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FOURTH QUARTER 2023 REPORT

October 2023 – December 2023

The following is a report of the OCE's work in the fourth quarter of 2023 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>.

Fourth Quarter Highlighted Activities and Events

- On November 16, 2023, the Committee on Ethics released the OCE's May 1, 2023 [referral](#) regarding Rep. George Santos as a part of its committee report.
- On December 27, 2023, the Committee on Ethics [announced](#) they had established an Investigative Subcommittee regarding Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick following receipt of a referral from the Office of Congressional Ethics on September 25, 2023.
- The OCE received and reviewed over 3,000 citizen communications containing allegations of misconduct or requests for information about the OCE and its procedures.

Scheduled Releases

Two referrals were sent to the Committee on Ethics for further review. On January 25, 2024, the Committee on Ethics released the OCE's referral regarding Representative Bowman.

Board Actions

The following is a statistical summary of the Board's actions in the 118th Congress, including the fourth quarter of 2023 that has been highlighted in blue.

Date	Reviews				Transmittals		
	Commence Preliminary Review	Termination	Phase II Review	Phase II Review Extension	Further Review	Dismissal	Unresolved ¹
<i>February 17</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>March 17</i>	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
<i>April 21</i>	3	0	0	1	1	0	0
<i>May 19</i>	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
<i>June 16</i>	0	2	1	3	0	1	0
<i>July 21</i>	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
<i>August 15</i>	1	0	1	0	0	2	0
<i>September 15</i>	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
<i>October 20</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>November 17</i>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
<i>December 15</i>	4	2	0	0	2	0	0
Total for Fourth Quarter	5	2	1	0	2	0	0
Total from Previous Quarters	10	3	7	6	2	4	0
118th Congress	15	5	8	6	4	4	0

¹ 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 3,301 communications from private citizens during the fourth quarter of 2023. These communications include submissions of information regarding allegations of misconduct and requests for information about the OCE and its procedures.