

# UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CALENDAR YEAR 2008 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
A \$200 penalty shall be assessed against anyone who files more than 30 days late.

Report Type: ☒ Annual (May 15) ☐ Amendment ☐ Termination  
Termination Date:

## PRELIMINARY INFORMATION -- ANSWER EACH OF THESE QUESTIONS

I. Did you or your spouse have "earned" income (e.g., salaries or fees) of \$200 or more from any source in the reporting period? If yes, complete and attach Schedule I.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	VI. Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportable gift in the reporting period (i.e., aggregating more than \$335 and not otherwise exempt)? If yes, complete and attach Schedule VII.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
II. Did any individual or organization make a donation to charity in lieu of paying you for a speech, appearance, or article in the reporting period? If yes, complete and attach Schedule II.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	VII. Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportable travel or reimbursements for travel in the reporting period (worth more than \$335 from one source)? If yes, complete and attach Schedule VII.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
III. Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive "unearned" income of more than \$200 in the reporting period or hold any reportable asset worth more than \$1,000 at the end of the period? If yes, complete and attach Schedule III.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	VIII. Did you hold any reportable positions on or before the date of filing in the current calendar year? If yes, complete and attach Schedule VIII.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
IV. Did you, your spouse, or dependent child purchase, sell, or exchange any reportable asset in a transaction exceeding \$1,000 during the reporting period? If yes, complete and attach Schedule IV.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IX. Did you have any reportable agreement or arrangement with an outside entity? If yes, complete and attach Schedule IX.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
V. Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child have any reportable liability (more than \$10,000) during the reporting period? If yes, complete and attach Schedule V.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Each question in this part must be answered and the appropriate schedule attached for each "Yes" response.	

## EXCLUSION OF SPOUSE, DEPENDENT, OR TRUST INFORMATION -- ANSWER EACH OF THESE QUESTIONS

Trusts-- Details regarding "Qualified Blind Trusts" approved by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and certain other "excepted trusts" need not be disclosed. Have you excluded from this report details of such a trust benefiting you, your spouse, or dependent child?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Exemptions-- Have you excluded from this report any other assets, "unearned" income, transactions, or liabilities of a spouse or dependent child because they meet all three tests for exemption? Do not answer "yes" unless you have first consulted with the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

# SCHEDULE I - EARNED INCOME

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List the source, type, and amount of earned income from any source (other than the filer's current employment by the U.S. Government) totaling \$200 or more during the preceding calendar year. For a spouse, list the source and amount of any honoraria; list only the source for other spouse earned income exceeding \$1,000.

Source	Type	Amount
State of Michigan	Pension	\$38,683
State of California	Pension	\$4,785
Kent County, Michigan	Pension	\$2,007

**SCHEDULE 11 - PAYMENTS MADE TO CHARITY IN LIEU OF HONORARIA**

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List the source, activity (i.e., speech, appearance, or article), date, and amount of any payment made by the sponsor of an event to a charitable organization in lieu of an honorarium. A separate confidential list of charities receiving such payments must be filed directly with the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. A green envelope for transmitting the list is included in each Member's filing package. Employees may request a green envelope from the Clerk or use a plain envelope that is appropriately labeled.

