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RE: NLPC COMPLAINT AGAINST U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ILHAN OMAR

Dear Mr. Ashmawy:

The National Legal and Policy Center (NLPC), a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting ethics in government, hereby files this complaint with the Office of Congressional Conduct (OCC) to immediately investigate whether U.S. Representative Ilhan Omar violated House Ethics Rules by filing false, incomplete, or misleading information regarding the business assets and income of her spouse, Timothy Mynett, in her 2024 Financial Disclosure Report (FDR) filed May 14, 2025, and her 2023 FDR filed on May 14, 2024.

Rep. Omar's latest 2024 FDR showed that the couple's two main assets inexplicably exploded in value to as much as \$30 million from the year before when it was reported to be worth at most \$51,000. This complaint can be considered either as a separate complaint or a supplement to the one we filed with your office on June 25, 2024,¹ alleging that Rep. Omar

¹ <https://nlpc.org/government-integrity-project/complaint-filed-against-rep-omar-on-husbands-failed-wine-and-pot-ventures/> NLPC has filed another ethics complaint against Rep. Omar on August 31, 2021, for disclosure report violations regarding income from her book deal and her husband's political consulting business. <https://nlpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/NLPC-Rep.-Omar-Complaint-to-OCE-Aug-31-2021.pdf>. NLPC also filed an FEC Complaint in 2019 against her for using campaign funds for personal use with respect to her then campaign consultant and now husband, Tim Mynett. See <https://nlpc.org/?s=ilhan+omar> and <https://archive.nlpc.org/2020/07/08/federal-election-commission-must-act-on-ilhan-omar-campaign-cash-to-husband/>. After the filing and media coverage of our FEC complaint, Rep. Omar discontinued her use of Mynett's firm. See also NLPC complaint against Rep. Alexandria

misreported her financial information on her reports for year 2021, 2022, and 2023, and which may still be pending.

A Member is also subject to civil and criminal penalties for willfully misreporting their financial information in addition to sanctions that may be imposed by the House Ethics Committee.² Accordingly, we are submitting a copy of this Complaint to the Department of Justice for their review, investigation, and possible prosecution.³

In addition to the disclosure reporting violations, NLPC alleges, as more fully discussed herein, that Rep. Omar violated the House Code of Official Conduct by advising illegal Somali immigrants in her district to lie to immigration officials if confronted, which would be a federal criminal offense under 18 U.S.C. 1001.

REP. ILHAN OMAR MISREPORTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN HER 2024 AND 2023 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORTS

As has been widely reported,⁴ Rep. Omar's 2024 FDR showed an inexplicable increase in her wealth in 2024 up to \$30 million from up to \$51,000 reported in 2023, based on her

Ocasio-Cortez for violating the House Gift Rule in 2021 for attending the Met Gala in New York, which was thoroughly investigated by this Office and referred to the House Ethics Committee which subsequently found she violated the gift rule. <https://nlpc.org/featured-news/office-of-congressional-ethics-says-aoc-may-have-broken-house-rules-and-federal-law/>

² Civil penalties may be imposed up to \$11,000; criminal penalties can result in prison sentences of up to five years for filing false reports under 18 U.S.C. 1001(c)(1). <https://ethics.house.gov/manual/failure-to-file-or-filing-false-disclosure-statements/>

³ Indeed, the Department of Justice began investigating Rep. Omar's finances in June 2024 and still may be doing so. Glenn Thrush and Annie Karni, "*Under Biden Administration, Justice Dept. Began Examining Ilhan Omar's Finances*," New York Times (Jan. 26, 2026). <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/01/26/us/politics/ilhan-omar-investigation-finances.html>

⁴ See Isabel Vincent and Ryan King, "*Ilhan Omar faces investigation after outrage over massive wealth gains and aid fraud in Minnesota*" New York Post (Dec. 29, 2025). <https://nypost.com/2025/12/29/us-news/ilhan-omar-faces-investigation-after-outrage-over-massive-wealth-gains-and-aid-fraud-in-minnesota/>. Gabrielle Fahmu and Geoff Earle, "*Ilhan Omar's hubby's \$30M firm quietly scrubs names from website — as 'Squad' member faces mounting questions on sudden wealth amid Minnesota welfare fraud*," New York Post (Dec. 27, 2025). <https://nypost.com/2025/12/27/us-news/ilhan-omars-hubbys-30m-firm-quietly-scrubs-names-from-website-as-squad-member-faces-mounting-questions-on-sudden-wealth-amid-minnesota-welfare-fraud/>. Andrew Kerr, "*Ilhan Omar Issues Error-Ridden Denial of Free Beacon Report on Her Skyrocketing Net Worth*," The Washington Free Beacon (Sept. 5, 2025).

valuation of two assets, namely, ESTCRU LLC, a winery in Santa Rosa, CA, and Rose Lake Capital LLC, a venture capital management firm in Washington, D.C.

