyer, what happens next? |
| Former Staffer 5: | And again, this could diverge from what they understood the conversation to be, but I understood that it was doable if I had a very strict understanding of what was permissible and what wasn't permissible. And then, pretty soon afterwards, I found out that they had opted to go for a different person, which proved to be Mackenzie. Then I kinda let it go after that. |
| Paul Solis: | Who told you that, that it was Mackenzie who had been chosen? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I had found out ... First it was unclear to me if it was her or Marissa. But .. I can't remember who told me. It was probably Jimmy. |
| Paul Solis: | Did you talk to Mackenzie at all about that, about her being offered the position? |
| Former Staffer 5: | No. And then congratulations, I think that was it. Oh, there was an official announcement, now that I remember. Just like a group of ... If I remember correctly, there was a meeting of people that said hey, Mackenzie's gonna also be helping out with the campaign. And that was it. |
| Paul Solis: | Who announced that? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I'm pretty sure it was Jimmy, but I can't replay the exact memory in my mind. |
| Paul Solis: | Did Jimmy, in that announcement, talk at all about also this time that would be required to help out Representative Garrett and his wife? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I can't remember. |
| Paul Solis: | Did you ever have any conversations with Mackenzie after she started in this new role about what she was doing? |
| Former Staffer 5: | So ... and you know, she never expressly mentioned that this was directly related to her campaign official duties, but I think she dog sat for the |

Garretts for a time. She would leave to help Jimmy occasionally over a lunch break. And by and large, we didn't speak about it that much.

| Paul Solis: | Do you know whether she ... Again, I keep asking about this, but did you know whether she, during that time, did any of these errands or did some sort of running around doing tasks for Representative Garrett and his wife? Do you know if she did that during that time that she was hired in this new role? |
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| Former Staffer 5: | I know she dog sat. I can't remember any specific instances, but I certainly got the sense that that was going on. |
| Paul Solis: | Okay. Do you know why? Why do you have that sense? Other than the dog. |
| Former Staffer 5: | She would occasionally say, hey, Flanna asked me to do something, or hey, I'm coming from the Garrett's apartment, I'll be 10 minutes late, or something like that. And of course, she'd stay like an hour or two past the standard 5 p.m., but that sort of thing. |
| Paul Solis: | Did you notice she was out of the office more when she took on that new role? |
| Former Staffer 5: | That's hard to say. She does conduct a lot of meetings with other offices, you know coffees, networking. So, it was hard for me to tell when she was working for the campaign and when she was off on other duties slash interests. |
| Paul Solis: | Did she say how much she was getting paid for this new role? |
| Former Staffer 5: | No. |
| Paul Solis: | When you were offered it, did they put a figure about how much you'd be paid? |
| Former Staffer 5: | They did, and I know this sounds bad, but I really can't remember. It wasn't double my salary or anything like that. It was just a little extra money here and there. |
| Paul Solis: | About when did Mackenzie start the role? |
| Former Staffer 5: | It was pretty soon after I had been offered it, and then they ended up going with another candidate. And I think you mentioned it might have been March. That sounds right to me, although I can't remember the specific date. |


| Paul Solis: | Who knew about this offer in the office and this new position? Who knew about it? |
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| Former Staffer 5: | Hallie and Jimmy definitely knew about it. Beyond that, I don't know. At least before it was announced to everyone else. |
| Paul Solis: | How much time ... and I know it's difficult for you to say given that Mackenzie was out of the office doing coffees and all that, but how much time do you think she was spending in this new position? Is there any way you could estimate that? |
| Former Staffer 5: | It seemed that it was about equivalent to a lunch break during her work at the office. As far as outside business hours, it's hard for me to estimate. And occasionally it would spill over other days, like she'd be there from nine to six or nine to seven, like full time at the office. |
| Paul Solis: | In the official office? |
| Former Staffer 5: | In the official office. So, I think a lot of it varied by the day and ... yeah, it's hard for me to estimate. |
| Paul Solis: | Did you notice a change, though? I know you can't estimate the hours, but you noticed a change in her being in the office? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Again, it's really hard for me to say. A lot of dynamics shifted between when I first arrived and then that point afterwards, and especially with everything that came out. It was hard, again, hard for me to tell when she was arriving late to work just because she had missed the bus or slept in, what have you, or if she was conducting official duties. |
| Paul Solis: | Do you know if Mackenzie, after she started the new role, do you know if she actually did campaign work for Representative Garrett? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I would think so, yeah. I think I recall her mentioning that she worked on specific events. |
| Paul Solis: | Do you know what events? How many times? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Actually, going back to your second or third question back, I did notice she wouldn't come into the office on time as much as she did when I first started working with her. Again, I don't know if that was related to her duties, but that was definitely a thing that concerned me. Well, what was your ... sorry. |
| Paul Solis: | My question is, specifically campaign events, that were you had direct knowledge that she was out of the office working on campaign type |

things. Were you aware of that happening when she started this new role? Did you have any certainty that she was working on campaign issues?

> Former Staffer 5: $\quad$ Yeah, I was pretty certain she was working on campaign issues. And I got the sense that she was working on media related stuff for the campaign, too, but nothing concrete.

Paul Solis: $\quad$ Right. Do you know why you had that sense with her?
Former Staffer 5: Right. She had a laptop on ... yeah, I'm pretty sure it was a campaign laptop that she had in her possession. And then she had mentioned to me that ... She was like, oh, I was helping Congressman Garrett and Jimmy out with an event this past weekend. It was really nice. We met some good, solid people, and that's ... yeah. So I knew she was ... almost 100\% positive she was working on the actual campaign stuff.

Paul Solis: It looks like I asked you this at the beginning, but you obviously ... you left, you said, in July, this month of this year, correct?

