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January 18, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jo Bonner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jo Bonner
Chairman

Enclosures

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

December 2011

The Committee continued to fulfill its responsibilities to advise and educate Members and staff on the laws, rules, and standards of conduct. (An enumeration of those laws and rules is found in H. Rep. 111-707, *Summary of Activities, One Hundred Eleventh Congress, A Report of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct*, 111th Cong., 2d Sess. (Jan. 3, 2011).) As a general matter, the Committee's activities in receiving and responding to requests for advice from House Members and staff are conducted on a confidential basis. The Committee received 41 requests for advisory opinions in December of 2011. Advisory materials the Committee has publicly released are available on the Committee's Web site, at <http://ethics.house.gov/>.

In accordance with the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 112th Congress, the Committee continued to review and approve requests to accept privately-sponsored, officially-connected travel. The Committee received 181 such requests in December of 2011.

In addition, the Committee is required under the House rules to offer annual ethics training to each Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer and employee of the House. Such training is mandatory for all House officers and employees, and new officers or employees must receive training not later than 60 days after beginning service to the House. The Committee continued to provide such training in December of 2011. The Committee provided live training sessions attended by 104 individuals in December of 2011. The Committee also continued to provide training online, through a number of training videos. Additional information about the calendar of upcoming in-person training sessions and online training opportunities is available on the Committee's Web site, at <http://ethics.house.gov/>.

In December 2011, the Committee issued general advisories on three topics: *Holiday Guidance on the Gift Rule*, *Revised Legal Expense Fund Regulations*, *Reminder about 2011 Annual Ethics Training Requirement*. These general advisories were distributed to the House community and are available on the Committee's Web site, at <http://ethics.house.gov/>.

The Committee made a public announcement on December 2, 2011, that the Chairman and Ranking Member jointly decided to extend the Committee's review of the Matter of Representative Jesse Jackson, Jr. in order to gather additional information necessary to complete its review. The Committee made a public announcement on December 16, 2011, that the Committee voted unanimously to continue the service of William R. Martin as outside counsel to the Committee in the Matter of Representative Maxine Waters. The Committee made a public statement on December 20, 2011, that the Committee unanimously voted to release a public Report finding that Representative Don Young did not violate any provision of the Code of Official Conduct or any law, rule, regulation, or other standard of conduct with respect to the

receipt of 12 contributions to his legal expense trust fund. The Committee made a public statement on December 22, 2011, that the Chairman and Ranking Member jointly decided to extend the Matter regarding Representative Vern Buchanan, which was transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics. These statements are available on the Committee's Web site, at <http://ethics.house.gov/>.

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Committee on Ethics

H. Res. Resolution: 131

Statement of expenses from 12/1/2011 to 12/31/2011

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

Report Done: Tuesday, January 17, 2012

| Category | December 2011 | Cumulative For Funding Resolution: 131 | 12/31/2011 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Staff Salaries | \$229,231.41 | \$2,289,016.81 | |
| Overtime | \$0.00 | \$7,132.95 | |
| Consultant Contracts | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Equipment | \$775.00 | \$9,511.05 | |
| Travel | \$745.91 | \$1,813.04 | |
| Rent, Communications and Utilities | \$2,873.42 | \$33,965.85 | |
| Printing and Reproduction | \$0.00 | \$3,907.56 | |
| Miscellaneous Other Services | \$37,202.46 | \$230,372.10 | |
| Specialized Training | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Training Expenses | \$0.00 | \$60.00 | |
| Representational Funds | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Supplies and Materials | \$15,747.91 | \$43,506.46 | |
| Grand Total | \$286,576.11 | \$2,619,285.82 | |

United States House of Representatives

Committee on Ethics

Fund Balance Statement as of 12/31/2011

All BOC codes

Resolution: 131

Report Done: 1/17/2012

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

Less Expenses

Total Authorization

\$2,824,535.12

Year Month

2011 January \$184,024.95

2011 February \$191,136.87

2011 March \$185,941.30

2011 April \$151,552.94

2011 May \$165,458.58

2011 June \$160,287.90

2011 July \$181,183.68

2011 August \$246,591.70

2011 September \$230,505.32

2011 October \$234,431.49

2011 November \$401,594.98

2011 December \$286,576.11

Total Committee Expenses to Date \$2,619,285.82

Unexpended Authorization \$205,249.30

Committee on Ethics

H. Res. Resolution: 131F

Statement of expenses from 12/1/2011 to 12/31/2011

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

Report Done: Tuesday, January 17, 2012

| Category | December 2011 | Cumulative For Funding Resolution: 131F | 12/31/2011 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Staff Salaries | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Overtime | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Consultant Contracts | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Equipment | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Travel | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Rent, Communications and Utilities | \$15.73 | \$791.60 | \$791.60 |
| Printing and Reproduction | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Miscellaneous Other Services | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Specialized Training | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Training Expenses | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Representational Funds | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Supplies and Materials | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Grand Total | \$15.73 | \$791.60 | \$791.60 |

