

Statement for Rep. Dave Min (CA-47)
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Thank you, Chairman Jordan and Ranking Member Raskin, for the opportunity to speak before the House Judiciary Committee today.

I want to begin by recognizing the vital role this Committee plays in safeguarding the integrity of our nation's institutions, including the federal courts, administrative bodies, and law enforcement agencies.

That role is all the more critical under Donald Trump's presidency, where we have witnessed alarming levels of corruption and graft: widespread pardons of criminals, violations of the Constitution's emoluments clause, the gifting of luxury aircraft, and even profiteering through speculative financial schemes like Trump's meme coins.

While many important bills fall under this Committee's jurisdiction, I want to highlight two anti-corruption measures currently before you.

In May, I introduced H.R. 3779, the **STOCK Act 2.0**, to address a clear conflict of interest: congressional stock trading.

My legislation strengthens restrictions on individual stock trading by Members of Congress, the judiciary, and the executive branch. Critically, it builds on the important foundation of the original STOCK Act by improving the filing and disclosure of financial reports, increasing penalties for non-compliance, and ensuring real transparency and accountability.

Public service is an honor, not an opportunity for self-enrichment at the expense of constituents. This should not be a partisan issue.

Speaker Johnson assured Representative Luna that he would consider addressing this issue, and several other legislative efforts are under discussion. That is encouraging, and it underscores the need for accountability across the board.

I also want to highlight another important bill led by my colleague and friend, **Representative Hank Johnson**, who has been at the forefront of efforts to address the ethical challenges currently facing the Supreme Court.

Representative Jonson's Supreme Court Ethics, Recusal, and Transparency Act would require justices of the Supreme Court to adopt and follow a binding code of ethics with an enforcement mechanism for resolving ethics or misconduct complaints. This is a critical step to restoring the public's trust in the highest court.

Together, these measures demonstrate a commitment to restoring public trust. They show that all three branches of government must hold themselves to the same standards they expect of others.

Building on this momentum, I am pleased to announce the launch of the **Congressional Progressive Caucus' Fighting Corruption Task Force**. As chair, alongside vice-chair Rep. Hank Johnson, we will elevate anti-corruption measures across the Democratic caucus. I am excited to work with several of my colleagues on this initiative, including Representatives Scanlon, Deluzio, Summer Lee, and Levin.

Our first meeting will take place in December, and we look forward to advancing meaningful reforms this Congress.

We also welcome input from our Republican colleagues because corruption is not confined to any one political party.

I will conclude my remarks by thanking the Committee once again for its focus on addressing corruption and safeguarding the integrity of our institutions.

I yield back.