Former Staffer 5: Yes.
Paul Solis: Why did you tender your resignation at the office?
Former Staffer 5: So, I had submitted my letter of resignation about three weeks in advance from the time that I ultimately left. For me, it was a lot of things. I knew Congressman Garrett wasn't gonna be here in ... or wasn't gonna be there in Washington the following year. I had kinda seen and gotten the Capitol Hill experience and I was ready to move back to North Carolina and start studying. So, it just seemed like everything was kind of coming together to a point where I was like, alright, I'm ready to move on. It was past the initial blow of the Politico article, where I felt like I wasn't leaving them in a bad spot. So, I'd say it would be a lot of things.

Paul Solis: Generally, the nature of that article, and I think even the title was something like Turning Staffers into Personal Servants, or something like that. I've asked you about the specifics of things that were talked about in that article, but generally, did you agree with that tone of the article, that narrative that staffers were being made into personal servants to do all kinds of personal errands? Do you believe that that happened?

Former Staffer 5: I personally would disagree with classifying the staffers as servants. I certainly never felt that way. To me, one ... And again, I feel stupid for not knowing the rules better when I first arrived. I never felt like I was pressured to do anything. I thought I was just being helpful. And yeah, I think the characterization that I saw in the article, well, definitely some of
it, I would say him asking staffers to perform errands is true. I just thought it kind of misrepresented, I guess, my personal experience.
Paul Solis: Would you say that Mackenzie and Marissa ... this is going back to what you mentioned earlier. Mackenzie and Marissa, did they do the most of that type of ... those types of requests, those types of tasks?
Former Staffer 5: I'm not sure about Marissa, but I would definitely say Mackenzie handled a lot of them, greatly, by the end of the spring.
Omar Ashmawy: Yeah, just ... these are more for the record, questions. So, this timeline of documented events that your attorney provided us, I just want to clarify the timeframe extends from 2017 to 2018 ?
Former Staffer 5: Correct.
Omar Ashmawy: Okay. And it's in chronological order?
Former Staffer 5: Yes.
Omar Ashmawy: The instance on October 26th when you went to Costco, you went with the Congressman's wife?
Former Staffer 5: Yes, correct.
Omar Ashmawy: And that was on a week day?
Former Staffer 5: Yes.
Omar Ashmawy: November 21st, when you were asked to help move the Congressman from his ... from one part of town to another, was it only just you, the legislative director, and the Chief of Staff?
Former Staffer 5: That's all I can remember. It was Chief of Staff, me, the Legislative Director, his wife was there, you know, Congressman Garrett's wife. Congressman Garrett was there. And I don't remember anyone else.
Omar Ashmawy: And that would ... That would ... Otherwise, if you hadn't been doing that, that would have been a regular work day.
Former Staffer 5: Right. I had been notified by the Chief of Staff, said hey, we'd really appreciate your help tomorrow. If you want, you can wear jeans and atshirt. And obviously, over the course of time I worked there, even as an intern, I would stay 'til 6 p.m. I would arrive at 8:30. Most of those instances, I think, could be swallowed up by a lunch break, and I never took a lunch break. I would eat at my desk. And that was the only incident
that took up a day. And over the course of several months, I think I more than made up for it.

| Omar Ashmawy: | Oh, I'm sure you did. Like I said, I just wanted to ... just again, for the record, I just wanted to go through these. |
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|  | So, I guess ... So, December 1st, I know you said you didn't remember if it actually happened when the chief of staff texted you to see if you were available to help the congressman's wife move items for a few hours. |
| Former Staffer 5: | Right. |
| Omar Ashmawy: | That would have been, just for the sake of my clarity, does December 1st represent the date of the text or would that have been the day, if you did, that would have been the day that you would have done it? |
| Former Staffer 5: | That was the text. I had completely forgotten about the text until I was called about this matter, and I was going through all my texts and I found it. I was like, I don't remember that. But, I thought it was worth including just in case it did happen. |
| Omar Ashmawy: | I appreciate that. December 12th, when the Chief of Staff asked you if you could help the Congressman's wife move some IKEA furniture items, that was also on a typical work day? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Correct, yes. Would have been at the end. |
| Omar Ashmawy: | The time you helped ... when you were trying to help set up the- |
| Former Staffer 5: | Early afternoon, sorry. Not towards the exact end, but like during the work day, yes. |
| Omar Ashmawy: | I understand, yes. The May 8th instance when you were working, trying to get their wifi up and running, that also was on a ... that also was on a work day? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Yes. It, again, took up a lunch break. And the compensated me for my time in cash. I actually didn't even get the wifi to work, but they still- |
| Paul Solis: | Who's they, you mean Congressman? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Yes. Well, the Congressman's wife was there. |
| Paul Solis: | And they handed you cash? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Right. |


| Omar Ashmawy: | And lastly, this July 2nd contact, you said that Representative Garrett contacted you with questions about specific activities that you did while working in his office. Could you just elaborate on that? |
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| Former Staffer 5: | Right. So, at that particular point, Congressman Garrett said, "I need information. They're looking into what I've done and I'm trying to get a list of everything that has happened so I can disclose what occurred." And so, to the best of my knowledge, I tried to relay that information. He had asked about the Costco trip, what was purchased, and I think he asked about IKEA, as well, or some other instance. |
| Omar Ashmawy: | Do you recall if our investigation, the Office of Congressional Ethics investigation was brought up on that call? |
| Former Staffer 5: | So, this was text message. From what I remember, he said ethics is investigating. Again, I can look at the exact text message to give you the exact information. But he didn't mention OCE specifically, from what I remember. |
| Omar Ashmawy: | Has anyone brought up to you ... I mean, not your attorney, but anyone from ... any of your former colleagues at Representative Garrett's office, anyone you're still in contact with. Has anyone brought up our review? |
| Former Staffer 5: | No. Yeah, I had been contacted by the Congressman. I had called the Chief of Staff, Bill Janis, the following day, say, "Hey, is everything okay? What should I expect?" They said, "They'll probably contact you in a couple weeks. Just tell the truth, or do whatever," well, since he said it was voluntary, he said, "I can't tell you what to do. Just be honest, whatever you do, is my advice." And that was it. |
| Paul Solis: | He mentioned that it was voluntary? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Yes. |
| Paul Solis: | Did he reference the OCE in that conversation or was it the Committee on Ethics? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I can't remember. |
| Paul Solis: | I just had a question about the last page here. It says, "After reviewing my personal calendar, text messages, phone, email," or sorry, "personal email and Gchat messages, I found eight likely relevant instances of personal tasks." Is that representative of the previous- |
| Former Staffer 5: | Right, that's the previous stuff. |


