UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CALENDAR YEAR 2008 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Form A
For use by Members, officers, and employees

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PRELIMINARY INFORMATION — ANSWER EACH OF THESE QUESTIONS

	Yes	No
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.**	[ ]	[X]
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.**	[X]	[ ]
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.**	[ ]	[X]
IV. 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.**	[ ]	[X]
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.**	[ ]	[X]
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 VI.**	[ ]	[X]
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.**	[ ]	[X]
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.**	[X]	[ ]
IX. Did you have any reportable agreement or arrangement with an outside entity? **If yes, complete and attach Schedule IX.**	[ ]	[X]

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

	Yes	No
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?	[ ]	[X]
EXEMPTION—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.	[ ]	[X]

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SCHEDULE I — EARNED INCOME

List the source, type, and amount of earned income from any source (other than the filer's current employment by the U.S. Government) totalling $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. See examples below.
Exclude: Military pay (such as National Guard or Reserve pay), federal retirement programs, and benefits received under the Social Security Act.

	Source	Type	Amount
Examples:	Keene State	Approved Teaching Fee	$6,000
	State of Maryland	Legislative Pension	$9,000
	Civil War Roundtable (Oct. 2nd)	Spouse Speech	$1,000
	Ontario County Board of Education	Spouse Salary	NA
	N/A		

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

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SCHEDULE II — PAYMENTS MADE TO CHARITY IN LIEU OF HONORARIA

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.

Source	Activity	Date	Amount
Examples: Association of American Associations, Washington DC	Speech	Feb. 2, 2008	$2,000
Examples: XYZ Magazine	Article	Aug. 13, 2008	$500
Decatur-Morgan Co. Chamber of Commerce Minority Development Committee	speech	Sept. 30, 2008	$500
First United Methodist Church	speech	Sept. 7, 2008	$50.00
Macedonia Baptist Church	speech	Dec. 18, 2008	$200.00
Kiwanis Club of Birmingham	speech	Aug. 19, 2008	$100.00

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SCHEDULE III—ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME

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BLOCK A — Asset and/or Income Source

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 asset 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.

Exclude: Your personal residence(s) (unless there is rental income); any debt owed to you by your spouse, or by you or your spouse's child, parent, or sibling; any deposits totalling $5,000 or less in personal savings accounts; any financial interest in or income derived from U.S. Government retirement programs.

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.

BLOCK B — Value of Asset

Indicate value of asset 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 during the reporting year and is included only because it generated income, the value should be "None."

BLOCK C — Type of Income

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 calendar year.

BLOCK D — Amount of Income

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.

BLOCK E — Transaction

Indicate if the asset had purchases (P), sales (S), or exchanges (E) exceeding $1000 in reporting year.

If only a portion of an asset is sold, *please indicate* as follows: (S) (partial) See below for example.

SP, DC, JT	Asset	A None	B $1 – $1,000	C $1,001 – $15,000	D $15,001 – $50,000	E $50,001 – $100,000	F $100,001 – $250,000	G $250,001 – $500,000	H $500,001 – $1,000,000	I $1,000,001 – $5,000,000	J $5,000,001 – $25,000,000	K $25,000,001 – $50,000,000	L Over $50,000,000	NONE	DIVIDENDS	RENT	INTEREST	CAPITAL GAINS	EXCEPTED/BLIND TRUST	Other Type of Income (Specify: For Example, Partnership Income or Farm Income)	I None	II $1 – $200	III $201 – $1,000	IV $1,001 – $2,500	V $2,501 – $5,000	VI $5,001 – $15,000	VII $15,001 – $50,000	VIII $50,001 – $100,000	IX $100,001 – $1,000,000	X $1,000,001 – $5,000,000	XI Over $5,000,000	P, S, E
SP	Mega Corp. Stock					X									X			X						X								S (partial)
Examples:	Simon & Schuster		Indefinite																	Royalties									X			
	1st Bank of Paducah, KY Accounts						X									X										X						
	N/A																															

For additional assets and unearned income, use next page.

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SCHEDULE IV— TRANSACTIONS

Report any purchase, sale, or exchange by you, your spouse, or dependent child during the *reporting year* of *any real property*, stocks, bonds, commodities futures, or other securities when the *amount of the transaction exceeded* $1,000. *Include transactions* that resulted in a loss. Provide a brief description of any exchange transaction. Do not report a transaction between you, your spouse, or your dependent child, or the purchase or sale of your personal residence, unless it is rented out. **If only a portion of an asset is sold, please so indicate (i.e., "partial sale").** See example below.

