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OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT

Review No. 14-4843

The Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics (the “Board”), by a vote of no less than four members, on March 28, 2014, adopted the following report and ordered it to be transmitted to the Committee on Ethics of the United States House of Representatives.

SUBJECT: Representative Michael Grimm

NATURE OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION: On January 28, 2014, following the President’s State of the Union address, Representative Michael Grimm participated in a television interview with a reporter in the Cannon House Office Building Rotunda. After the interview ended, but while the television camera continued filming, Representative Grimm threatened the reporter.

If Representative Grimm threatened to do bodily harm to or assaulted a reporter, then he may have violated the D.C. Code and House rules.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board recommends that the Committee on Ethics further review the allegation concerning Representative Grimm’s actions in threatening a reporter, as there is substantial reason to believe that Representative Grimm threatened a reporter with bodily harm and engaged in a threatening or menacing act that created a fear of immediate injury, in violation of the D.C. Code and House rules.

VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE: 6

VOTES IN THE NEGATIVE: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR STAFF DESIGNATED TO PRESENT THIS REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS: Omar S. Ashmawy, Staff Director & Chief Counsel.