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Dear Members and Staff of the Office of Congressional Conduct,

CODEPINK: Women for Peace would like to file an ethics complaint with the Office of Congressional Conduct regarding the unethical, slanderous claim made by Rep. Brian Mast (FL-21) on March 5, 2026, during the House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing, *Advancing National Security Through Public Diplomacy*.

As chair of the committee, Rep. Mast used his privilege to push false claims that CODEPINK is a “vector of influence” for the Chinese government. From the hearing:

“Before we go to the opening statement of our witness, since you identified China as a concern which we agree on, I am gonna submit something for the record just before we get going, it is an article citing that the State Department identifies Code Pink and other far left group as vectors of Chinese influence operations and specifically denoting how they get their money from a network of connections to the Chinese Communist Party.”

And so I'm going to submit this for the record right now, since we have CODEPINK in the room. I thought now would be a really great time to put this on the record and identify their network with the Chinese Communist Party.”

First, as we have officially stated multiple times, CODEPINK is not funded by China or any foreign government and has no contact with the Chinese Communist Party, nor do we operate under the influence of the Chinese government. Our organization’s status represents the views of the American people, contrary to the hundreds of members of Congress who have accepted money from the Israel lobby, including Rep. Brian Mast, who even served in the military of a foreign government. Notably, we have passed our audits, unlike the Pentagon.

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CODEPINK has been consistent in our advocacy since it was formed over 20 years ago. CODEPINK activists have challenged five administrations — both Republican and Democratic — for their war policies, beginning with the Bush wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. We have nonviolently protested the war policies of Bush, Obama, Trump, Biden, and now Trump again. CODEPINK is supported by thousands of donors and several foundation grants from inside the United States who appreciate the organization's consistency, clarity, and non-partisan nature.

Second, Rep. Mast submitted a NY Post article as his evidence, but did not submit the actual State Department report. The NY Post article, which mentions the report, also does not link to the supposed State Department report, and the State Department's own website does not house the report.

We demand that Representative Mast publicly recant his statements that CODEPINK is funded by, or has anything to do with, the Communist Party of China and that he, along with the State Department, release the actual report.

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