In her 2023 FDR, under **Schedule A: Assets and “Unearned” Income**, Rep. Omar reported the values of ESTCRU LLC to range from \$15,000 to \$50,000 and Rose Lake Capital LLC to range in value only from \$1.00 to \$1,000.

Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type(s)	Income	Tx. > \$1,000
Congressional Credit Union Savings Account [BA]		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Interest	\$1 - \$200	<input type="checkbox"/>
ESTCRU LLC [OL]	SP	\$15,001 - \$50,000	Partnership Income	\$201 - \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
LOCATION: Santa Rosa, CA, US DESCRIPTION: Winery.					
Rose Lake Capital LLC [OL]	SP	\$1 - \$1,000	Partnership Income	\$15,001 - \$50,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
LOCATION: Washington, DC, US DESCRIPTION: Venture Capital Management.					

A year later in her 2024 FDR, she reported that ESTCRU LLC skyrocketed in value between \$1,000,001 and \$5,000,000 and that Rose Lake Capital LLC jumped to a value between \$5,000,001 and \$25,000,000.⁶

SCHEDULE A: ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME

Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type(s)	Income	Tx. > \$1,000
Congressional Credit Union Savings Account [BA]		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Interest	\$1 - \$200	<input type="checkbox"/>
ESTCRU LLC [OL]	SP	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	Partnership Income	\$5,001 - \$15,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
LOCATION: Santa Rosa, CA, US DESCRIPTION: Winery.					
Rose Lake Capital LLC [OL]	SP	\$5,000,001 - \$25,000,000	Partnership Income	None	<input type="checkbox"/>
LOCATION: Washington, DC, US DESCRIPTION: Venture Capital Management.					

<https://freebeacon.com/democrats/ilhan-omar-issues-error-ridden-denial-of-free-beacon-report-on-her-skyrocketing-net-worth/>

⁵ https://disclosures-clerk.house.gov/public_disc/financial-pdfs/2023/10060937.pdf

⁶ https://disclosures-clerk.house.gov/public_disc/financial-pdfs/2024/10068415.pdf

Comparing the valuations of the two assets from 2023 to 2024, using just the minimum amounts reported, they range in value from \$15,002 in 2023 to a minimum value of \$6,000,002 in 2024. Using the maximum values reported, they range in value from \$51,000 in 2023 to \$30,000,000 in 2024. Thus, press reports that her wealth may be valued as much as \$30 million are correct despite Rep. Omar's vigorous denials.

What explains this sudden and improbable increase in valuations? This Office should initiate a preliminary investigation and request Rep. Omar and her husband to provide the documents and financial information she relied on to submit these questionable reports to verify their accuracy. While the House Oversight Committee under the Chairmanship of Rep. James Comer has recently requested that Rep. Omar's husband, Timothy Mynett, provide certain financial information to his committee by February 19, 2026,⁷ this Office is not precluded, nor should it be, from exercising its independent duty to investigate alleged serious and substantial misreporting violations and other misconduct.⁸ It should also request the Oversight Committee to provide it with copies of any documents that Mr. Mynett provides to that committee.

Rep. Ilhan Omar's Tik Tok Response to Her Newfound Wealth

Confronted by media reports to explain the skyrocketing increase in her wealth in just one year from \$51,000 to as much as \$30 million, Rep. Omar took to Tik Tok to excoriate her critics. Posing in front of a copy of her 2024 Financial Disclosure Report,⁹ she does a close-up into the camera and exclaims that the unearned income generated from the ESTCRU winery worth \$1-5 million was only "five to 15 thousand!" As for Rose Lake Capital LLC, which she reports to be worth \$5-25 million, she further points out, literally, that the unearned income is "NONE!"