| Paul Solis: | It's not eight extra. |
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| Former Staffer 5: | No. Yeah. I think what I was getting at there is, those are the ones that I <br> could document. There were a couple other instances, like, "hey Former <br> Staffer 5, I'm out"... It would be Jimmy, and he'd be like "hey, I think the <br> Congressman forgot his cigarettes. Could you hunt those down?" That <br> would take like a minute. Or, you know, I would ... I, or someone, would <br> mention "hey, someone needs to walk the dog." I don't have any <br> documentation of those, but it did happen. It wasn't a big time <br> commitment as far as those ones that I couldn't document. |
| Paul Solis: | And this just goes back to at the beginning, I had just mentioned any <br> campaign work you'd done throughout your time with the Congressman. <br> You mentioned it possibly was a small errand. Is there any specifics you |
| can give on ... and what do you mean by that? Did you ... What kind of |  |


| Omar Ashmawy: | Anything else? Obviously you've got a sense of what we're asking about. Is there anything that you thought we would ... a question you thought we would ask that we didn't, something you thought we would bring up and may not have? |
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| Former Staffer 5: | I thought you would bring up alcohol. I'd never seen the Congressman drink. There was one time that I saw him with a Solo cup, but I couldn't tell you what was in it. Obviously, I know he may have had a different life outside of work, but as far as what happens next, do y'all have any ideas to what the process looks like? |
| Paul Solis: | Well, we can conclude our time here, then talk about our process and timelines in a moment. I just have one more question, kind of generally, about the Congressman's time in the office. Was there a point in time where you just really didn't see him at all coming into the office? |
| Former Staffer 5: | That would be often. I got the sense that he preferred to work ... to hold meetings in the office and then primarily work either by voting or working in other spaces. So, it wouldn't be unusual for me not to see him, especially in an out of session week, it wouldn't be unusual at all for me to not see him come in to work. |
| Paul Solis: | Was there a time though where you just didn't see him at all? A couple weeks or longer where you just didn't see him? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Definitely out of session weeks. It would almost be certain that he wouldn't be in the office except for like maybe an hour or two. Hard for me to judge. In session weeks, I didn't notice anything abnormal. |
| Paul Solis: | One question I forgot to ask you, but I just remembered. Did the Ethics Committee staffers ever come into the office to talk to the staff as a whole? |
| Former Staffer 5: | They did. |
| Paul Solis: | Okay, when did that occur? |
| Former Staffer 5: | I can't remember the exact date. I know the congressman had everyone sign a sheet of paper that says yes, we had people come in and talk to us. I think it was sometime in the spring, before the article. |
| Paul Solis: | 2018? |
| Former Staffer 5: | Right. And ... yeah. |
| Paul Solis: | What was the topic of the discussion with the ethics staffers? |

Former Staffer 5: I really can't remember. I'm sorry.
Paul Solis: No, that's okay. That's okay. Do you know if-
Former Staffer 5: Workplace rights and responsibilities. That kind of thing is the general sense I got.
Paul Solis: $\quad$ Did campaign work and official work and sort of how staffers deal with those two worlds, was that discussed at all in the meeting with the ethics staffers?
Former Staffer 5: I really can't ... It's very possible that it was. I would assume so, but I don't have any specific memory to back that up.
Paul Solis: In the context of those Ethics staffers coming in to talk to you guys, was your proposed arrangement with the campaign at all brought up?
Former Staffer 5: Not that I can remember. I don't know if Mackenzie's arrangement was referenced to, and what was actually existing. But, I can't really remember.
Paul Solis: Do you know whether that meeting occurred after you'd been offered the new position?
Former Staffer 5: I'm pretty sure it was after.
Paul Solis: And then after the ethics staffers left, did anybody talk to you about that offer or Mackenzie's offer? Jimmy, Hallie, did anybody say how that offer related to the ethics committee coming up in any way?
Former Staffer 5: Not that I can remember, no.
Paul Solis: That's all we have for you, Former Staffer 5. So, thank you.

## EXHIBIT 10

Paul Solis: | Speaking is Paul Solis with the Office of Congressional Ethics. It is July |
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| 23, 2018. I'm joined by my colleague Omar Ashmawy. We're here for an |
| interview of Former Staffer 4. I have provided Former Staffer 4 a copy of |
| 18 U.S.C. 1001 and he has signed the acknowledgement form stating that I |
| did provide him a copy of the statute, and we can begin with the interview. |
| So, may I call you Former Staffer 4? |

Former Staffer 4: $\quad$| Absolutely. |
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Paul Solis: $\quad$| Okay, Former Staffer 4. Where are you currently employed right now? |
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Former Staffer 4: $\quad$| I'm currently employed as a Legislative Director for |
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Faul Solis: $\quad$| Okay. And how long have you been there, in that role? |
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Former Staffer 4: Since, I believe, May 1st or May 3rd of 2017.

