

August 20, 2025

Mr. Omar Ashmawy
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Office of Congressional Conduct
U.S. House of Representatives
P.O. Box 895
Washington, D.C. 20515

**Re: Request for Investigation Regarding Representative Robert
Bresnahan's Undisclosed Helicopter Ownership**

Dear Mr. Ashmawy,

I am writing to request that the Office of Congressional Ethics immediately investigate Representative Robert Bresnahan's undisclosed ownership of a helicopter for potential violations of federal law.

Rep. Bresnahan's apparent failure to disclose ownership of the helicopter potentially violates federal law requiring public disclosure of assets on financial disclosure reports, as well as reporting of in-kind contributions to political campaigns. As a Member of the House of Representatives, it is critical that Rep. Bresnahan complies with public disclosure requirements so that the public can be confident in the actions of their representatives. I respectfully request that you promptly investigate this matter.

I. Legal Background

Federal law requires members of Congress to report "any interest in property held during the preceding calendar year in a trade or business, or for investment or the production of income, which has a fair market value which exceeds \$1,000."¹

Federal campaign law also requires the filing of in-kind contributions from LLC's and that "[a] committee report[s] the value of an in-kind contribution received from a partnership or LLC in the same way it reports a monetary contribution."² This requirement applies to travel provided to a campaign at below market value.

II. Analysis

In late 2024, RPB Ventures LLC purchased a 2024 Robinson R66 helicopter now based in Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.³ The helicopter's value is estimated between \$1-1.5

¹ 5 U.S.C. §13104 et seq

² Federal Election Commission, *Partnership and LLC Contributions* (Accessed August 8, 2025)

³ United States Department of Transportation, *FAA Registry*, <https://registry.faa.gov/aircraftinquiry/Search/NNumberResult?NNumberTxt=422RB> (Accessed August 8, 2025)

million.⁴ According to Rep. Bresnahan's 2024 annual financial disclosure report, filed on August 13, 2025, Rep. Bresnahan serves as the Managing Member of RPB Ventures LLC and ownership of the helicopter is not disclosed under the RPB Ventures LLC investment vehicle.⁵ The financial disclosure covers all transactions and owned property from the full 2024 calendar year, covering the date of the helicopter purchase.⁶ Hannah Pope, a spokesperson for Rep. Bresnahan, confirmed the Congressman's ownership of the helicopter.⁷ By failing to disclose the purchase of the helicopter on his financial disclosure report, Rep. Bresnahan likely violated critical transparency laws.

Additionally, any campaign travel by Rep. Bresnahan using the helicopter would require the filing of an in-kind contribution from RPB Ventures LLC. The helicopter, despite efforts by Rep. Bresnahan to obscure the whereabouts of the helicopter by blocking public access to the helicopter's travel history on several flight tracking websites, has made over twenty flights, including to New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island. The helicopter made regular flights around Bresnahan's district during the lead-up to the November 2024 General Election, and has, on at least three instances since May 2025, flown out of Pennsylvania.⁸ If any of these trips were for campaign related purposes, Rep. Bresnahan's failure to report the in-kind contributions would be a violation of campaign finance laws.

III. Requested Action

I respectfully request that you immediately open a preliminary review to investigate Representative Bresnahan's failure to disclose ownership of a helicopter in financial disclosure and campaign finance reports and take all necessary steps to seek appropriate penalties and corrective action.

I understand that 18 U.S.C. § 1001 applies to the information we are providing. To the best of my knowledge and ability, all evidence submitted was not obtained in violation of any law, rule, or regulation.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



⁴ NOTUS, *The House Lawmaker With a Secret Helicopter*, <https://www.notus.org/congress/rob-bresnahan-private-helicopter> (Published August 8, 2025)

⁵ Clerk of the House of Representatives, *Financial Disclosure Report*, https://disclosures-clerk.house.gov/public_disc/financial-pdfs/2024/10066455.pdf (Filed August 13, 2025)

⁶ *Id*

⁷ *Id*

⁸ NOTUS, *The House Lawmaker With a Secret Helicopter*, <https://www.notus.org/congress/rob-bresnahan-private-helicopter> (Published August 8, 2025)