

VIA HAND DELIVERY

June 25, 2018

Doc Hastings, Chairman
David Skaggs, Co-Chairman
Office of Congressional Ethics
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
425 Third Street SW, Suite 1110
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Inquiry into whether Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) Violated House Rules

Dear Chairman Hastings and Co-Chairman Skaggs:

Judicial Watch, Inc. is a non-profit, non-partisan educational foundation that promotes transparency, accountability, and integrity in government and fidelity to the rule of the law. We regularly monitor congressional ethics issues as part of our anti-corruption mission.

Rep. Maxine Waters addressed a rally in Los Angeles on Saturday, June 23 and told the crowd:

If you see anybody from that Cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station, you get out and you create a crowd and you push back on them! And you tell them that they are not welcome, anymore, anywhere.

(See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-1Fu3g1MGHY.)

In encouraging individuals to create "crowds" who will "push back" on President Trump's Cabinet members at private business establishments and in seemingly trying to prevent these Cabinet officials from obtaining necessities without fear of assault and violence, Rep. Waters seems to be violation of House rules, specifically:

A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House shall conduct himself at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House. [House Rule 23, clause 1.]

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We hereby request that the Office of Congressional Ethics conduct a preliminary investigation into whether Rep. Maxine Waters violated House Rules in encouraging attacks on Cabinet officials.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

VERIFICATION

The individuals submitting this information are listed below and acknowledged that section 1001 of title 18 United States Code applies to the information being provided.

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