| Former Staffer 4: | I was not employed on the campaign. I volunteered tangentially during my free time. |
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| Paul Solis: | And that's with his congressional campaign? |
| Former Staffer 4: | Yes. |
| Paul Solis: | And what are the dates that you volunteered with his congressional campaign? |
| Former Staffer 4: | I don't have specific dates. |
| Paul Solis: | Okay. Was is it in 2017, or 2016 ? |
| Former Staffer 4: | 2016. |
| Paul Solis: | 2016. And is that the months leading up to November election or earlier on in the year? |
| Former Staffer 4: | The months leading up to the November election. There was a specific instance that I can recall that I went down to Warrenton on a Saturday to help knock some doors. |
| Paul Solis: | What would you estimate your time on the campaign in 2016, how much time were you spending? |
| Former Staffer 4: | A total of probably ten hours. |
| Paul Solis: | In total, in all of 2016? |
| Former Staffer 4: | I would say so. Ten hours. |
| Paul Solis: | And then in 2017 when you were actually an official employee, did you do any volunteer campaign work there? With Representative Garrett's campaign committee? |
| Former Staffer 4: | I don't believe so, no. |
| Paul Solis: | So back to your official position as Legislative Director, who did you report to in that position? |
| Former Staffer 4: | I reported to the Chief of Staff, Kevin Reynolds. |
| Paul Solis: | Did you have any other Chiefs of Staff while you were there? |
| Former Staffer 4: | While I was there, no. |


| Paul Solis: | Okay. Who were the other senior staffers in the office at that time? |
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| Former Staffer 4: | The Deputy Chief of Staff and Communications Director was Andrew Griffin, and I believe Kevin Reynolds would be the other senior staff, the Chief of Ctaff. |
| Paul Solis: | So, why did you leave that position? |
| Former Staffer 4: | I had a disagreement with the Chief of Staff over the direction of the legislative program. Specifically on personnel. So, we had a legislative correspondent who wasn't performing. He would take long breaks, not do his job. So I talked to his previous office that he interned in to see best practices of how to manage him. And that was around the end of January. And over the next month he improved substantially, so I believe I got good information. The Chief of Staff didn't appreciate that I went to that other office without talking with him first. So we had a disagreement over that, and that's why I left the office. |
| Paul Solis: | Who was that Legislative Correspondent? |
| Former Staffer 4: | James Vandenberg. |
| Paul Solis: | And then the Chief of Staff was Mr. Reynolds? |
| Former Staffer 4: | Yes. |
| Paul Solis: | Are you friends with any current staffers in Representative Garrett's office, like personal friends? |
| Former Staffer 4: | I am former colleagues with Hallie Pence, the current Legislative Director. She was in a previous office with me. I'm in contact with her maybe once a month. I didn't talk to her about this at all. |
| Paul Solis: | Anybody else that's currently in the office that you keep communication with? |
| Former Staffer 4: | I'm not sure if they're currently employed still, there's been a lot of turnover in that office. MacKenzie Morales, she's a staff assistant there. |
| Paul Solis: | How often do you speak with MacKenzie? |
| Former Staffer 4: | I think I talked with her once in the past month. |
| Paul Solis: | All right. And what did you guys speak about? |
| Former Staffer 4: | Personal things. |


| Paul Solis: | So, unrelated to Representative Garrett's office or official duties, anything <br> like that? |
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| Former Staffer 4: | Correct. |
| Paul Solis: | What about, once in the past month, what about prior to this month? In the <br> past month, prior to that, how many times are you speaking with <br> MacKenzie? |
| Former Staffer 4: | Probably once a week. It's just been a busy summer, that's why we haven't <br> kept in touch. |
| Paul Solis: | And is that over text, email, phone calls? |
| Former Staffer 4: $\quad$Mostly text. |  |
| Paul Solis:And when you all chat, have you ever talked about Representative <br> Garrett's office or what's happening in the office? |  |
| Paul Solis: $\quad$We have. |  |
| Former Staffer 4: $\quad$Well I might get back to that in a moment. So Hallie, MacKenzie, <br> anybody else? And we can also talk about former staffers. Anybody <br> associated with Representative Garrett's office, current and former |  |
| Faffers, that you have some communication with. |  |


| Paul Solis: | Okay. What was your reaction to that article? |
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| Former Staffer 4: | Shock. Some outrage. |
| Paul Solis: | What's the basis for the outrage? Can you explain a little bit more, what do you mean by that? |
| Former Staffer 4: | I mean, Members of Congress are supposed to be held to a higher standard. |
| Paul Solis: | Was any of that that was alleged in the article, was that surprising to you, or was it ... did you feel that that made sense to you in any way? Explain to me the nature of the allegations that were made in the article. |
| Former Staffer 4: | I think it was surprising to me because I did not firsthand see it when I was employed in the office. Other than that, I think the article speaks for itself, but there were allegations that were put out there that were serious. |
| Paul Solis: | And when you say firsthand, while you were there you didn't firsthand experience some of that, some of the allegations that were made in the article, you didn't witness it firsthand or didn't experience it firsthand. What about indirectly? What about someone telling you about some of those things? Did that happen while you were there? |
| Former Staffer 4: | While I was there no one told me anything. If they did I would have reported it. I would have worked out a solution, because I feel that that's highly inappropriate. After I read the article, reflecting on my time there, there was a instance where a junior staffer, or an intern, I forget which, was talking with Mr. Vandenberg about weekend plans, and he made the statement, "No I can't, I have to look after the dog." And I was not a part of the conversation, just I heard it, I didn't take any characterization away from it. I didn't know if he had volunteered to do it or if he was getting compensated by Congressman Garrett personally to do so. But that is all in hindsight. I didn't take anything away from it at the time that I overheard that. |
| Paul Solis: | And you overheard that while you were employed in the office? |
| Former Staffer 4: | Correct. |
| Paul Solis: | And what is the name of the intern? |
| Former Staffer 4: | I don't recall who initiated the conversation. But I know that it was James Vandenberg who responded. |
| Paul Solis: | And was Mr. Vandenberg an employee of the office at the time? |

