

RE: Request for Information -- IMPORTANT FORBES

Cogar, Michael A. <Michael.Cogar@opm.gov>

Wed 10/9/2019 6:20 AM

To: Adam Andrzejewski <Adam@openthebooks.com>

Adam,

You may use this.

Per Anthony Marucci, Director of Communications at OPM:

There has not been a member to date that has been stripped of his or her retirement benefits due to a conviction.

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Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 5:17 PM

To: Cogar, Michael A. <Michael.Cogar@opm.gov>

Subject: Re: Request for Information -- IMPORTANT FORBES

Thank you. Just looking for a count, i.e. zero, one, two, etc. No specifics and no individuals. Much appreciated, Michael!

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From: Cogar, Michael A. <Michael.Cogar@opm.gov>

Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:15 PM

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Adam,

I will get to work on your specific question.

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Subject: Re: Request for Information -- IMPORTANT FORBES

Hi Michael,

Apologies for the quick response. I understand that you can't comment on individuals. However, you can probably answer my main question:

Has any member of Congress ever been stripped of their retirement annuity?

Certainly, this would be helpful as context and has much educational value.

Thank you!

Adam

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Cc: Adam Andrzejewski <Adam@openthebooks.com>
Subject: Re: Request for Information -- IMPORTANT FORBES

Hi Michael,

I didn't ask for "who," just "if" any member of congress has **ever** had a retirement annuity stripped because of public corruption. Can you provide comment or answer the question? I don't think you're restricted by statute to provide a proper answer!

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Adam,

Sorry for the delay. You may use this.

Per Anthony Marucci, Director of Communications at OPM:

OPM is unable to provide information on annuity amounts an individual may or may not be receiving. The provisions under 5 U.S.C. § 8332(o) provide the circumstances under which annuity payments may be forfeited.

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Thank you, Michael. Much appreciated. It's super timely in the news, considering the guilty plea of Rep. Chris Collins.

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From: Cogar, Michael A. <Michael.Cogar@opm.gov>
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To: Adam Andrzejewski <Adam@openthebooks.com>
Subject: RE: Request for Information -- IMPORTANT FORBES

Adam,

Thank you for contacting OPM. I just wanted to let you know that we have received your email and that we are processing your request.

Best,

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I am a senior policy contributor at Forbes and planning to publish a column on congressional pensions. QUESTION: Has any member of Congress ever been stripped of their retirement annuity? Specifically, are convicted representatives Corrine Brown (Fla.) and Chaka Fattah (Pa.) still receiving their pension payouts?

I would like to publish as soon as possible and appreciate any feedback that you can provide.

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