SP, DC, JT	Asset	Type of Transaction: PURCHASE	SALE	EXCHANGE	Date (MO/DAY/YR) or Quarterly, Monthly, or Bi-weekly, if applicable	Amount of Transaction: B $1,001-$15,000	C $15,001-$50,000	D $50,001-$100,000	E $100,001-$250,000	F $250,001-$500,000	G $500,001-$1,000,000	H $1,000,001-$5,000,000	I $5,000,001-$25,000,000	J $25,000,001-$50,000,000	K Over $50,000,000
SP	*Example:* Mega Coporation Common Stock (partial sale)		X		10–12–08		X								
	N/A														

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SCHEDULE V— LIABILITIES

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. **Exclude:** Any mortgage on your personal residence (unless it is rented out); loans secured by automobiles, household furniture, or appliances; liabilities of a business in which you own an interest; 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.

SP, DC, JT	Creditor	Type of Liability	Amount of Liability									
			B $10,001-$15,000	C $15,001-$50,000	D $50,001-$100,000	E $100,001-$250,000	F $250,001-$500,000	G $500,001-$1,000,000	H $1,000,001-$5,000,000	I $5,000,001-$25,000,000	J $25,000,001-$50,000,000	K Over $50,000,000
	Example: First Bank of Wilmington, Delaware	Mortgage on 123 Main St., Dover, Del.				X						
	Alabama Commission on Higher Education	Student loan		X								
	Servis First Bank	co-signator of loan for parent	X									

SCHEDULE VI— GIFTS

Report the source, a brief description, and the value of all gifts totalling more than $335 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 $134 or less need not be added towards the $335 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 Standards)	$345
See Attachment		

Use additional sheets if more space is required.

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SCHEDULE VII — TRAVEL PAYMENTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS

Identify the source and list travel itinerary, dates, and nature of expenses provided for travel and travel-related expenses totalling 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 paid directly by the sponsor or were paid by you and reimbursed 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)	City of Departure—Destination—City of Return	Lodging? (Y/N	Food? (Y/N	Was a Family Member Included? (Y/N)	Number of days not at sponsor's expense
Examples:	Chicago Chamber of Commerce	Mar. 2	DC—Chicago—DC	N	N	N	None
	Roycroft Corporation	Aug. 6–11	DC—Los Angeles—Cleveland	Y	Y	Y	2 Days
N/A							

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SCHEDULE VIII—POSITIONS

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 non profit 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
Board Member	Alabama Center for Law & Civic Education

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
	N/A	

Use additional sheets if more space is required.

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Congress of the United States
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September 9, 2008

The Honorable Gene Green
Acting Chairman
The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
HT2, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Green:

Pursuant to House Rules, I write to request a general waiver of the House Gift Rule to permit me and my fiancée to accept gifts from friends and colleagues related to our upcoming wedding in January 2009. To date, we have not received any such gifts. However, as we get closer to our wedding date, we anticipate receiving gifts and I am therefore seeking this waiver in order to be in compliance with the Rules of the House.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, your staff may contact me or my Executive Assistant, Leah Moreland at (202) 225-2665.

Sincerely,

Artur Davis

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U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF
OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Washington, DC 20515

September 12, 2008

The Honorable Artur Davis
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Dear Colleague:

This responds to your letter requesting a waiver of the House gift rule (House Rule 25, clause 5) with regard to gifts you receive in connection with your upcoming wedding in January 2009.

Exceptions to the gift rule likely will permit you to accept most gifts offered on this occasion. However, in the event that some gifts are not clearly acceptable under one of the gift rule exceptions, the rule authorizes the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to waive the prohibitions on the acceptance of gifts in "an unusual case." The Committee has determined that a special occasion, such as a wedding, is an appropriate circumstance in which to exercise its waiver authority. Therefore, on behalf of the Committee, we grant your request.

Notwithstanding the grant of this waiver, you should exercise caution in accepting any gift that likely would not have been offered but for your status as a Member of Congress. With regard to any such gift, you should consider its source, nature, and value, as well as any possible conflict of interest with official duties.

This letter applies only to the acceptance of gifts under the gift rule. Gifts totaling more than $335 from a single source must be reported on your Financial Disclosure Statement. However, gifts having a value of $134 or less need not be counted towards that $335 threshold. If you also wish a waiver of the statutory reporting requirement, you should separately write to the Committee with that request. Any such request, and the Committee's response, will be made publicly available pursuant to section 102(a)(2)(C) of the Ethics in Government Act.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Gene Green
Acting Chairman

Doc Hastings
Ranking Republican Member

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