Former Staffer 4: He was, he was the Legislative Correspondent.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Paul Solis: } & \begin{array}{l}\text { But you do not recall the intern who made the statement to Mr. } \\ \text { Vandenberg? }\end{array} \\ \text { Former Staffer 4: } & \text { No. }\end{array}$ Paul Solis: $\left.\quad \begin{array}{l}\text { So, what about then, after you left the office? What have you come to } \\ \text { understand about some of the allegations made in the article, through any } \\ \text { discussion of people you know who work there, in text or email. } \\ \text { Discussion with friends, former colleagues, what do you know about the } \\ \text { allegations since you've left the office? }\end{array}\right]$

| Former Staffer 4: | It was centered around how much she should be getting paid by the campaign for the campaign work. |
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| Paul Solis: | Around what date did she make this ... communicate this to you? |
| Former Staffer 4: | I don't have an exact date off the top of my head- |
| Paul Solis: | Best you can estimate. |
| Former Staffer 4: | March. |
| Paul Solis: | Of 2018? |
| Former Staffer 4: | Correct. |
| Paul Solis: | So, was that over text, or email? |
| Former Staffer 4: | Possibly text, definitely a phone call. |
| Paul Solis: | So there were multiple discussions about this same topic you had with MacKenzie? |
| Former Staffer 4: | Not necessarily multiple discussions, it was possibly a text that led to a phone call. It was in the same conversation. If there was a text. |
| Paul Solis: | Do you think you still have that text? |
| Former Staffer 4: | I can certainly check. |
| Paul Solis: | Okay. Well maybe we'll follow up afterwards about that. So, now getting to more of the substance of MacKenzie being paid by the campaign. Can you talk to me a little bit more about that? What did she mean by that? |
| Former Staffer 4: | So, she was being paid for campaign work on her own time. I'm not privy to the exact amount of how much she was getting paid, she just thought she should be paid more. As far as the responsibilities, I believe that there might have been some district work involved. Like going down to the district. But as far as the actual job description, I'm not too familiar with what it exactly was. |
| Paul Solis: | Well, I want to try to understand how angst about the personal errands is connected to this arrangement- |
| Former Staffer 4: | I think some of the personal errands might have been classified as campaign work. |


| Paul Solis: | And why do you think that? |
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| Former Staffer 4: | That's just the characterization that she gave. Some of the dry cleaning, things of that nature. |
| Paul Solis: | Did she say why that was occurring? |
| Former Staffer 4: | Why- |
| Paul Solis: | This classification that's being made, these personal errands are being classified as campaign work. Why were they being classified as campaign work? |
| Former Staffer 4: | I don't know the answer to that. |
| Paul Solis: | What did she say about how this arrangement came to be? |
| Former Staffer 4: | It was a discussion that was had with the Chief of Staff at the time, Jimmy Keady, and her about assuming more unofficial responsibilities. |
| Paul Solis: | Did she express concern with you that this might have been impermissible or problematic in some way? |
| Former Staffer 4: | I believe so. I know that I counseled her to make sure that campaign duties were campaign duties. |
| Paul Solis: | Can you expand upon that a little bit more? What do you mean, you wanted to counsel her that campaign duties were campaign duties. What you mean by that? |
| Former Staffer 4: | I mean that the actions she was performing were directly related to the campaign committee. Whether that's making phone calls, knocking on doors, traditional campaigning activities. |
| Paul Solis: | And why did you make her aware of that? |
| Former Staffer 4: | Well, I know as a former junior staffer, I didn't necessarily understand the bright line between official duties and unofficial side of things. And being up here for as long as I have, you come to know that very well. Because you don't want something like this to happen. So, that's why I counseled her as such. |
| Paul Solis: | And was it because you felt that she was relaying something to you that crossed that line you just talked about? |

Former Staffer 4: I think it was just a word of warning in general. I don't think there was anything specific that I could necessarily think of. Besides some of the errands that might have been asked for her to run.

Paul Solis: What did she relay to you about the types of errands that she was being asked to run?

Former Staffer 4: Specifically dry cleaning. That's all that I heard.
Paul Solis:
Did she talk about Representative Garrett's role? I know that she discussed a meeting she had with Jimmy Keady regarding this topic. Did she mention Representative Garrett's role in any of this?

Former Staffer 4: Not specifically, no.
Paul Solis: $\quad$ And who would she be performing the errands for?
Former Staffer 4: I believe it would be for the Congressman.
Paul Solis: $\quad$ Did she talk about whether the errands would be for his wife at all?
Former Staffer 4: Not to my recollection, no.
Paul Solis: $\quad$ Was there a figure discussed about how much she'd be paid?
Former Staffer 4: Yes. I can't recall the specific amount per month, but I remember it being somewhere around $\$ 1000$ a month.

Paul Solis: And this is from Representative Garrett's congressional campaign committee?

Former Staffer 4: Correct.
Paul Solis: I asked you if she mentioned to you any concern about the permissibility of this arrangement, and you said yes. What else did she say about that? I mean, as specific as you can be about what she relayed to you that allowed you to give me an affirmative answer to that question. What did she say specifically about her concerns?

Former Staffer 4: Specifically her concerns were being paid too little for the amount of time that she was using in her free time to do the activities, along with the nature, specifically picking up dry cleaning for the Congressman.

Paul Solis: $\quad$ Did she feel that she should be paid more for the amount of time she was spending?

Former Staffer 4: Yes.
Paul Solis: Did she talk about how much time she was spending doing that type of work in comparison to her official role?

