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OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT

Review No. 23-7239

The Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics (hereafter “the Board”), by a vote of no less than four members, on September 15, 2023, adopted the following report and ordered it to be transmitted to the Committee on Ethics of the United States House of Representatives (hereafter “the Committee”).

SUBJECT: Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick

NATURE OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION: Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick made payments to a state political action committee that may have been in connection with her campaign for federal office. If Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick made payments to a state political action committee in connection with her campaign, she may have violated House Rules, standards of conduct, and federal law. Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick’s failure to report these payments as contributions to her campaign may further violate House Rules, standards of conduct, and federal law.

Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick’s congressional office may have received services related to franked communications and other official work from an individual who was not compensated with official funds. If Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick compensated this individual with private funds or did not compensate him for his services, she may have violated House Rules, standards of conduct, and federal law.

Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick’s campaign committee may have accepted and failed to report contributions exceeding FEC contribution limits. If Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick’s campaign committee accepted and failed to report contributions exceeding contribution limits, Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick may have violated House rules, standards of conduct, and federal law.

Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick’s campaign committee may have failed to report transactions between the campaign committee’s bank account and Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick’s businesses’ bank accounts. If Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick’s campaign committee failed to report or misrepresented these transactions in FEC filings, Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick may have violated House rules, standards of conduct, and federal law.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board recommends that the Committee further review the above allegations concerning Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick because there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick made payments to a state political action committee which may have been in connection with her campaign for federal office and did not report these payments as contributions to her campaign.

The Board recommends that the Committee further review the above allegations because there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick’s congressional office received

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services related to franked communications and other official work from an individual who was not compensated with official funds.

The Board recommends that the Committee further review the above allegations because there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick's campaign committee accepted and failed to report contributions exceeding contribution limits.

The Board recommends that the Committee further review the above allegations because there is substantial reason to believe that Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick's campaign committee failed to report transactions between the campaign committee and Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick's businesses.

VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE: 5

VOTES IN THE NEGATIVE: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

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