

February 3, 2023

The Honorable Michael Guest
The Honorable Susan Wild
Committee on Ethics
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

RE: Request for Investigation Regarding Representative George Santos' Sexual Harassment of a Volunteer-staffer and for Violation of the Ethics Rules pertaining to Volunteers in the Congressional Office

Representative Guest and Representative Wild:

I am writing to you to request an investigation into Congressman George Santos, NY-03.

In January 2023, I was interviewed for and offered a job by the Congressman to be his "legislative correspondence" and "staff assistant" in his D.C. office. The position was offered to me on Monday, January 23; I proceeded to fill out my onboarding new-hire paperwork and submit it that evening. Later that evening, I was asked by the office's Chief of Staff, Charley Lovett to "come into the office" the next day to be introduced to the staff.

I went to to the Congressman's office on Tuesday, January 24 at met the office team in D.C. I was assigned a desk and told what my job duties were. I spent the rest of the day performing work for the Congressman and escorting him around the building. My work included answering phones, reading mail, corresponding and writing to constituents, among other tasks. I was told that my title was "volunteer" until my paperwork would be processed through "the payroll department." I was told this process could take several days, but that I would work in the office until then under the title "volunteer."

Since this, I have learned that such volunteer work within a Congressional office without the correct procedures being followed is in violation of the House Ethics and I am requesting this serve as an official request for an investigation into the violation of allowing a volunteer to work in the workplace and offload work from paid staff members onto the volunteer with the promise of future employment.

Secondly, I am writing to request an investigation into sexual harrasment by the Congressman.

On Wednesday, January 25, I was alone with the Congressman in his personal office going over mail correspondence from constituents and making my recommendations for which letters we should respond. The Congressman earlier in the day had asked me if I had a "Grindr" profile,

which is widely-known as an LGBTQ+ social networking app, more commonly used for sexual intercourse. The Congressman shared with me that he, himself had a profile.

While in his personal office reviewing the mail, he called me "buddy" and insisted I sit next to him on a small sofa. I proceeded to move forward with the discussion about the mail, but the Congressman stopped me by placing his hand on my left leg, near my knee and saying, "Hey buddy, we're going to karaoke tonight. Would you like to go?" I kindly declined the invitation by telling the Congressman I was not a fan of clubs and bars and that I was not a good singer. The Congressman proceeded to take his hand and move it down my leg into my inner-thigh and proceeded to touch my groin.

He proceeded to look at me and say, "My husband is out of town tonight if you want to come over" and went on to tell me where the Congressman lived. I quickly pushed the Congressman's hand away and grabbed the mail from the table and proceeded to discuss the topic of constituent correspondence. Shortly thereafter, I left the personal office and returned to my desk.

On Monday, January 30, I was called into the Congressman's office and asked about my background as a journalist. I was questioned about matters that had already been disclosed in my conversations with hiring managers from the Congressman's office prior to my job offer.

On Wednesday, February 1, I was informed that my job offer was being rescinded.

I am requesting an investigation into the sexual harassment of Congress Santos, as well as his violation of House Ethics rules on volunteering in the workplace by having staff offload work onto the volunteer with the promise of employment.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek J. Myers". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial letter.

Derek J. Myers