

**UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**CALENDAR YEAR 2012 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Form A  
 For use by Members, officers, and employees

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Name: **Gus M Bilirakis**

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<b>Filer Status</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Member of the U.S. House of Representatives	<b>State:</b> <u>FL</u>	<b>District:</b> <u>12</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer or Employee	<b>Employing Office:</b> _____
<b>Report Type</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual (May 15, 2013)	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Termination	<b>Termination Date:</b> _____	<b>A \$200 penalty shall be assessed against anyone who files more than 30 days late.</b>

**PRELIMINARY INFORMATION — ANSWER EACH OF THESE QUESTIONS**

<b>I.</b> 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"/>	<b>VI.</b> Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportable gift in the reporting period (i.e., aggregating more than \$350 and not otherwise exempt)? If yes, complete and attach Schedule VI.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>II.</b> 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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>VII.</b> Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportable travel or reimbursements for travel in the reporting period (worth more than \$350 from one source)? If yes, complete and attach Schedule VII.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>III.</b> 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"/>	<b>VIII.</b> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>IV.</b> Did you, your spouse, or a 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>IX.</b> Did you have any reportable agreement or arrangement with an outside entity? If yes, complete and attach Schedule IX.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>V.</b> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input 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**

<b>IPO</b> —Did you purchase any shares that were allocated as a part of an Initial Public Offering?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>TRUSTS</b> —Details regarding "Qualified Blind Trusts" approved by the Committee on Ethics 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"/>
<b>EXEMPTION</b> —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 Ethics.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Exclude: Military pay (such as National Guard or Reserve pay), federal retirement programs, and benefits received under the Social Security Act.**

**For payments to charity in lieu of honoraria, use Schedule II.**



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**Continuation Sheet (if needed)**

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**Capital Gains** — If a sales transaction resulted in a capital gain in excess of \$200, check the "capital gains" box and disclose this income on Schedule III.

Date	Amount of Transaction										
(MO/DAY/YR) or Quarterly, Monthly, or Bi-weekly, if applicable	A	\$1,001- \$15,000									
	B	\$15,001- \$50,000									
	C	\$50,001- \$100,000									
	D	\$100,001- \$250,000									
	E	\$250,001- \$500,000									
	F	\$500,001- \$1,000,000									
	G	\$1,000,001- \$5,000,000									
	H	\$5,000,001- \$25,000,000									
	I	\$25,000,001- \$50,000,000									
	J	Over \$50,000,000									
	K	Over \$1,000,000* (Source/DIC Asset)									

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# SCHEDULE V— LIABILITIES

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Report liabilities of over \$10,000 owed to any one creditor at any time during the reporting period by you, your spouse, or dependent child. Mark the highest amount owed during the year. **Members:** Members are required to report all liabilities secured by real property including mortgages on their personal residence. **Exclude:** Any mortgage on your personal residence (unless it is rented out or you are a Member); loans secured by automobiles, household furniture, or appliances; liabilities of a business in which you own an interest (unless you are personally liable); and liabilities owed to a spouse, or the child, parent, or sibling of you or your spouse. Report revolving charge accounts (i.e., credit cards) only if the balance at the close of the preceding calendar year exceeded \$10,000. \*This column is for liabilities held solely by your spouse or dependent child.

SP, DC, JT	Creditor	Date Liability Incurred Month/Year	Type of Liability	Amount of Liability										
				A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
	Example: First Bank of Wilmington, DE	May 1998	Mortgage on 123 Main St., Dover, DE	\$10,001-\$15,000	\$15,001-\$50,000	\$50,001-\$100,000	\$100,001-\$250,000	\$250,001-\$500,000	\$500,001-\$1,000,000	\$1,000,001-\$5,000,000	\$5,000,001-\$25,000,000	\$25,000,001-\$50,000,000	Over \$50,000,000	Spouse/DC Liability Over \$1,000,000*
JT	PNC Mortgage/528	Nov 2011	Personal Residence Palm Harbor, FL				X							
JT	Synovus	Nov 2011	Personal Residence Palm Harbor, FL		X									

## SCHEDULE VI— GIFTS

Report the source, a brief description, and the value of all gifts totaling more than \$350 received by you, your spouse, or a dependent child from any source during the year. **Exclude:** Gifts from relatives, gifts of personal hospitality of an individual, local meals, and gifts to a spouse or dependent child that are totally independent of his or her relationship to you. Gifts with a value of \$140 or less need not be added towards the \$350 disclosure threshold.

**Note:** The gift rule (House Rule 25, clause 5) prohibits acceptance of gifts except as specifically provided in the rule.

Source	Description	Value
Example: Mr. Joseph H. Smith, Anytown, Anystate	Silver Platter (determination on personal friendship received from Committee on Ethics)	\$375

# **SCHEDULE VIII--POSITIONS**

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Report all positions, compensated or uncompensated, held during the current calendar year as an officer, director, trustee of an organization, partner, proprietor, representative, employee, or consultant of any corporation, firm, partnership, or other business enterprise, any nonprofit organization, any labor organization, or any educational or other institution other than the United States.