Former Staffer 4: The official role typical 40 plus hour week. Her concerns, I believe, were putting in an additional ten hours or so a week. I believe that ten hours was what was discussed.

Paul Solis: And so, I want to make sure I understand this. That's ten hours doing these sort of personal errands?

Former Staffer 4: Yes.
Paul Solis: And that she was concerned whether she'd be able to make up that extra time on the official side to get to her 40 hours?

Former Staffer 4: No, this would be ... she was concerned that it was impeding on her free time outside of all of those arrangements.

Paul Solis: Was there any concern that she relayed to you about not being able to make up enough hours in her official role?

Former Staffer 4: No.
Paul Solis: How many times did you speak with her? I know we talked about a text, and then maybe that text led to a phone conversation. Were there any other phone conversations about this topic?

Former Staffer 4: Not that I can recall.
Paul Solis: $\quad$ What about texts or emails?
Former Staffer 4: No emails, and besides the one text ... there might be a text. I can confirm that for you, obviously. But we did speak over the phone once on it. Same with text. I think. I have to double check.

Paul Solis: Walking back a little bit about the nature of some of the allegations that were in this Politico article, besides MacKenzie, did you speak with anybody else, current or former staffers, about the nature of those allegations?

Former Staffer 4: I contacted Hallie and I asked her what was going on, she didn't reply.
Paul Solis: $\quad$ When did you reach out to her?

Former Staffer 4: After the Politico article was published.

| Paul Solis: | And was that over text? |
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| Former Staffer 4: | Yes. |
| Paul Solis: | Have you spoken to her since that time? |
| Former Staffer 4: | Yes. |
| Paul Solis: | About the substance of the article? |
| Former Staffer 4: | Not so much the substance of the article as just generally commiserating about her situation. |
| Paul Solis: | Tell me more about that. When you say commiserating about her situation, what do you mean? |
| Former Staffer 4: | I mean, the nature of the Hill I guess. We talked about what her next steps were, how she was feeling. That sort of thing. |
| Paul Solis: | Did she confirm to you whether or not some of things that were alleged in the article occurred? |
| Former Staffer 4: | No. |
| Paul Solis: | I just want to get a better understanding when you say commiserating. Was Hallie relaying to you that she was having a difficult time since the article came out? |
| Former Staffer 4: | Yes. I think that the conversation was based around the Chief of Staff, Jimmy Keady leaving and other people who might be leaving the office. And the article created an unpleasant atmosphere for the office, and a lot of responsibility was falling on her. |
| Paul Solis: | What did she say about Jimmy leaving? |
| Former Staffer 4: | She really liked Jimmy and was disappointed and a little upset that he left. |
| Paul Solis: | Was Jimmy, do you know if Jimmy was fired, or whether he left voluntarily or resigned? |
| Former Staffer 4: | I don't know firsthand. I've heard both from, I don't want to say sources, but just around. I couldn't pin down who I heard either from. |
| Paul Solis: | Did Hallie characterize whether or not Jimmy was fired or resigned? |

Former Staffer 4: She did not.
Paul Solis: Did you talk about why ... I'm sorry. Was this over text, or phone?
Former Staffer 4: This was in person.
Paul Solis: $\quad$ This was in person? And when was this? In early June or late May?
Former Staffer 4: So the article came out-
Paul Solis: I believe it was May 28th. I think. Late May, 2018.
Former Staffer 4: It would have been probably second or third week of June.
Paul Solis: Where did you guys meet?
Former Staffer 4: I believe we were at Bullfeathers. It was after work.
Paul Solis: Was it just the two of you?
Former Staffer 4: There was a group of people, but we had a private conversation.
Paul Solis: $\quad$ Did she say to you why she didn't respond to your text?
Former Staffer 4: Due to the chaos that was going on in the office, they were directed to have communication embargo.

Paul Solis: And who directed her to have a communications embargo?
Former Staffer 4: I do not know.
Paul Solis: Did Hallie express to you her desire to leave the office?
Former Staffer 4: She did not.
Paul Solis: You talked about that you guys talked about next steps for her, so I just want to know what you meant by next steps?

Former Staffer 4: I guess I maybe mischaracterized that. We had a conversation later on, after Garrett announced that he was resigning, what she wanted to do. I believe I got ahead of myself there and I apologize.

Paul Solis: That's okay.
Former Staffer 4: Next steps in this instance referred to, are they hiring a Chief of Staff, that sort of thing.

| Paul Solis: | I'd asked you whether or not she confirmed in any way, and this is again going back to your personal conversation with her you had in June, whether she confirmed or not some of the allegations or facts alleged in the Politico article. She didn't confirm it, but did she discuss at all with you the substance of the article? Or disavow some of those allegations and say that they weren't true? |
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| Former Staffer 4: | I believe she called them bullshit. That was as far as that conversation went. I didn't probe into or anything. Again, it focused on commiserating about the situation as a whole, and her wellbeing. |
| Paul Solis: | Did she discuss other people in the office that might be leaving? |
| Former Staffer 4: | I can't recall their names. She inferred that the communications director might be leaving. Other than that, I can't recall if we discussed anyone specifically. |
| Paul Solis: | Do you know who that communications director was? |
| Former Staffer 4: | I can't recall his name. |
| Paul Solis: | Do you know who Representative Garrett's wife is? Have you ever met her? |
| Former Staffer 4: | I met her a handful of times. |
| Paul Solis: | Did she come into the office? |
| Former Staffer 4: | She did. |
| Paul Solis: | Did she ever ask you to run a personal errand? |
| Former Staffer 4: | No. |
| Paul Solis: | Did Representative Garrett ever ask you to run a personal errand? |
| Former Staffer 4: | No. |
| Paul Solis: | Pick up groceries, deliver groceries? |
| Former Staffer 4: | No. |
| Paul Solis: | Walk the dog? |
| Former Staffer 4: | No. |


