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# Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

December 2, 2009

The Honorable Lorraine C. Miller Clerk of the House United States House of Representatives H-154 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Miller:

After further review, I would like to amend the financial disclosure statemed at I submitted for Calendar Year 2008 to reflect the changes described below.

- 1) ExxonMobil On Schedule III, page 6 of the statement, I reported shares of ExxonMobil as an asset. In addition to reporting income on this asset in the form of dividends in an amount between \$1-\$200, I also should also have reported capital gains realized as a result of the sale of these shares. The aggregate amount of income in Block D should be amended to be \$2,501-\$5,000.
- 2) Pimco Total Return Fund On Schedule III, page 8 of the statement, I reported as an asset belonging to my spouse shares of Pimco Total Return Fund. I also should have reported on Schedule III that in addition to dividend income, a capital gain distribution was received. The aggregate amount of income in Block D is as originally reported, \$2,501-\$5,000, but in Block E, I should have reported that these shares were purchased in 2008 and also subject of a partial sale.

On Schedule IV, I should have added two lines for "Pimco Total Return Fund", both indicating that this was an asset held by my spouse. One line should have indicated that shares of this fund were purchased on 9/25/08 and the amount of that transaction was \$50,001-\$100,000. The second line should have indicated that on 11/03/08 there was a partial sale of these shares and the amount of that transaction was \$1,000-\$15,000.

3) IShares Trust MSCI Emerging Markets Fund – On Schedule III, page 9 of the statement, I reported as an asset belonging to my spouse shares of the IShares Trust MSCI Emerging Markets Fund. While I did report a capital gain on the sale of these shares, I also should have reported receiving dividend income from these shares in the range of \$201-\$1,000.

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The amendment noted in item three above will also require a change to the financial disclosure statement that I submitted for Calendar Year 2007. Both Schedule III and Schedule IV of that statement should be amended to reflect that this asset—shares of the IShares Trust MSCI Emerging Markets Fund-- belonging to my spouse was originally acquired in a purchase on 3/26/07. The amount of this transaction fell within the range of \$15,001-\$50,000. The year-end value of this asset for 2007 also fell within the range of \$15,001-\$50,000, and there was no income related to the asset to report in 2007.

I appreciate your assistance in making these amendments to ensure the accuracy of my financial disclosure statements.

Sincerely,

HOWARD L. BERMAN

Member of Congress

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