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## FIRST QUARTER 2024 REPORT

January 2024 – March 2024

The following is a report of the OCE's work in the first quarter of 2024 for the 118th Congress.

The Office of Congressional Ethics ("OCE") is an independent, non-partisan entity charged with reviewing allegations of misconduct involving Members, officers and staff of the House and, when appropriate, referring matters to the House Committee on Ethics. Additional information about the OCE's process is available on our website: <http://oce.house.gov>.

### First Quarter Highlighted Activities and Events

- In this quarter, the OCE transmitted two matters to the Committee on Ethics for further review.
- On March 11, 2024, the Office of Congressional Ethics onboarded two new staff.
- On March 23, 2024, the President signed H.R. 2882, the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, which included \$1.76 million dollars of funding for the Office of Congressional Ethics.
- On March 26, 2024, the Committee announced they were extending their review of the OCE's referral regarding Representative Troy E. Nehls.

### Scheduled Releases

Two referrals were sent to the Committee on Ethics for further review. On March 26, 2024, the Committee on Ethics announced they were extending their review of the OCE's referral regarding Representative Troy E. Nehls and that they will announce their course of action on or before May 10, 2024.

## Board Actions

The following is a statistical summary of the Board's actions in the 118th Congress, including the first quarter of 2024 that has been highlighted in blue.

Date	Reviews				Transmittals		
	Commence Preliminary Review	Termination	Phase II Review	Phase II Review Extension	Further Review	Dismissal	Unresolved <sup>1</sup>
<i>January 19</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>February 16</i>	2	1	1	2	0	0	0
<i>March 15</i>	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
<b>Total for First Quarter of 2024</b>	4	2	2	2	2	0	0
<b>Total from 2023</b>	15	5	8	6	4	4	0
<b>118th Congress</b>	19	7	10	8	6	4	0

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<sup>1</sup> In cases where the Board cannot resolve the matter due to a tie vote, the Board will transmit the referral to the Committee with a statement that the matter is unresolved.

## **Citizen Communications**

Any member of the public may bring a matter of suspected misconduct involving a Member, officer or staff of the House to the attention of the OCE. The OCE has received approximately 3,274 communications from private citizens during the first quarter of 2024. These communications include submissions of information regarding allegations of misconduct and requests for information about the OCE and its procedures.

## **Staffing Update**

During the first quarter of 2024, the OCE hired Jean-Paul Theroux as Investigative Counsel and a new Director of Operations.

For nearly nine years after graduating from law school, Mr. Theroux was an Associate with a large international law firm where his practice focused on complex corporate investigations, government enforcement actions, and other legal and administrative proceedings before several federal agencies—principally in the areas of anti-corruption and antitrust law. Beginning in 2015, Mr. Theroux spent 18 months seconded to an affiliated Brazilian law firm in São Paulo where he consulted on aspects of U.S. law in the context of cross-border anti-corruption investigations.

Before joining the Office of Congressional Ethics in 2024, Mr. Theroux also served briefly as a prosecutor in the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for Loudoun County, Virginia.

Mr. Theroux received his J.D. cum laude from William & Mary Law School and his B.A. in English Literature from the University of Virginia, where he was elected Phi Beta Kappa.