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RE: Rep. Tom Suozzi

Dear Mr. Ashmawy,

The Foundation for Accountability and Civic Trust (FACT) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting accountability, ethics, and transparency in government and civic arenas. We request the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) immediately investigate Rep. Tom Suozzi for abusing official resources for political purposes.

Under federal law and House ethics rules, Members are absolutely prohibited from using any official resource for campaign or political purposes.¹ An “official resource” is anything funded by taxpayers, examples include: government employee staff time, all government buildings and House offices, a Member’s official website and social media accounts, and official photographs and video.²

¹ Federal law states that “appropriations shall be applied only to the objects for which the appropriations were made except as otherwise provided by law.” 31 U.S.C. sec. 1301(a); U.S. House of Reps Comm. on Ethics, *House Ethics Manual*, at 133 (Dec. 2022 Print), available at: <https://ethics.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Dec-2022-House-Ethics-Manual-website-version.pdf> (official House resources “may not be used for campaign or political purposes”).

² *House Ethics Manual* at 137, 140-141 (Member and Committee websites); U.S. House of Reps., Comm. on House Admin., *Members’ Congressional Handbook*, at 38 (Adopted Jul. 25, 2018; Updated March 31, 2023), available at: https://cha.house.gov/_cache/files/c/a/ca9cde0c-93ca-4e3c-8565-cafca04181df/7A8C165FA90BBE7776E79DFB728EAD72.2023-03-31-members-congressional-handbook-0.pdf (“[C]ontent on Social Media Accounts is subject to the same requirements as content on Member websites”); House Rule V, cl. 2(c) (1).

With respect to online activity, a Member's campaign accounts may not include any official content or resources.³ The House Ethics Committee has directly stated: **A Member's campaign social media account "may not share, like, retweet, etc., a post from an official social media account."**⁴ Furthermore, a Member's campaign is not allowed to coordinate with the Member's official office on social media posting.⁵

Rep. Suozzi has both an official (@RepTomSuozzi) and campaign (@Tom_Suozzi) X account. On July 14, 2025, Suozzi posted a video on his official X account discussing his position on immigration and four minutes later he posted the same video on his campaign X account:⁶



While the posts speak for themselves, clearly showing Suozzi used official resources for political purposes, the timing also strongly suggests that Suozzi's campaign and official offices

³ See, e.g., *House Ethics Manual*, at 187 ("A Member's campaign website may not include a link to the congressional office site"; and "A congressional office site may not be advertised on the Member campaign website or on materials issued by the Member's campaign.").

⁴ U.S. House of Reps. Comm. on Ethics, *Memorandum for All Members, Officers, and Employees on Campaign Activity Guidance (Pink Sheet)*, at 21, July 30, 2024, available at: <https://ethics.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/FINAL-2024-Campaign-Activity-Guidance-pink-sheet.pdf>.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ Rep Tom Suozzi, X, July 14, 2025, available at: <https://x.com/RepTomSuozzi/status/1944884455912423678>; Tom Suozzi, X, July 14, 2025, available at: https://x.com/tom_suozzi/status/1944885411391922503?s=46.

coordinated on the posts. This is a violation of federal law and House Ethics rules. This may appear like a simple matter, but it is not. A Member chooses to violate this law because it advantages them politically—but it comes at a cost. The laws that protect taxpayer-funds from abuse and theft also protect the public's faith and confidence in a fair and impartial government. When the public witnesses such a blatant disregard for the most simple ethics rules it colors their perception of the government as a whole and, therefore, it is incredibly important that the laws are strictly enforced. In the present case, the violation is clear and there are no facts that can excuse it. Thus, we request the Office of Congressional Ethics act and enforce the law.

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 the False Statements Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1001, applies to information submitted to the Office of Congressional Ethics.

Sincerely,

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