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MEMBER'S PERSONAL ATTENTION ONLY

The Honorable Charles B. Rangel
U.S. House of Representatives
2354 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Representative Rangel:

We have received and considered the numerous communications from your counsel, Mr. Jay Goldberg. Our non-partisan professional staff has had discussions with Mr. Goldberg, and has carefully analyzed his arguments and your concerns. After careful consideration and discussion with the full Committee, it is the unanimous opinion of the Committee that there is no legal or factual basis supporting a conclusion that you have been deprived of any constitutional rights in your proceedings before the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct or the entire House of Representatives in the One Hundred and Eleventh Congress. Nor is there any basis upon which the current Committee on Ethics believes that any further comment or action related to your closed matter is warranted by the Committee.

We note that the legal and factual analysis of our professional non-partisan staff, which we concur with, is consistent with, though not limited to, the analysis of the outside counsel in the Matter of Representative Maxine Waters, which was adopted by the Committee on Ethics for that matter. For your convenience, we have enclosed the Committee's report, with the report of the outside counsel, in Representative Waters' matter. As you are aware, none of the members of the Committee on Ethics who served in the Matter of Representative Waters beginning in February of 2012 had served on the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct in the One Hundred and Eleventh Congress. In addition, those Members were staffed entirely by professional, non-partisan staff, as well as outside counsel, who were all hired in the One Hundred and Twelfth Congress.

For all of the above reasons, the Committee has declined to re-open your closed matter or make any new recommendations with regard to that matter. The Committee does not intend to comment further on this matter, provided that neither you nor your attorney make any further

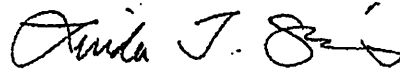
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public comments that the Committee considers to be inconsistent with the facts or law in this matter or misleading regarding the record of the proceedings addressing your conduct in and before the One Hundred and Eleventh Congress.

Sincerely,



Jo Bonner
Chairman



Linda T. Sánchez
Ranking Member

cc: Mr. Jay Goldberg, Esq.

Enclosure