United States House of Representatives

Committee on Ethics

Fund Balance Statement as of 12/31/2011

All BOC codes

Resolution: 131F

Report Done: 1/17/2012

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

Less Expenses

Total Authorization \$5,000.00

| <u>Year</u> <u>Month</u> | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| 2011 January | \$37.16 |
| 2011 February | \$11.77 |
| 2011 March | \$75.62 |
| 2011 April | \$40.91 |
| 2011 May | \$54.31 |
| 2011 June | \$141.13 |
| 2011 July | \$43.37 |
| 2011 August | \$123.96 |
| 2011 September | \$27.83 |
| 2011 October | \$170.57 |
| 2011 November | \$49.24 |
| 2011 December | \$15.73 |
| Total Committee Expenses to Date | \$791.60 |
| Unexpended Authorization | \$4,208.40 |

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

DECEMBER 2011

STANDING COMMITTEE STAFF

| <u>NAMES</u> | <u>ADDRESSES</u> | <u>DUTIES</u> | <u>MONTHLY SALARIES</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Craig Barber | Waldorf, MD | System Administrator | 6,500.00 |
| Deborah Bethea | Washington, DC | Senior Financial Disclosure Manager | 12,876.98 |
| Brittany Bohren | Washington, DC | Investigative Clerk | 3,583.33 |
| Sheria Clarke | Woodbridge, VA | Counsel | 10,250.00 |
| Frank Davies | McLean, VA | Senior Investigator | 11,755.00 |
| Teri K. Dees | Washington, DC | Counsel | 10,250.00 |
| Carol Dixon | Washington, DC | Director of Advice And Education | 13,166.67 |
| Robert Eskridge | Washington, DC | Counsel | 9,833.33 |
| Donna Hayes | Hyattsville, MD | Staff Assistant | 3,753.63 |
| Heather Jones | Arlington, VA | Senior Counsel | 11,916.67 |
| Deborah Mayer | Arlington, VA | Director of Investigations | 13,166.67 |
| Patrick McMullen | Washington, DC | Counsel | 9,883.33 |

| <u>NAMES</u> | <u>ADDRESSES</u> | <u>DUTIES</u> | <u>MONTHLY SALARIES</u> |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Tamar Nedzar | Alexandria, VA | Counsel | 9,833.33 |
| Thomas A. Rust | Arlington, VA | Senior Counsel | 11,916.67 |
| Daniel A. Schwager | Washington, DC | Staff Director/Chief Counsel | 14,375.00 |
| Matthew Scott | Washington, DC | Staff Assistant | 2,958.33 |
| Clifford Stoddard, Jr. | Clinton, MD | Senior Counsel | 11,916.67 |
| Kelle Strickland | Arlington, VA | Counsel to the Chairman | 11,951.67 |
| Christopher Tate | Arlington, VA | Counsel | 9,583.33 |
| Daniel Taylor | Arlington, VA | Counsel to the Ranking Member | 11,951.67 |
| Miguel Toruño | Washington, DC | Senior Counsel | 11,916.67 |
| Hallie Tosher | Washington, DC | Staff Assistant | 2,750.00 |
| Kaitlin Vogt | Washington, DC | Staff Assistant | 2,750.00 |
| Joanne White | Ft. Wash., MD | Administrative Staff Director | 10,192.46 |

Travel Performed: Committee on Ethics
 12/1/2011 to 12/31/2011

| Travel Order | Traveler | Begin | End | purpose | Pay ID | Pay Date | Transportation | Per Diem | Other | Total remarks |
|---------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|--------|-----------|----------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| 112-03 | Kenneth Miller | 12/4/2011 | 12/6/2011 | Official Travel | 112-36 | 12/6/2011 | \$615.05 | \$0.00 | \$130.86 | \$745.91 |
| Totals | | | | | | | \$615.05 | \$0.00 | \$130.86 | \$745.91 |