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### Statement of the Chair and Ranking Republican Member of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

May 19, 2009

Today, the Committee transmitted the attached Report to the House regarding five Members of the House who were arrested on April 27, 2009, during a protest outside of the Embassy of Sudan in Washington, D.C.

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### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

MAY 19, 2009

In accordance with H. Res. 451, adopted on June 5, 2007, and extended in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress by H. Res. 5, Section 4(e), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby submits the following Report to the House of Representatives:

On May 19, 2009, the Committee convened for the purpose of considering the protest arrests on April 27, 2009 of five Members of the House outside the Embassy of Sudan in Washington, D.C. The five Members arrested were Representative Keith Ellison, Representative Lynn C. Woolsey, Representative John Lewis, Representative James P. McGovern, and Representative Donna F. Edwards. Each of the Members paid a \$100 fine for crossing a police line. The fines were paid on the same date as the arrests, and the local proceedings related to the arrests of the five Members are now resolved.

The Committee voted against empanelling an investigative subcommittee regarding this matter. The Committee considered the scope and nature of the conduct of the Members and determined that review by an investigate subcommittee is not required in this matter.