

Gil Soffer Comments on the Resignation of Illinois Congressman Aaron Schock

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Gil Soffer, national co-head of the White Collar Defense, Internal Investigations and Compliance practice, was interviewed on ABC7-Chicago on the resignation of Illinois Congressman Aaron Schock due to his use of taxpayer money. With regard to the congressman's repayment of mileage expense reimbursements, Gil said, "Technically that really doesn't let him off the hook. It might make it less appealing to bring a criminal charge against him if he's made good on it, but if you rob a bank and walk back in the next day and return the funds—you still robbed a bank." In addition, he said that neither resigning nor repayment necessarily give Congressman Schock any legal wiggle room if federal crimes were committed. Gil also highlighted how he sees similarities between Schock's affinity for putting himself on public display and the notorious self-promotion by former Gov. Rod Blagojevich. ("[Illinois Congressman Aaron Schock Resigning](#)," March 17, 2015)

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