

**UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CALENDAR YEAR 2008 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Form A
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		District: <u>7</u>		
Report Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual (May 15)	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Termination	Termination Date:

A \$200 penalty shall be assessed against anyone who files more than 30 days late.

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION — ANSWER EACH OF THESE QUESTIONS

I. Did you or your spouse have "earned" income (e.g., salaries or fees) of \$200 or more from any source in the reporting period? If yes, complete and attach Schedule I.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	VI. Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportable gift in the reporting period (i.e., aggregating more than \$335 and not otherwise exempt)? If yes, complete and attach Schedule VI.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
II. Did any individual or organization make a donation to charity in lieu of paying you for a speech, appearance, or article in the reporting period? If yes, complete and attach Schedule II.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	VII. Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportable travel or reimbursements for travel in the reporting period (worth more than \$335 from one source)? If yes, complete and attach Schedule VII.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
III. Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive "unearned" income of more than \$200 in the reporting period or hold any reportable asset worth more than \$1,000 at the end of the period? If yes, complete and attach Schedule III.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	VIII. Did you hold any reportable positions on or before the date of filing in the current calendar year? If yes, complete and attach Schedule VIII.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
IV. Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child purchase, sell, or exchange any reportable asset in a transaction exceeding \$1,000 during the reporting period? If yes, complete and attach Schedule IV.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IX. Did you have any reportable agreement or arrangement with an outside entity? If yes, complete and attach Schedule IX.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
V. Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child have any reportable liability (more than \$10,000) during the reporting period? If yes, complete and attach Schedule V.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Each question in this part must be answered and the appropriate schedule attached for each "Yes" response.	

EXCLUSION OF SPOUSE, DEPENDENT, OR TRUST INFORMATION — ANSWER EACH OF THESE QUESTIONS

TRUSTS —Details regarding "Qualified Blind Trusts" approved by the Committee on standards of Official Conduct and certain other "excepted trusts" need not be disclosed. Have you excluded from this report details of such a trust benefiting you, your spouse, or dependent child?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EXEMPTION —Have you excluded from this report any other assets, "unearned" income, transactions, or liabilities of a spouse or dependent child because they meet all three tests for exemption? Do not answer "yes" unless you have first consulted with the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SCHEDULE III—ASSETS AND “UNEARNED” INCOME

Name **Arthur Davis**

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BLOCK A Asset and/or Income Source		BLOCK B Value of Asset												BLOCK C Type of Income						BLOCK D Amount of Income											BLOCK E Transaction	
Identify (a) each asset held for investment or production of income with a fair market value exceeding \$1,000 at the end of the reporting period, and (b) any other asset or sources of income which generated more than \$200 in “unearned” income during the year. For rental property or land, provide a complete address. Provide full names of stocks and mutual funds (do not use ticker symbols). For all IRAs and other retirement plans (such as 401(k) plans) that are self directed (i.e., plans in which you have the power, even if not exercised, to select the specific investments), provide the value and income information on each asset in the account that exceeds the reporting threshold. For retirement plans that are not self-directed, name the institution holding the account and its value at the end of the reporting period. For an active business that is not publicly traded, state the name of the business, the nature of its activities, and its geographic location in Block A. For additional information, see the instruction booklet. Exclude: Your personal residence(s) (unless there is rental income); any debt owed to you by your spouse, or by you or your spouse’s child, parent, or sibling; any deposits totalling \$5,000 or less in personal savings accounts; any financial interest in or income derived from U.S. Government retirement programs. If you so choose, you may indicate that an asset or income source is that of your spouse (SP) or dependent child (DC) or is jointly held (JT), in the optional column on the far left.		Indicate value of asset at close of reporting year. If you use a valuation method other than fair market value, please specify the method used. If an asset was sold during the reporting year and is included only because it generated income, the value should be “None.”												Check all columns that apply. For retirement plans or accounts that do not allow you to choose specific investments, you may write “NA.” For all other assets including all IRAs, indicate the type of income by checking the appropriate box below. Dividends and interest, even if reinvested, should be listed as income. Check “None” if asset did not generate any income during calendar year.						For retirement plans or accounts that do not allow you to choose specific investments, you may write “NA” for income. For all other assets, including all IRAs, indicate the category of income by checking the appropriate box below. Dividends and interest, even if reinvested, should be listed as income. Check “None” if no income was earned or generated.											Indicate if the asset had purchases (P), sales (S), or exchanges (E) exceeding \$1000 in reporting year.	
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	NONE	DIVIDENDS	RENT	INTEREST	CAPITAL GAINS	EXCEPTED/BLIND TRUST	Other Type of Income (Specify: For Example, Partnership Income or Farm Income)	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	If only a portion of an asset is sold, please indicate as follows: (S) (partial) See below for example. P S E
SP		SP	Mega Corp. Stock		X										X		X		Royalties			X										S (partial)
DC, Examples:			Simon & Schuster	Indefinite																												
JT			1st Bank of Paducah, KY Accounts			X									X								X									
			N/A																													

SCHEDULE V— LIABILITIES

Report liabilities of over \$10,000 owed to any one creditor **at any time** during the reporting period by you, your spouse, or dependent child. Mark the highest amount owed during the year. **Exclude:** Any mortgage on your personal residence (unless it is rented out); loans secured by automobiles, household furniture, or appliances; liabilities of a business in which you own an interest; and liabilities owed to a spouse, or the child, parent, or sibling of you or your spouse. Report **revolving charge accounts** (i.e., credit cards) only if the balance at the close of the preceding calendar year exceeded \$10,000.

