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Statement of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct in the Matter of Representative Bob Filner

December 19, 2007

On September 18, 2007, an investigative subcommittee was established to conduct an inquiry regarding Representative Bob Filner with respect to the charge of misdemeanor assault and battery made against Representative Filner in Loudoun County, Virginia.

Legal proceedings regarding this matter have now concluded before the Commonwealth of Virginia's General District Court in Loudoun County, Virginia. On November 26, 2007, Representative Filner voluntarily entered an *Alford* plea of guilty to an amended charge of misdemeanor trespass for which the presiding judge imposed a civil fine of \$100.

The investigative subcommittee has completed its review of this matter, which included examination of the complete record of the court proceedings in this matter, as well as additional documents and information furnished by Representative Filner. The documents included a letter of apology issued by Representative Filner to the airline employee that made the complaint against him, as well as a separate statement made by Representative Filner to the Investigative Subcommittee in accordance with Committee Rule 19(b)(3).

The investigative subcommittee considered Representative Filner's conduct in light of the rules and standards applicable to him and the Committee's precedents in matters involving the conduct of Members of the House. At the conclusion of its deliberations, based on the facts and circumstances presented, the investigative subcommittee determined that Representative Filner's conduct was addressed in the proceedings before the Commonwealth of Virginia District Court. The Investigative Subcommittee made no recommendation of further action against Representative Filner regarding the matter within the investigative subcommittee's jurisdiction. Notwithstanding this determination, the investigative subcommittee agreed unanimously that Representative Filner's conduct demonstrated poor judgment on his part, and that he is responsible for creating a situation that implicated the reputation of the House of Representatives.

On December 19, 2007, the Committee accepted the recommendation of the Subcommittee. This statement constitutes the Committee's concluding action and statement regarding this matter.

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