Thus, Rep. Omar wants the public to believe that she and her husband did not become multi-millionaires because the unearned income from those two assets generated at most

⁷ <https://oversight.house.gov/release/comer-requests-financial-records-from-companies-linked-to-rep-ilhan-omars-husband/>

⁸ As Chairman Comer explained recently to a reporter in a press gaggle after the recent deposition of Ghislaine Maxwell who questioned why his investigation should not go through the House Ethics Committee: *"I've spoken with the Ethics Committee. The Ethics Committee has jurisdiction over Members of Congress. The two businesses in question are owned by Ms. Omar's husband. So, the Ethics Committee does not have jurisdiction over a spouse, only a member."* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8IK6jIuQcA> (video at 1:27).

⁹ <https://www.tiktok.com/@ilhanmn/video/7545956652680367373>. See also <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/learn-read-ilhan-omar-denies-170100384.html>

\$15,000. She concludes her Tik Tok video with this admonishment: “*Learn to read before you post misleading shit!*”

Rep. Imar’s profound stupidity by asserting that only income, not asset valuations, determines whether someone is a millionaire is astounding, especially for a Member of Congress. She further attempts to downplay the value of the two assets in a caption embedded in the video where she explains, “*The value range listed for the assets reflects the full cost assessment of the businesses, in which my husband is one of several partners and does not reflect his individual share.*”

There are so many other inaccuracies, misrepresentations, and questions raised by her Tik Tok remarks and the entries in her 2024 and 2023 reports that it is hard to know where to begin:

1. Besides not knowing the difference between someone’s income and net worth, Rep. Omar’s assertion that the value of the two assets “*reflects the full cost assessment of the businesses, in which my husband is one of several partners and does not reflect his individual share*” is an admission that her 2024 report is inaccurate and needs to be amended. That is so because Members are required to report only the share of a business they or their spouse own, ***not*** the full valuation of the asset which they partially own.¹⁰ Rep. Omar should be more than happy to be more accurate and conservative in reporting the value of her assets if she’s trying to downplay her wealth, though her claim that her husband is “one of several partners” in these businesses is not saying much. He appears to have only one other partner, William Hailer, in the California winery business and one other partner, Alex Hoffman (Democratic fundraiser and Co-Founder of GiveBlue), in Rose Lake Capital, LLC.¹¹ If ownership of the two businesses were in equal shares, it would still put her in the multi-millionaire net worth category.
2. In addition, under **Schedule C: Earned Income** in her 2024 report, she lists “**None disclosed.**”¹² So while Members are not required to report their House salary, they must report the source of a spouse’s *earned* income in Schedule C, but not the exact amount. Thus, we are lead to believe that Mr. Mynett received ***no earned*** income in 2024 from Rose Lake Capital, allegedly valued between \$5-\$25 million, even though he describes himself as its President and Co-Founder on his LinkedIn page since June 2022, and working “**full time**”

¹⁰ See **2024 Instruction Guide**, Committee on Ethics, at 41 (“You need only disclose the total value of *your* interest in the business....”) (emphasis in original). https://disclosures-clerk.house.gov/public_disc/financial-pdfs/2024/10068415.pdf). Members thus routinely disclose only the value of their or their spouse’s interest in a privately held business, “rather than the ventures as a whole.” Robert Schmad, “*Ilhan Omar’s obscure financial disclosures under scrutiny amid Minnesota fraud scandal,*” Washington Examiner (Dec. 30, 2025).

¹¹ <https://www.linkedin.com/in/alex davidhoffman/>

¹² https://disclosures-clerk.house.gov/public_disc/financial-pdfs/2024/10068415.pdf

for the firm.¹³ And since Mr. Mynett received no *unearned* income either from Rose Lake Capital as noted in Rep. Omar’s 2024 report and as she emphasized in her Tik Tok video, he allegedly earned *nothing* at all, neither earned nor unearned income, from his multi-million dollar investment firm in 2024 for which he works full time! And yet, the year before, according to Rep. Omar’s 2023 report, Mr. Mynett earned \$15,001 to \$50,000 from Rose Lake Capital valued then at only \$1 - \$1,000, which, at the minimum, is 15 times the highest value of the company and at a maximum 50 times the value of the company! It is incumbent on this Office to obtain the financial information Rep. Omar used to make these improbable and questionable valuations and from her husband as well. *See* further discussion, *infra*, about Rose Capital’s questionable valuation.

