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### **STATEMENT OF THE CHAIR AND CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS REGARDING A CHANGE TO THE OCE CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Board of the OCE has adopted a change to Rule 12 of its Code of Conduct concerning restrictions on political activity by OCE Board and staff. The change restates that OCE staff may not engage in any partisan political activity affecting any election. It also clarifies that OCE Board members are prohibited from political activity that affects elections for the House of Representatives or elections to any office in which a Member, Officer, or staff of the House is a candidate. Political activity, for the purpose of this rule, includes making campaign contributions.

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