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**PRESS ADVISORY: OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS BOARD TO HOLD
PUBLIC MEETING ON DRAFT RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Office of Congressional Ethics, established by the House of Representatives, is an independent, non-partisan entity charged with receiving and reviewing allegations of misconduct concerning House Members and staff and, when appropriate, referring matters to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct (commonly referred to as the Ethics Committee). In its opening business January 7, the House reauthorized the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE), and the Speaker and Minority Leader reappointed the Members of Board of the OCE.

In the months since their initial appointment, the Board has taken steps to organize the office, appointed a Staff Director & Chief Counsel and developed a set of draft rules of procedure for handling matters and a draft code of conduct for the Board and staff.

Consistent with the desire of the House for more transparency in these matters, the Board has scheduled an open meeting regarding the draft rules and code on January 23, 2009 at 10 a.m. in 1309 LHOB. The meeting will afford Members and staff, organizations who have been following the issue and other interested individuals, an opportunity to comment on the drafts.

Individuals who wish to address the Board at the open meeting should contact the Office prior to Friday's meeting. Copies of the draft rules and code are available upon request.

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