3. As for Mr. Mynett’s income from Rose Lake Capital LLC in 2023, Rep. Omar reports “*unearned* income” between \$15,001-\$50,000 on Schedule A and nothing on Schedule C for *earned* income. But since Mr. Mynett works “full time” for Rose Lake Capital per his LinkedIn page, any income should be reported as “earned” income as self-employed income, not “unearned” passive income.¹⁴
4. What income did her husband receive in 2024? Her 2024 report shows he had “unearned income” of only \$5,000 -\$15,000 in the form of “Partnership Income” from ESTRCU LLC, the California winery. Mr. Mynett and William Hailer, his long-time business partner, are both listed as “Managers or Members” of the LLC in their Statement of Information filed on July 19, 2022, with the California Secretary of State.¹⁵ Thus, to be considered unearned or passive income, Mr. Mynett allegedly took a draw from his capital account or distribution from the profits of the winery. The exact amount should be reported by the LLC on IRS Form K-1. But as will be discussed, *infra*, the winery apparently went bust in 2023 amid lawsuits by investors.

Rose Lake Capital LLC -Value of Asset Questioned

While Rep. Omar places a value of \$5-25 million on Rose Lake Capital LLC, until this Office requests and obtains financial documents from Rep. Omar and her husband, there is no way to determine the accuracy of the reported value of Rose Lake Capital LLC, described as a Venture Capital Management firm. In fact, there is reason to believe it is worth a lot less or a lot more.

¹³ <https://www.linkedin.com/in/tim-mynett/>.

¹⁴ “Members [of a multi-member LLC] who actively work for the company must treat their share of the profit as self-employment income.” <https://www.wolterskluwer.com/en/expert-insights/how-do-i-pay-myself-from-my-llc>

¹⁵ ESTCRU’s biennial statement of information was due July 31, 2024, but was not filed. See <https://bizfileonline.sos.ca.gov/search/business>

For starters, Rose Lake Capital’s website is very sparse on information about the company. <https://www.roselakecap.com/>. The content is only found on its landing page that describes in three or four sentences what the company does along with half-page graphic with this summary information:

Unparalleled Previous Experience: \$60B AUM, 5 Diplomats, 11 Free Trade Agreements Signed, 80+ Countries Where We’ve Worked.

Strangely, there is no link on its website to any other information about the company, such as its officers, how to contact the firm, its address, etc. Moreover, the names of the officers and diplomats have been deleted from the website following reports of criminal investigations of welfare fraud by the local Somali immigrant community in Rep. Omar’s district.¹⁶ There is a LinkedIn icon at the bottom of the page, but when it is clicked, the message reads: “The Page you’re searching for no longer exists.”

¹⁶ See Gabrielle Fahmy and Geoff Earle, “*Ilhan Omar’s hubby’s \$30M firm quietly scrubs names from website — as ‘Squad’ member faces mounting questions on sudden wealth amid Minnesota welfare fraud,*” New York Post (Dec. 27, 2025) (“These names include lobbyist and former Obama Ambassador to Bahrain Adam Ereli; former Senator and Obama Ambassador to China Max Baucus; DNC Finance Chair associate Alex Hoffman; former DNC treasurer William Derrough; and former ex-CEO of Amalgamated Bank Keith Mestrich, who once described Amalgamated as “the institutional bank of the Democratic Party.”). <https://nypost.com/2025/12/27/us-news/ilhan-omars-hubbys-30m-firm-quietly-scrubs-names-from-website-as-squad-member-faces-mounting-questions-on-sudden-wealth-amid-minnesota-welfare-fraud/>. See also Geoff Earle, Charles Gasparion, and Gabrielle Fahmy, “*House, feds probe to unravel mystery of ‘Squad’ Rep. Ilhan Omar’s skyrocketing wealth: ‘It’s not possible,’*” New York Post (Jan. 17, 2026) (“*Baucus said he had a single phone call with Hailer back in 2022 about a proposed deal to make storage units. “Then nothing came of it” beyond occasional emails from Hailer. “That went on for about four or five months or so, then just radio silence,” he told The Post. He stopped writing his emails about the investment – about how well he’s doing, all that stuff. You can read between the lines – it sounded a little bit fishy,” he said. Baucus said no one ever asked to use his name as an “advisor” on the company website.* <https://nypost.com/2026/01/17/us-news/house-probe-to-unravel-mystery-of-squad-rep-ilhan-omars-skyrocketing-wealth/>

