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Dear Mr. Ashmawy,

We respectfully request that the Office of Congressional Ethics (“OCE”) investigate Representative Paul Gosar for any violations related to the use of his official congressional newsletter to link to an antisemitic website.

I. Background

Recent public reporting indicates that Representative Gosar’s official House of Representative’s newsletter “linked to an article with a headline referencing ‘Jewish warmongers’ from a website with a history of antisemitic content in his House newsletter published Sunday [April 16, 2023].”¹

This same outlet pushed out by Representative Gosar “provides a platform for Holocaust denial and antisemitic content.”² Additionally, a former U.S. Army intelligence officer has described the outlet as a “Russian proxy site,” and warned that “...if someone regards them as a reliable source of truthful information, [and] does not recognize that they are pushing Russian propaganda or information with a pro-Russian perspective, over time they will change.”³

II. Law

House Rule 23 holds that a Member shall behave at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House, and Members are expected to adhere to the spirit and the letter of the Rules of the House.⁴

III. Analysis

Public office is a public trust, and as a Member of Congress, Representative Gosar is required to uphold and maintain the Rules of the House.⁵ In doing so, he is charged with ensuring that his behavior reflects creditably upon the House.⁶ He is also required to ensure that he follows the spirit and the letter of the Rules of the House.⁷ Here, Representative Gosar used official House resources and his platform as a United States Congressman to reverberate the hateful musings of a despicable website.⁸

¹ Megan Lebowitz, [Rep. Paul Gosar's newsletter links to an antisemitic website](#), NBC News (Apr. 18, 2023).

² Lebowitz, *supra* note 1.

³ Ben Schrekinger, [How Russia Targets the U.S. Military](#), Politico (June 12, 2017).

⁴ [Rules of the House of Representatives](#), Rule 23, Cl. 1-2 (2023).

⁵ Committee on Ethics, U.S. House of Representatives, [House Ethics Manual](#), 355 (2022).

⁶ [Rules of the House of Representatives](#), *supra* note 4.

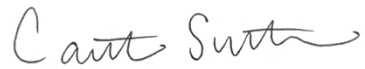
⁷ [Rules of the House of Representatives](#), *supra* note 4.

⁸ Lebowitz, *supra* note 1.

IV. Request for Action

To the extent that Representative Paul Gosar has engaged in behavior which is deemed by the OCE to be unbecoming, inappropriate, and in violation of the standards and the Rules of the House, we strongly implore your office to undertake an investigation and initiate corrective action to ensure that such conduct is reprimanded and ceased immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caitlin Sutherland".

Caitlin Sutherland
Executive Director