SP, DC, JT	Creditor	Type of Liability	Amount of Liability												
			B \$10,001- \$15,000	C \$15,001- \$50,000	D \$50,001- \$100,000	E \$100,001- \$250,000	F \$250,001- \$500,000	G \$500,001- \$1,000,000	H \$1,000,001- \$5,000,000	I \$5,000,001- \$25,000,000	J \$25,000,001- \$50,000,000	K Over \$50,000,000			
	<i>Example:</i> First Bank of Wilmington, Delaware	Mortgage on 123 Main St., Dover, Del.				X									
	Alabama Commission on Higher Education	Student loan		X											
	Servis First Bank	Co-signator of loan for parent	X												

SCHEDULE VI— GIFTS

Report the source, a brief description, and the value of all gifts totalling more than \$335 received by you, your spouse, or a dependent child from any source during the year. **Exclude:** Gifts from relatives, gifts of personal hospitality of an individual, local meals, and gifts to a spouse or dependent child that are totally independent of his or her relationship to you. Gifts with a value of \$134 or less need not be added towards the \$335 disclosure threshold. **Note:** The gift rule (House Rule 25, clause 5) prohibits acceptance of gifts except as specifically provided in the rule.

Source	Description	Value
<i>Example:</i> Mr. Joseph H. Smith, Anytown, Anystate	Silver Platter (determination on personal friendship received from Committee on Standards)	\$345
See Attachment		

Use additional sheets if more space is required.

SCHEDULE VIII—POSITIONS

Report all positions, compensated or uncompensated, held during the current calendar year as an officer, director, trustee of an organization, partner, proprietor, representative, employee, or consultant of any corporation, firm, partnership, or other business enterprise, any non profit organization, any labor organization, or any educational or other institution other than the United States.

Exclude: Positions listed on Schedule I; positions held in any religious, social, fraternal, or political entities (such as political parties and campaign organizations); and positions solely of an honorary nature.

Position	Name of Organization
Board Member	Alabama Center for Law & Civic Education

SCHEDULE IX—AGREEMENTS

Identify the date, parties to, and general terms of any agreement or arrangement with respect to: future employment; a leave of absence during the period of government service; continuation or deferral of payments by a former or current employer other than the U.S. Government; or continuing participation in an employee welfare or benefit plan maintained by a former employer.

Date	Parties To	Terms of Agreement
	N/A	

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

September 9, 2008

The Honorable Gene Green
Acting Chairman
The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
HT2, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Green:

Pursuant to House Rules, I write to request a general waiver of the House Gift Rule to permit me and my fiancée to accept gifts from friends and colleagues related to our upcoming wedding in January 2009. To date, we have not received any such gifts. However, as we get closer to our wedding date, we anticipate receiving gifts and I am therefore seeking this waiver in order to be in compliance with the Rules of the House.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, your staff may contact me or my Executive Assistant, Leah Moreland at (202) 225-2665.

Sincerely,

Artur Davis
Member of Congress

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COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF
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Washington, DC 20515

September 12, 2008

The Honorable Artur Davis
U.S. House of Representatives
208 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

This responds to your letter requesting a waiver of the House gift rule (House Rule 25, clause 5) with regard to gifts you receive in connection with your upcoming wedding in January 2009.


Exceptions to the gift rule likely will permit you to accept most gifts offered on this occasion. However, in the event that some gifts are not clearly acceptable under one of the gift rule exceptions, the rule authorizes the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to waive the prohibitions on the acceptance of gifts in "an unusual case." The Committee has determined that a special occasion, such as a wedding, is an appropriate circumstance in which to exercise its waiver authority. Therefore, on behalf of the Committee, we grant your request.

Notwithstanding the grant of this waiver, you should exercise caution in accepting any gift that likely would not have been offered but for your status as a Member of Congress. With regard to any such gift, you should consider its source, nature, and value, as well as any possible conflict of interest with official duties.

This letter applies only to the acceptance of gifts under the gift rule. Gifts totaling more than \$335 from a single source must be reported on your Financial Disclosure Statement. However, gifts having a value of \$134 or less need not be counted towards that \$335 threshold. If you also wish a waiver of the statutory reporting requirement, you should separately write to the Committee with that request. Any such request, and the Committee's response, will be made publicly available pursuant to section 102(a)(2)(C) of the Ethics in Government Act.

The Honorable Artur Davis
September 12, 2008
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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice
and Education at extension 5-7103.


Gene Green
Acting Chairman

Sincerely,


Doc Hastings
Ranking Republican Member

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