There is, however, a working hot link at the very bottom of the page to the standard boiler plate of “Privacy and Disclaimers” which begins with “All Rights Reserved by **Rose Lake Inc.** Copyright 2024” (emphasis added). But Rose Lake Capital is an LLC, limited liability company, not an incorporated entity suggested by the “Inc.” designation. A typo? Not likely. Even its cofounder and partner Alex Hoffman refers to himself as “Co-Founder & Partner of **Rose Lake Inc.**”¹⁷ And William R. Hailer, in an affidavit filed on November 20, 2024, described himself as “*the CEO of **Rose Lake Inc.** (“RL”) a public benefit corporation registered in Delaware. I started the company with former colleagues that I worked with in the Democratic party.*”¹⁸

So, is there another business entity called “Rose Lake, Inc.”? Both Messrs. Hoffman, Mynett and Hailer are presumably savvy businessmen and surely know the difference between a Limited Liability Company and a corporation as well as the difference between “Rose Lake” and “Rose Lake Capital.” If there is indeed a related corporation called “Rose Lake, Inc.,” that asset should also be reported on Rep. Omar’s disclosure reports in addition to Rose Lake Capital LLC. This Office’s investigation of our complaint should answer this question.

Rose Lake Capital LLC is registered as an LLC with the State of Delaware and NLPC is in the process of obtaining its organizational documents. Since it is doing business in the District of Columbia, it is also required to be registered in that jurisdiction as well, although its registration was revoked in 2023.¹⁹

Rose Lake Capital LLC – Worth \$25 million or zilch?

While Rep. Omar lists the Asset Value of Rose Lake Capital LLC between \$5-25 million in her 2024 report, its co-founder and self-described CEO William Hailer tells a vastly different story in federal bankruptcy court under oath. According to a recent *New York Post* story:

That year [2024], Rose Lake Capital had no money, assets or investments, partner Will Hailer told a U.S. bankruptcy court in Delaware.

He made the stunning disclosures Nov. 26 under cross examination in a complex bankruptcy proceeding, while appearing as a witness in a case brought by US creditors against Indian tech startup Byju’s, new testimony unearthed by The Post reveals.

¹⁷ <https://www.linkedin.com/in/alexdavidhoffman/>

¹⁸ <https://veritaglobal.net/epiccreations/document/241116124112000000000006>

¹⁹ Rose Lake Capital LLC registration was revoked in 2023 by the DC Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection.
<https://dlcp.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/DLCP/publication/attachments/2023%20Entity%20Revocation%20List%20Final.pdf>

Hailer spoke in Wilmington about his efforts to do a \$150 million deal with Byju's manager Vinay Ravindra at a time when lenders were trying to recover \$1.2 billion from the firm.

He was forced to make a series of awkward disclosures about his own company.

“Does Rose Lake have assets under management?” plaintiff's attorney Nicholas Mozal asked Hailer.

“Under a legal term of art, I think the answer is no, yeah,” he responded.

“Does Rose Lake have capital?” the lawyer followed up.

*“Rose Lake has a small set of equity positions in a handful of companies, **but nothing that are assets that we control through management.**” he answered. Asked for the approximate value, he responded: “I would say *de minimus* in sort of ownership controls or investments.”*

He then agreed it was under \$1 million and said he “couldn't tell you” when asked if it was less than \$500,000.

Asked for the largest investment the firm ever made, Hailer said “we haven't made financial investments with our own capital, so the answer would be zero.”

He said the largest deal Rose Lake ever made was “less than \$10 million,” adding that he was a “managing member” of the EStCru wine company “that is in the process of being shut down.”²⁰

So, William Hailer, Rose Lake Capital's CEO at the time, testified under oath in November 2024 that it has no “assets under management” and has nothing “**that are assets that we control through management**” and yet Rose Lake's website boasts that it has an incredible “\$60B AUM” (\$60 billion Assets Under Management). Which is it?

Rose Lake Capital LLC – Worth More Than \$25 Million?

