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**STATEMENT BY SENATORS BOXER AND CORNYN, THE CHAIR AND
VICE CHAIR OF THE SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE**

Washington, DC— U.S. Senators Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and John Cornyn (R-TX), the Chair and Vice Chair of the Senate Ethics Committee, today issued the following statement:

“The Ethics Committee never comments on whether or not it has received a complaint against a member of the Senate. When the Committee receives a complaint, it follows its rules of procedure as detailed in the Senate Ethics Manual.

“The Rules require that: “The Committee shall promptly commence a preliminary inquiry whenever it has received a sworn complaint, or other allegation of, or information about, alleged misconduct or violations...

“The preliminary inquiry shall be of such duration and scope as is necessary to determine whether there is substantial credible evidence which provides substantial cause for the Committee to conclude that a violation within the jurisdiction of the Committee has occurred.”

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