| Paul Solis: | Do you know, other than the one instance of overhearing an intern say he had to watch the dog over the weekend- |
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| Former Staffer 4: | May I clarify that point? |
| Paul Solis: | Sure. |
| Former Staffer 4: | So the intern asked James Vandenberg if they could do something that weekend, and James Vandenberg said, "No, I have to watch the dog." |
| Paul Solis: | I was confused about that. |
| Former Staffer 4: | I just wanted to clarify that. |
| Paul Solis: | I was confused about that, and maybe it was a mischaracterization on my part and maybe before you had switched, but I was under the impression the intern said he had to watch the dog. |
| Former Staffer 4: | No, it was James Vandenberg. |
| Paul Solis: | Got it. So other than that instance, do you have any, again, secondhand, this is someone relaying to you in the office that they were tasked with a personal errand. Groceries, walking the dog, picking up an item for Representative Garrett or his wife. Did you ever hear secondhand of that happening? |
| Former Staffer 4: | While I was employed in the office? |
| Paul Solis: | Yes. |
| Former Staffer 4: | No. |
| Paul Solis: | What about after you were employed in the office? |
| Former Staffer 4: | I mean just the conversation that I had with MacKenzie about campaign stuff, that we discussed previously. |
| Paul Solis: | What about Representative Garrett's children, picking them up, back in the district, delivering them somewhere. Was that ever tasked to you? |
| Former Staffer 4: | No. |
| Paul Solis: | Did you ever hear or know of anybody being tasked with that specific- |
| Former Staffer 4: | No, the only time that I heard about it was through the Politico article. |


| Paul Solis: | Going back to that conversation you had with MacKenzie. So she talked about personal errands and the specific one you recall is dry cleaning. |
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| Former Staffer 4: | Yes. |
| Paul Solis: | Picking up dry cleaning. Did she talk about any other staffers who were tasked to do personal errands in the office? |
| Former Staffer 4: | Not to my knowledge, no. |
| Paul Solis: | Did the staffers ... I guess I should be specific. While you were there, did you ever receive a text from Representative Garrett's wife? |
| Former Staffer 4: | No. |
| Paul Solis: | Do you know if other staffers did? |
| Former Staffer 4: | Not to my knowledge, no. |
| Paul Solis: | Have you spoken with Jimmy at all since he left? |
| Former Staffer 4: | Yes. Once. In person. Also at Bullfeathers. He ... I don't know who he was employed with at the time, but he came across the street when he saw me, and we had a brief conversation. I asked him how he was, he said "Doing better." And I told him, "If you need anything, let me know." And that was the extent of the conversation. |
| Paul Solis: | When did you see him personally? |
| Former Staffer 4: | This would have been after Garrett announced his resignation. I don't have a specific date. |
| Paul Solis: | June 2018? |
| Former Staffer 4: | Late June of this year. Maybe early July. |
| Paul Solis: | And, did the topic of his termination or his resignation come up at all? |
| Former Staffer 4: | No. |
| Paul Solis: | What about any of the allegations made in the Politico article? |
| Former Staffer 4: | No. |
| Paul Solis: | Did he mention to you anything about him leaving and how he was paid? |

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8 Paul Solis: Omar, do you have any questions for Former Staffer 4?

10 Paul Solis: Former Staffer 4 I think that's really all we have for you.
11 Former Staffer 4: Okay.
12 Paul Solis: Thank you very much.
13 Former Staffer 4: And I'm happy to provide anything additional that you'll need.
Paul Solis: Okay, thank you very much.
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Former Staffer 4: No.
Paul Solis: His severance package, anything like that?
Former Staffer 4: No.
Paul Solis: Has anybody else told you about the circumstances of ... I asked you aboutwhether he resigned or whether he was fired, but have you spoken toanybody else about how he left and how he was paid when he left?8 Paul Solis:Omar, do you have any questions for Former Staffer 4?

9 Omar Ashmawy: I don't.
9Paul Solis:
Former Staffer 4 I think that's really all we have for you.12 Paul Solis:Thank you very much.14Paul Solis:Okay, thank you very much.

## EXHIBIT 11



Fri, Mar 2, 11:09 AM
You sleeping or out and about? In a sticky situation

Yeah I know you are, I am probably going to talk to too but if you could keep it between us that would be fantastic. Just in a really sticky situation

## It's between us

Mind if I call in a sec?

## Yeah that's fine

Thanks for chatting, apparently laundry isn't going to be allowed so I'm feeling better haha. How's your day off looking? Out in the wind?


## EXHIBIT 12

This Agernant wade bewow Tom Garret for Congres ( $\left.{ }^{4} \mathrm{CAMPAGN}\right)$, a duly organized political campgign under the Feleral Efection Commission, lecated in the Commonweath of Yirgima, and ("STAFF"), and will be effective Marth 1, 2018.

## 1. Services to Be Performed

 timited lar, any duties as praseribed by the CAMPAGN from Jimmy Keady, or other persomed is instructed by Mr. Kedy.

## 2. Payment

In consideration for the cervices to be perfomed by STAFF , the CAMPAIGN shall pay $S T A F F S 40$ per month
 saon as able.

## 3. Expenses

STAAF shall have a campaign card to hande all neves sary campagm expented. For all parchate greater than
 expenditures. For any purchase grearer than \$30, STAFF needs to ge priar approval from Iimmy Keady. If STAFP is aked to drive hasher own vehicle for compagn busmess, the CAMPAGN shall romburse STAFF it a me or $\$ 0.38$ por mile, STAFF should mantwin a legerer doounenting mileage and subnit to the Campagn Treaterer. Chris Woodin, on at lean a monthy hasis.

## 4n Independent Contractor Status

STAFF is am indenendeat contractor, and shall not be decmed the ChMPAONS cmployes.