On the other hand, could Rose Lake Capital LLC be worth more than \$25 million? It all depends on whether it really has \$65 billion AUM and how much money it earns. There are three

²⁰ Geoff Earle and Charles Gasparino, “*Ilhan Omar says hubby's firm was worth up to \$25M — but biz partner told court it was worth zilch,*” New York Post (Feb. 7, 2026). <https://nypost.com/2026/02/07/us-news/ilhan-omar-says-her-hubbys-firm-was-worth-up-to-25-million-but-partner-told-court-it-had-almost-no-capital/>

ways that a Venture Capital Management firm can be valued based on revenue, assets under management, and EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization).²¹

But just by comparing Rose Lake Capital’s astonishing \$65 billion AUM with other venture capital management firms, it outranks them all!²²

Rank	Profile	Managed AUM	Type	Region
1.	Andreessen Horowitz	\$42,000,000,000	Venture Capital Firm	North America
2.	General Catalyst Partners	\$40,000,000,000	Venture Capital Firm	North America
3.	Sequoia Capital	\$28,344,680,000	Venture Capital Firm	North America
4.	Dragoneer Investment Group	\$24,939,334,895	Venture Capital Firm	North America
5.	New Enterprise Associates	\$17,791,690,000	Venture Capital Firm	North America
6.	Greenspring Associates	\$15,290,700,000	Venture Capital Firm	North America
7.	Deerfield Management	\$15,060,000,000	Venture Capital Firm	North America
8.	Khosla Ventures	\$14,000,000,000	Venture Capital Firm	North America
9.	Norwest Venture Partners	\$12,500,000,000	Venture Capital Firm	North America
10.	Legend Capital	\$9,457,140,000	Venture Capital Firm	Asia

Clearly, the financial information which Rep. Omar relied upon for her to certify that her Financial Disclosure Reports were “true, complete, and correct” needs to be fully investigated by

²¹ Rebecca Lake, CEPF, “How to Value a Wealth Management Firm,” SmartAsset Amp (Mar. 7, 2025). <https://smartasset.com/advisor-resources/wealth-management-firm-valuation-multiples>. See also <https://www.angellist.com/learn/venture-capital-management-company>

²² <https://www.swfinstitute.org/fund-manager-rankings/venture-capital-firm>. See also **Venture Capital Firms: The Ultimate Guide (2025)** [https://privateequitylist.com/resources/top-venture-capital-firms#:~:text=Table title=%20The%20Top%2010%20Venture%20Capital%20Firms,%7C%20AUM%20\(in%20billions%2C%20approximate\):%20\\$50%20%7C](https://privateequitylist.com/resources/top-venture-capital-firms#:~:text=Table title=%20The%20Top%2010%20Venture%20Capital%20Firms,%7C%20AUM%20(in%20billions%2C%20approximate):%20$50%20%7C)

this Office, independent of the related investigation that is being undertaken by Rep. James Comer, Chair of the House Oversight Committee, and perhaps by the Justice Department.

eStCru LLC Winery – Worth up to \$5 million or bust?

The other asset reported on Rep. Omar’s 2023 and 2024 FDR’s is ESTCRU LLC (registered in California as eStCru LLC). She reports the value of the winery in 2023 between \$15,001 and \$50,000. But in 2024, the value inexplicably jumped to between \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000. Press reports, however, paint a different story:

Mynett and his business partner, Will Hailer, initially promised Washington, DC-area restaurant owner Naeem Mohd in the fall of 2021 that they would triple Mohd’s \$300,000 investment into their proposed California winery, according to the Reformer report.

But the venture failed in 2023.

*While Mohd regained his initial investment, he later filed suit seeking \$780,000 for breach of contract, since he had been promised interest for a late return.*²³

Another press story reported similar problems with the winery:

By early 2024, eStCru reportedly only had \$650 in the bank, according to court documents. In November 2024, the website went dark.

It’s not clear why after all of this failure Omar placed the business’ value in the seven figures. In her financial disclosure covering the previous year of 2023, when eStCru was at least alive, she only put its value between \$15,000 and \$50,000 — significantly lower.

*When reached for comment by The Post, a company spokesperson said the winery is dead.*²⁴

²³ Josh Christenson, “Rep. Ilhan Omar called out by opponent for ‘deception’ over husband’s shady dealings with winery, pot growers,” New York Post (June 6, 2024). <https://nypost.com/2024/06/06/us-news/rep-ilhan-omar-called-out-for-deception-over-husbands-shady-business-deals/> See also Max Nesterak, Rep. Ilhan Omar’s husband accused of swindling investor in their California winery--Tim Mynett and his business partner Will Hailer deny defrauding the investor, while another company they started owes \$1.2 million to cannabis growers in South Dakota,” Minnesota Reformer (June 5, 2024). <https://minnesotareformer.com/2024/06/05/rep-ilhan-omars-husband-accused-of-swindling-investor-in-their-california-winery/>

