

Office of Congressional Ethics
1017 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

May 11, 2010

Re: Congressman Russ Carnahan's failure to disclose required information

To whom it may concern:

I urge the Office of Congressional Ethics to investigate and take appropriate steps against Congressman Russ Carnahan for violating House ethics rules.

According to a document filed with the Missouri Secretary of State, Mr. Carnahan organized a limited liability company in December 2002, the purpose of which was "[t]o own and operate a recreational boat and any other lawful purpose." This limited liability company is called Chris-Craft Commander, LLC. Mr. Carnahan is also listed as the limited liability company's registered agent. Mr. Carnahan reported his membership in Chris-Craft Commander, LLC, in his 2004 Financial Disclosure Statement. He did not subsequently report his membership in the LLC in 2005, 2006, 2007 or 2008.


According to an April 20, 2010, article in the *St. Louis Beacon*, which can be found at <http://www.stlbeacon.org/content/view/full/101829/314/>, "[a]ccording to the congressman's staff, he co-owns the boat with his wife, St. Louis Aldermanic President Lewis Reed and his wife. But the boat, a 40-year-old cabin cruiser, hasn't been operable for more than a year. As a result, there is no federal registration, the aides say, because such registration requires that a boat be operable." Presumably, this is the same boat owned and operated by the limited liability company that was organized by Mr. Carnahan and for which he is still the registered agent.

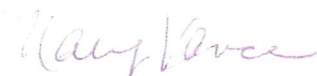
The instructions for the Calendar Year 2008 Financial Disclosure Statement (Form A) state that Members must disclose the "identity of all positions held on or before the date of filing during the current calendar year...as an officer, director, trustee, partner, proprietor, representative, employee, or consultant of any corporation, company, firm, partnership, or other business enterprise." Mr. Carnahan has failed to appropriately disclose his membership in Chris-Craft Commander, LLC, on his 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 Financial Disclosure Forms. For this reason, The Office of Congressional Ethics should enforce the congressional ethics rules and hold Ms. Carnahan accountable for the ethics violations he committed. I urge you to promptly initiate a thorough investigation into this matter.

I acknowledge that the False Statement Act applies to the information in this complaint.

Sincerely


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