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November 15, 2006

VIA FACSIMILE (202.225.8259) AND MAIL

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
United States House of Representatives
2371 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0508

Dear Mrs. Pelosi:

Congratulations to you as soon-to-be Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 110th Congress.

Judicial Watch is a non-profit educational foundation that seeks to promote integrity, transparency, and accountability in government, and fidelity to the rule of law. You may be aware of our efforts to reform the House ethics process in recent years and our belief that high standards of ethics should be expected for all members of Congress.

Judicial Watch is aware of published reports that Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL) may, with your approval, take on the chairmanship of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Judicial Watch urges you to reject Rep. Hastings for this position of special trust and responsibility. Rep. Hastings is one of only six federal judges to be removed from office through impeachment. Specifically, on August 3, 1988, the House adopted articles of impeachment against then-Judge Hastings. After a trial, he was convicted by the Senate and removed from office on October 20, 1989, for perjury and conspiracy to obtain a bribe.¹

¹ According to *The Washington Post*, the Senate found that he "engaged in the bribery conspiracy and repeatedly lied under oath at his trial and forged letters in order to win acquittal." (Ruth Marcus, "Senate Removes Hastings," *The Washington Post*, October 22, 1989.)

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In addition, Rep. Hastings' most recent personal financial disclosure report states that he has assets of no more than \$15,000 and staggering liabilities ranging from \$2,130,006 to \$7,350,000.²

Any ordinary citizen with Rep. Hastings' demonstrated record of lack of integrity, ethical misdeeds and financial problems would be denied a security clearance. Respectfully, you should not put our nation's security at risk by placing Rep. Hastings at the head of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. That he was elected to Congress simply does not mean he meets the high standards that might entitle him to committee leadership posts, let alone "select" committee posts that concern highly secret national security information.

I am confident there are other members of your caucus who could serve as head of the Committee.

If you wish to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me at my office at (202) 646-5172.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



Thomas Fitton
President

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Steny Hoyer
By Facsimile (202.225.4300) and mail (w/enclosure)

² See United States of Representatives Financial Disclosure Statement for Calendar Year 2005 for The Honorable Alcee L. Hastings, signed 5/11/06, attached. (Document and data available courtesy www.opensecrets.org.)

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2005

FORM A

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For use by Members, officers, and employees only MAY 11 PM 4:28

The Honorable Alice Lamar Hastings

(Full Name)

2353 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

(Mailing Address)

202-225-1313
Daytime Telephone:

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OFFICE OF THE CLERK

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State: FL District: 23

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Report Type
☒ Annual (May 15)

☐ Amendment

☐ Termination

Termination Date:

A \$200 penalty shall be assessed against anyone who files late.

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION - ANSWER EACH OF THESE QUESTIONS

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.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	VI. Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportable gift in the reporting period (i.e., aggregating more than \$200 and not otherwise exempt)? If yes, complete and attach Schedule VI.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	VII. Did you hold any reportable positions on or before the date of filing in the reporting period (worth more than \$305 from one source)? If yes, complete and attach Schedule VII.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	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.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
IV. Did you, your spouse, or 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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IX. Did you have any reportable agreement or arrangement with an outside entity? If yes, complete and attach Schedule IX.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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.	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

Trusts-- Detail 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?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Exemptions-- 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?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CERTIFICATION -- THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE SIGNED BY THE REPORTING INDIVIDUAL AND DATED

This Financial Disclosure Statement is required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, as amended. The Statement will be available to any requesting person upon written application and will be reviewed by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct or its designee. Any individual who knowingly and willfully falsifies, or who knowingly and willfully fails to file this report may be subject to civil penalties and criminal sanctions (See 5 U.S.C. app. 4, § 104 and U.S.C. § 1001).

I CERTIFY that the statements, I have made on this form and all attached schedules are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Certification

Signature of Reporting Individual

Date (Month, Day, Year)

Alice A. Hastings 5/11/06

SCHEDULE III - ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME

Name The Honorable Alcee Lamar Hastings

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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 source of income which generated more than \$200 in "unearned" income during the year. For rental property or land, provide an address. Provide full names of any mutual funds. For a self-directed IRA (i.e., one where you have the power to select the specific investments) provide information on each asset in the account that exceeds the reporting threshold and the income earned for the account. For an IRA or retirement plan that is not self-directed, name the institution holding the account and provide its value at the end of the reporting period. For an active business that is not publicly traded, in Block A state the nature of the business and its geographic location. For additional information, see instruction booklet for the reporting year. Exclude: Your personal residence(s) (unless there is rental income); any debt owed to you by your spouse, or by your or your spouse's child, parent, or sibling; any deposits totaling \$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 Year-End 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 and its included only because it is generated income, the value should be "None."	BLOCK C Type of Income If other than one of the listed categories, specify the type of income by writing a brief description in this block. (For example: Partnership income or Farm Income)	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, indicate the category of income by checking the appropriate box below. Dividends, even if reinvested, should be listed as income.	BLOCK E Transaction Indicate if asset was purchased (P), sold (S), or exchanged (E) in reporting year.
Wright Patman Congressional Federal Credit Union	\$1,001 - \$15,000	INTEREST	\$1 - \$200	



SCHEDULE V - LIABILITIES

Name The Honorable Alice Larrar Hastings

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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. Exclude: Any mortgage on your personal residence (unless all or part of it is rented out); loans secured by automobiles, household furniture, or appliances; and liabilities owed to a spouse, or the child, parent, or sibling of your or your spouse. Report "revolving charge accounts" 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
	Robert Catz	Legal Fees	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000
	Terrance Anderson	Legal Fees	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
	Patricia Williams	Legal Fees	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000
	Karr and McClan	Legal Fees	\$100,001 - \$250,000
	Mark McDonald	Legal Fees	\$15,001 - \$50,000
	Lewis Meyers	Legal Fees	\$15,001 - \$50,000



SCHEDULE VII - TRAVEL PAYMENTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS

Name The Honorable Alcee Lamar Hastings

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Identify the source and list travel itinerary, dates, and nature of expenses provided for travel and travel-related expenses totalling more than \$305 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 reimbursed or paid directly 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)	Point of Departure-- Destination--Point of Return	Lodging? (Y/N)	Food? (Y/N)	Was a Family Member Included? (Y/N)	Days not at sponsor's expense
Connell Industries, Inc.	Oct. 13-16	Miami-Newark-DC	Y	Y	N	N/A