²⁴Gabrielle Fahmy, “Ilhan Omar’s hubby’s elusive winery under scrutiny from feds — and it violates Islamic law,” New York Post (Feb. 7, 2026). <https://nypost.com/2026/02/07/us-news/ilhan-omars-hubbys-elusive-winery-violation-of-islamic-law/>

Another news report supports the demise of the winery in 2024 as well as liabilities that Mr. Mynett may likely have incurred along with his business partner Will Hailer.²⁵ The only liabilities reported on Schedule D of Rep. Omar’s 2023 and 2024 disclosure reports for her husband are two credit card balances of \$30,000 to \$100,000 in 2023 and one credit card balance of \$15,000 to \$50,000 for 2024. NLPC submits that liabilities related to the winery and other failed businesses should be investigated by this Office as well.

Rep. Omar Advised Somali Immigrants to Lie to Immigration Officials

Besides Rep. Omar’s reporting violations, NLPC also alleges that she violated the House Code of Conduct by advising Somali immigrants to lie to federal immigration officers should they be stopped for questioning. Specifically, in one video posted on February 4, 2025, Rep. Omar says (translated from Somali):

*“I advise the Somalian people that if ICE attempts to question you, you are not obligated to answer their questions. **Just say that you were advised by a lawyer not to answer questions.**”²⁶*

Since Rep. Omar is not a lawyer, she is advising Somali immigrants to lie to ICE agents, assuming the English translation of her remarks is accurate. It is a federal crime under 18 U.S.C. 1001(a)(2) to make “any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation” to any federal officer or agent, punishable up to five years in prison. Telling an ICE agent falsely that a lawyer has advised you not to answer any questions is a materially false statement because the purpose of the lie is to prevent the agent from performing his investigative duties.

Rule 1 of the House Code of Conduct states: *A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House shall behave at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House.*²⁷ NLPC submits that advising and encouraging constituents to commit a federal criminal offense clearly does not “reflect creditably on the House.”

And Rep. Omar herself, by filing false financial disclosure reports, would violate 18 U.S.C. 1001(c)(1) since those reports are “required by law, rule, or regulation to be submitted to the Congress or any office or officer within the legislative branch.”

²⁵ Max Nesterak, “Rep. Ilhan Omar’s husband accused of swindling investor in their California winery Tim Mynett and his business partner Will Hailer deny defrauding the investor, while another company they started owes \$1.2 million to cannabis growers in South Dakota,” Minnesota Reformer (June 5, 2024). <https://minnesotareformer.com/2024/06/05/rep-ilhan-omars-husband-accused-of-swindling-investor-in-their-california-winery/>

²⁶ <https://x.com/ianmiles/status/1886822712493887756>

²⁷ <https://ethics.house.gov/publications/code-official-conduct/>

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, NLPC submits that, at a minimum, a Preliminary Review of its complaint should be conducted under Rule 7 of OCC because there clearly is a “reasonable basis” to believe the allegations.²⁸ Because a preliminary review “may be triggered by a written request of two members of the Board, such action does not require a vote by the (six-member) Board and therefore, a quorum need not be present.”²⁹

After a preliminary review, a Second-Phase Review under Rule 8 should be conducted which requires a vote of three members of the Board because NLPC there is also “probable cause” to believe the allegations.³⁰ Finally, we submit that this matter should be referred to the House Ethics Committee because there is “substantial reason to believe” Rep. Omar misrepresented her financial information and that she advised her immigrant constituents to lie to immigration officials if confronted. Unlike the OCC, the House Ethics Committee can issue subpoenas to witnesses and impose disciplinary action against Rep. Omar.

To the best of my knowledge and ability, all evidence submitted was not obtained in violation of any law, rule, or regulation. Further, I am aware that 18 U.S.C. 1001 applies to information submitted to the Office of Congressional Conduct. NLPC reserves the right to supplement this Complaint with additional information it may obtain.

Respectfully submitted,

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²⁸ https://conduct.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/oce.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/occ-rules-for-the-conduct-of-investigations_adopted-may-2025_vf.pdf “A reasonable basis to believe the allegation(s) exists when there is a reasonable and articulable basis for believing the allegation(s)....” Commentary, Rule 7.

²⁹ *Id.*

³⁰ According to the OCC's Rules, probable cause means that "the evidence is sufficient to lead a person of ordinary caution and prudence to believe or entertain a strong suspicion that a Member, officer or employee committed a violation." <https://conduct.house.gov/about/citizen-s-guide>

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