Exclude: Positions listed on Schedule I; positions held in any religious, social, fraternal, or political entities (such as political parties and campaign organizations); and positions solely of an honorary nature.

Position	Name of Organization
Advisory	Newport Richey Marine Institute (non-profit, uncompensated position)
Advisory	Lighthouse of Pinellas (non-profit, uncompensated position)
Advisory (Honorary)	Erkek Children's Fund (All Children's Hospital, uncompensated position)
Advisory (Honorary)	Veterans Legacy Foundation Archives, St Petersburg College, uncompensated position
Advisory (Chairman)	
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## **SCHEDULE IX--AGREEMENTS**

Identify the date, parties to, and general terms of any agreement or arrangement with respect to: future employment; a leave of absence during the period of government service; continuation or deferral of payments by a former or current employer other than the U.S. Government; or continuing participation in an employee welfare or benefit plan maintained by a former employer.

Date	Parties To	Terms of Agreement
At Retirement Age	GUS M BILIRAKIS and State of Florida Legislators Benefit Pension Plan (Defined pension plan - Not self directed)	Upon retirement age, benefit to be paid based on age and years of service. Benefit amount and total value of pension cannot be defined at present time.



Number	Schedule	Footnote	Note Refers To
1	I	Addition of Earned Income	St. Petersburg College (SPC)-see attached document
2	III	Addition of Unearned Income	FL Prepaid College Tuition-DC-1 began using the plan and received a 1099-Q Statement showing the distribution and the associated earnings. Only a portion of the asset was used.
3	V	Mortgage Loan Transfer	Central Mortgage was transferred to PNC Mortgage as business transaction between the companies.
4	III	Addition of Asset due to value exceeding \$1,000	JP Morgan US Gov Money Market
5	III	Addition of Asset due to value exceeding \$1,000	Bank of America Checking

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Dear Colleague:

This responds to your letter dated August 7, 2012, seeking Committee approval to teach for compensation at St. Petersburg College (SPC) during the fall 2012 semester. Subject to the limitations discussed below, the Committee approves your request.

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

According to your letter, supporting documentation, and additional information provided by your staff, the background on this matter is as follows. You have been asked to teach POS-2041, a three-credit, fifteen-week course entitled "American National Government," at SPC during the upcoming semester. SPC has offered to pay you \$2,424 to teach this course. Your letter affirmed that no official resources, including staff time, will be used in connection with the teaching; the teaching will neither interfere with your official responsibilities nor be otherwise inconsistent with the performance of your congressional duties; and neither the employment, nor the compensation, present a significant potential for conflict of interest.

You provided a letter from Dr. Joseph Smiley, the Dean of Social & Behavioral Sciences at SPC. Dr. Smiley's letter affirmed that your compensation for the course will come from SPC's general funds for adjunct instruction and does not exceed the amount normally received by others at SPC teaching the same course. Dr. Smiley also affirmed that you are responsible for course preparation and student evaluation, the course offers academic credit, and the course is part of the regular SPC curriculum.

#### LEGAL BACKGROUND

House rules generally prohibit Members and staff of the House from receiving honoraria.<sup>1</sup> In addition, Members and covered employees of the House are prohibited by section 502 of the

<sup>1</sup> See House Rule 23, cl. 5; House Rule 25, cl. 1(a)(2), cl. 4(b).

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Ethics in Government Act,<sup>2</sup> as well as House Rule 25, clause 2(e), from receiving compensation for teaching "without the prior notification and approval" of this Committee.

In recommending these provisions in its report on the Ethics Reform Act, the House Bipartisan Task Force on Ethics referred to a "public perception that honoraria is a way for special interests to try to gain influence or buy access to Members of Congress."<sup>3</sup> The Task Force intended that:

the prohibition on honoraria for speeches, articles, and appearances extends to payment or compensation for such activity in any form. The ban on honoraria could not be circumvented, for example, by arranging for a continuing series of talks, lectures, speeches, or appearances and re-characterizing the income as a "stipend" or "salary."<sup>4</sup>

The Committee scrutinizes each request to teach for compensation in light of the concerns expressed by the Task Force regarding acceptance of honoraria and favors from special interest groups. In order to receive approval, the individual wishing to teach must establish that:

1. The teaching is part of a regular course of instruction at an established academic institution;
2. All compensation comes from the funds of the institution and none is derived from federal grants or earmarked appropriations;
3. The payment is for services on an ongoing basis, not for individual presentations or lectures;
4. The teacher's responsibilities include class preparation and student evaluation (for example, grading papers, testing, and homework);
5. The students receive credit for the course taught;
6. The compensation does not exceed that normally received by others at the institution for a comparable level of instruction and amount of work;
7. No official resources, including staff time, are used in connection with the teaching;
8. The teaching does not interfere with official responsibilities nor is it otherwise inconsistent with the performance of congressional duties; and

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<sup>2</sup> 5 U.S.C. app. 4 § 502(a)(5).

<sup>3</sup> Report on H.R. 3660 at 13, 135 Cong. Rec. H9257 (daily ed. Nov. 21, 1989).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 14, 135 Cong. Rec. H9257 (emphasis added).

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