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STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

The Committee on Ethics (Committee) has scheduled a public meeting to be held in 1015 Longworth House Office Building on November 19, 2026 at 2:30 p.m., to consider adopting changes to the Rules of the Committee pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 2(a)(1)(A).

The Committee has undertaken a review of the rules with the goal of improving the speed of investigations and increasing transparency, particularly with respect to allegations of sexual misconduct. While the Committee has identified areas for improvement, the Committee also seeks to preserve the procedures that ensure fairness, due process, and bipartisanship in all investigations. At its next meeting, the Committee will consider adopting changes to its existing rules, to include the following:

- Codifying the Committee's policy of publicly disclosing any findings that a Member engaged in sexual harassment or other sexual misconduct in violations of clauses 9 or 18 of the Code of Official Conduct, while explicitly prohibiting publication of the identify of any victim of such conduct.

- Delegating subpoena authority to the Committee's Chairman and Ranking Member, acting jointly, rather than requiring a vote of the full Committee.

- Adjusting the role of an investigative subcommittee to conclude following the adoption of findings, so that the full Committee and/or an adjudicatory subcommittee can more quickly begin consideration of a matter's resolution.

- Consolidating deadlines for a Respondent to respond to an investigative subcommittee's findings, preserving Respondents' ability to address concerns within a reasonable period of time while minimizing the potential for dilatory motions practice.

- Clarifying the potential for the Committee or a Respondent to seek to adjudicate a matter based on the available record in lieu of a burdensome hearing.

- Expanding the circumstances under which fines and denials of privileges are considered an appropriate sanction to include any abuses of position.

As required by the Rules of the House, the Committee will meet in open session to vote on whether to adopt these reforms.