



October 17, 2018

Mr. Omar Ashmawy
Staff Director and Chief Counsel
Office of Congressional Ethics
425 3d Street, S.W.
Suite 1110
Washington, D.C. 20024

Re: Violations of Law and House Rules by U.S. Rep. Andy Harris (R-Md).

Dear Mr. Ashmawy:

On behalf of the Maryland Democratic Party, I am writing pursuant to Rule 3(a) of the OCE Rules for the Conduct of Investigations to bring to the attention of the Office information strongly indicating that Rep. Andy Harris (R.-Md.), has violated the Ethics in Government Act by failing to disclose sources of earned income for his spouse, on his Financial Disclosure Statement covering calendar year 2017.

During 2017, Representative Harris married Nicole Beus. In 2008, Ms. Beus registered a trade name, "Indy's Services," for a sole proprietorship in the State of Maryland. That registration was renewed in 2013. The registration and renewal are attached to this letter.

Reports filed with the Federal Election Commission and the Maryland State Board of Elections indicate that Indy's Services, during 2017, received more than \$26,000 in payments from reporting political committees, as follows:

Committee	Recipient	State	Description	Disbursement Date	Amount
Andy Harris For Congress	Indy's Services	MD	Media Consulting	1/2/2017 0:00	\$1,200.00
Andy Harris For Congress	Indy's Services	MD	Media Consulting	1/30/2017 0:00	\$1,200.00
Maryland Republican State Central Committee	Indy's Services	MD	Political Strategy Consulting	2/7/2017 0:00	\$2,000.00
Andy Harris For Congress	Indy's Services	MD	Media Consulting	2/28/2017 0:00	\$1,200.00
Maryland Republican State Central Committee	Indy's Services	MD	Political Strategy Consulting	2/28/2017 0:00	\$1,000.00

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Maryland Republican State Central Committee	Indy's Services	MD	Political Strategy Consulting	3/7/2017 0:00	\$1,000.0 0
Maryland Republican State Central Committee	Indy's Services	MD	Political Strategy Consulting	3/15/2017 0:00	\$1,000.0 0
Friends of Johnny Ray Salling (State Level)	Indy's Services	MD	Online Advertising	3/27/17	\$245.36
Andy Harris For Congress	Indy's Services	MD	Media Consulting	3/30/2017 0:00	\$1,200.0 0
Maryland Republican State Central Committee	Indy's Services	MD	Political Strategy Consulting	3/31/2017 0:00	\$1,000.0 0
Maryland Republican State Central Committee	Indy's Services	MD	Political Strategy Consulting	4/28/2017 0:00	\$1,000.0 0
Andy Harris For Congress	Indy's Services	MD	Media Consulting	5/1/2017 0:00	\$1,200.0 0
Maryland Republican State Central Committee	Indy's Services	MD	Political Strategy Consulting	5/2/2017 0:00	\$1,000.0 0
Maryland Republican State Central Committee	Indy's Services	MD	Political Strategy Consulting	5/16/2017 0:00	\$1,000.0 0
Andy Harris For Congress	Indy's Services	MD	Media Consulting	5/26/2017 0:00	\$1,200.0 0
Maryland Republican State Central Committee	Indy's Services	MD	Political Strategy Consulting	6/6/2017 0:00	\$1,000.0 0
Maryland Republican State Central Committee	Indy's Services	MD	Political Strategy Consulting	6/15/2017 0:00	\$1,000.0 0
Maryland Republican State Central Committee	Indy's Services	MD	Political Strategy Consulting	6/30/2017 0:00	\$1,000.0 0
Maryland Republican State Central Committee	Indy's Services	MD	Political Consulting	7/31/2017 0:00	\$1,000.0 0
Maryland Republican State Central Committee	Indy's Services	MD	Political Consulting	8/15/2017 0:00	\$1,000.0 0
Maryland Republican State Central Committee	Indy's Services	MD	Political Consulting	9/15/2017 0:00	\$1,000.0 0
Maryland Republican State Central Committee	Indy's Services	MD	Political Consulting	10/10/2017 0:00	\$1,000.0 0
Republican State Central Committee of Maryland (State Acct.)	Indy's Services	MD	Consulting Fees – General	10/10/17	\$1,000.0 0
Maryland Republican State Central Committee	Indy's Services	MD	Political Consulting	11/1/2017 0:00	\$1,000.0 0
Maryland Republican State Central Committee	Indy's Services	MD	Political Consulting	12/15/2017 0:00	\$1,000.0 0
				2017 TOTAL	\$26,445. 36

Congressman Harris was required to disclose that his spouse received income from Indy's Services in 2017. See House Committee on Ethics, Instruction Guide, Financial

Disclosure Statements and Periodic Transaction Reports, Calendar Year 2017, p. 31. He failed to do so. This omission is of particular significance given that Indy's Services sources of income included Congressman Harris' own campaign and the Maryland Republican Party.

Accordingly, it is clear that Congressman Harris has violated section 102(e)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 4 §102(e)(1) and House Rule 26. We urge the Office to investigate this matter promptly.

Sincerely yours,



Kathleen Matthews
Chair

I hereby declare that I acknowledge that 18 U.S.C. §1001 applies to the information I am providing.



Kathleen Matthews