Source	Activity	Date	Amount
Caledonia CRC	Speech	January 6, 2008	\$75

# SCHEDULE III - ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME

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BLOCK A <b>Asset and/or Income Source</b>		BLOCK B <b>Year-End Value of Asset</b>	BLOCK C <b>Type of Income</b>	BLOCK D <b>Amount of Income</b>	BLOCK E <b>Transaction</b>
<p>Identify (a) each asset held for investment or production of income with a fair market value exceeding \$1,000 at the end of the reporting period, and (b) any other assets or sources of income which generated more than \$200 in "unearned" income during the year. For rental property or land, provide a complete address. Provide full names of stocks and mutual funds (do not use ticker symbols). For all IRAs and other retirement plans (such as 401(k) plans) that are self directed (i.e., plans in which you have the power, even if not exercised, to select the specific investments), provide the value and income information on each asset in the account that exceeds the reporting threshold. For retirement plans that are not self-directed, name the institution holding the account and its value at the end of the reporting period. For an active business that is not publicly traded, state the name of the business, the nature of its activities, and its geographic location in Block A. For additional information, see the instruction booklet.</p> <p>Exclude: Your personal residence(s) (unless there is rental income); any debt owed to you by your spouse, or by your or your spouse's child, parent or sibling; any deposits totaling \$5,000 or less in personal savings accounts; any financial interest in or income derived from U.S. Government retirement programs.</p> <p>If you so choose, you may indicate that an asset or income source is that of your spouse (SP) or dependent child (DC) or is jointly held (JT), in the optional column on the far left.</p>		<p>at close of reporting year. If you use a valuation method other than fair market value, please specify the method used. If an asset was sold and is included only because it is generated income, the value should be "None."</p>	<p>Check all columns that apply. For retirement plans or accounts that do not allow you to choose specific investments, you may write "NA". For all other assets including all IRAs, indicate the type of income by checking the appropriate box below. Dividends and interest, even if reinvested, should be listed as income. Check "None" if asset did not generate any income during the calendar year.</p>	<p>For retirement plans or accounts that do not allow you to choose specific investments, you may write "NA" for income. For all other assets, including all IRAs, indicate the category of income by checking the appropriate box below. Dividends and interest, even if reinvested, should be listed as income. Check "None" if no income was earned or generated.</p>	<p>Indicate if asset had purchases (P), sales (S), or exchanges (E) exceeding \$1,000 in reporting year.</p>
SP	Lake Michigan Credit Union IRA	\$1,001 - \$15,000	DIVIDENDS	N/A	
	Lake Michigan Credit Union	\$100,001 - \$250,000	DIVIDENDS	\$5,001 - \$15,000	
	Northern Trust Bank	\$250,001 - \$500,000	INTEREST	\$5,001 - \$15,000	
	Macatawa Bank	\$50,001 - \$100,000	INTEREST	\$2,501 - \$5,000	
	Chase Bank	\$1,001 - \$15,000	INTEREST	\$1 - \$200	
	TIAA CREF Retirement Account TIAA Traditional Fund	\$100,001 - \$250,000	combination	N/A	

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TIAA CREF Retirement Account CREF Stock Fund	\$50,001 - \$100,000	combination	N/A	
TIAA CREF Retirement Fund CREF Real Estate Fund	\$50,001 - \$100,000	combination	N/A	
TIAA CREF Retirement Fund CREF Bond Market Fund	\$50,001 - \$100,000	combination	N/A	
TIAA CREF Retirement Fund CREF Inflation Linked Bond Fund	\$50,001 - \$100,000	combination	N/A	
TIAA CREF SRA Retirement Fund TIAA Traditional Fund	\$1,001 - \$15,000	combination	N/A	
TIAA CREF SRA Retirement Fund CREF Stock Fund	\$1,001 - \$15,000	combination	N/A	
IRA DFA International Core Equity Fund	\$15,001 - \$50,000	combination	N/A	
IRA DFA US Core Equity Fund	\$100,001 - \$250,000	combination	N/A	
IRA Dimensional Advisor Five Year Govt Portfolio	\$15,001 - \$50,000	combination	N/A	
IRA DFA Emerging Markets Core Equity Portfolio	\$1,001 - \$15,000	combination	N/A	
IRA Dimensional Advisor One Year Fixed Income Portfolio	\$15,001 - \$50,000	combination	N/A	
IRA Invst Two Year Global Fixed Income Fund	\$15,001 - \$50,000	combination	N/A	
IRA Dimensional Advisor Real Estate Securities Portfolio	\$1,001 - \$15,000	combination	N/A	
IRA Dimensional Adv Global Fixed Income Portfolio	\$15,001 - \$50,000	combination	N/A	

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IRA Fidelity Cash Reserves	\$1 - \$1,000	combination	N/A		
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# SCHÉDULÉ VII - TRAVEL PAYMENTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS

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Identify the source and list travel itinerary, dates, and nature of expenses provided for travel and travel-related expenses totaling more than \$335 received by you, your spouse, or a dependent child during the reporting period. Indicate whether a family member accompanied the traveler at the sponsor's expense, and the amount of time, if any, that was not at the sponsor's expense. Disclosure is required regardless of whether the expenses were reimbursed or paid directly by the sponsor. Exclude: Travel-related expenses provided by federal, state, and local governments, or by a foreign government required to be separately reported under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (5 U.S.C. § 7342); political travel that is required to be reported under the Federal Election Campaign Act; travel provided to a spouse or dependent child that is totally independent of his or her relationship to you.

Source	Date(s)	Point of Departure-- Destination--Point of Return	Lodging? (Y/N)	Food? (Y/N)	Was a Family Member Included? (Y/N)	Days not at sponsor's expense
Alliance for Health Reform	January 10-12	Grand Rapids, MI to Philadelphia, PA and return	Y	Y	N	none