## 5. State and Federal Taxes


 provide the CAMPAICN with stn updated physical addres and e-mail address, is STAFF reboater before Junary 30.2019.
6. Term of Agreement

The uyrernert will be effective upn signing and retractive to warch $1,201 \mathrm{~S}$. Either party can terminabe this agreement with 30 -days written notice.

## 7. Kutire Agreement

This is the catire Agrentent berween STAFF and CAMPAIGN.

## 8. Mowifyng the Agreemeat

This Agronent may be modified only by a wring signed by both parties.

## 9. Resolvig Dispates

If R dispute anses under this Agrecrach the parties agree to firs try to resolve the dispute with the help of a mutwally agred-upon mediator in Rictunond City, Virgenia. Any costs and fees other than attoracy fers assaciated with the mediation shall be shared equally by the partics.

## 10. Contidentinity

STAFF echowledges that if may become newesary for CAMPALCN to disclose cortan confidential and proprictary infomation to STAFF ia order So STAFF to pertom dotiss under this Agrement. STAFF abktombedges that disclosure to a thind pary or masuse of this peoprietary of confideatian information woud incuarby ham the CAMPACN. Accodingy, STAFF will not diselose or ase cither during or ather the tem of this Agrement, aty propritary or confential intomation of the CAMPATON wothou CABPABCNS
 Propretary or confidential information includes:
 use
 documents generated by the CAMPAIGN for wse by the STAFF

Upon temination of STAFFS servecs to CAMPAGN, or at the CAMPALONS reguest, STAFF shull deliver bCAMPAIGN all materials in STAFF'S possession relatiog to CAMPAIGN'S business.
STAFF achowledges that any brath or thratemed breaw of Clatse 10 of thas Aereement will result in imporable harm to CAMPAIGN for which damges would be an inadequate renedy Therefore, CAMPAICN shan be entide! to equitable relief, inchadrg an injunction, in the event of wheh breach or threttened brach of
 othervise asailable at Luw.

## 11. Appliedble Law

This Agreetnem will be govemed by the laws of the Conmonwesth of Yiggina, without giving effect to confligt of laws principtes.

## Siguatures

| CANPAGE: | STAFF: |
| :---: | :---: |
| Printer Name | Printed Name |
| Signature | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Signtile } \\ 3,5,2619 \end{array}$ |
| Date | Date |

## EXHIBIT 13

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BULLDOG VICTORY PAC
HONORARY CHAIRMAN - DAVID YOUNG EARLHAM SAVINGS BANK
PO BOX 80
VAN METER, IA 50261
TO THE
ORDER OF
Tom Garrett for Congress
$\${ }_{2,000.00}$
Two Thousand and 00/100
Tom Garrett for Congress
403 First Street, SE
Washington, D.C. 20003
MEMO


# Final Details for Order \# <br> Print this page for your records. 

Order Placed: May 1, 2018
Amazon.com order number:
Order Total: \$287.94

Shipped on May 2, 2018


## Payment information

Payment Method:
Visa | Last digits:
Billing address
Christopher M Woodfin
WILLIAMSBURG, VA 23188-1038
United States
Credit Card transactions Visa ending in $\square$ : May 2, 2018: \$287.94

Item(s) Subtotal: \$287.94
Shipping \& Handling: $\quad \$ 0.00$
Total before tax: $\$ 287.94$
Estimated tax to be collected: $\$ 0.00$

Grand Total: \$287.94

To view the status of your order, return to Order Summary.

THURS MAY 10-SUN MAY 13 NEW ORLEANS TRIP:
Thursday May 10:
Flight \# AA4462

- already checked you both in
- Boarding passes on mobile (Ogmail.com)
- Printed boarding passes in folder
- already registered your TSA number

American Airlines
Boarding Time: 5:45pm
Departing DC 6:15pm
Ronald Reagan Airport
Thursday May 10
Arrive at $8: 12 \mathrm{pm}$ to New Orleans
Tom TSA \#
Flanna TSA \#
Hotel:
Hampton Inn \& Suites New Orleans Convention Center
Phone \# 5045669990
1201 Convention Center Blvd, New Orleans
By GPS:
320 Gaiennie Street, New Orleans, LA 70130
Sunday May 12:
can send boarding passes Saturday night or Sunday
moming
Flight \#AA4500
American Airlines
Depart NOLA 5:47 pm
Arrive Reagan DC 9:28pm


## Will print this for them!

## Thanks,

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| From |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| To | Ogmail.com |
| Tom \& Flanna | @gmail.com |
| Date $\quad$ Apr 30, 2018, 9:44 PM |  |

Please let me know if I need to make any modifications or you have any issues.

Reservation is under Tom Garrett and I put Flanna Garrett as guest so either one can check in.

I will send full itinerary closer to



Deposit Inbox

me
to Chris
Hide details

## From

To
Chris Woodfin @gmail.com

Date Apr 26, 2018, 4:04 PM
Chris,

Per Jimmy I just deposited \$6,000 check from Fredoms Defense Fund.

Thanks,
$\therefore *$


From

Date Apr 9,2018, 8:10 PM
Hey Jimmy,
Attached is the list of contacts from this weekend. Happy to send via email if that is better for you!

## Thanks,

Tom Garrett for
Congress_April 6...
W Doc

me
to Chris, jimmy
Hide details


Date $\quad$ Apr $5,2018,12: 05 \mathrm{PM}$
Hey Chris,

I just deposited the $\$ 500$ at Wells
Fargo DC.

I have paper receipt.

Thanks,

me
to jimmy
Hide details

## From



To jimmykeady @gmail.com

Date Mar 5, 2018, 7:47 PM
Jimmy,
The 5th was mentioned on NBC 29 6pm news.
3.5.2018 Dem Money NBC 29.mp4

Thanks,

