

STATEMENT OF MANHATTAN U.S. ATTORNEY GEOFFREY S. BERMAN ON THE  
GUILTY PLEA OF U.S. CONGRESSMAN CHRISTOPHER COLLINS

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Moments ago, New York Congressman Christopher Collins pled guilty to insider trading and to lying to the FBI in order to cover up his insider trading scheme. Collins admitted that he illegally tipped his son while standing on the White House Lawn.

By virtue of his office, Collins helped write the laws of this country, but he acted as if the law did not apply to him.

This courthouse is the embodiment of the ideal of equal justice under law. No one is above the law. And it is because of our pursuit of that ideal that Christopher Collins is now a convicted felon who will resign from his seat in Congress.

Behind me are four outstanding career prosecutors from our Securities and Commodities Fraud Unit: Max Nicholas and Scott Hartman, and their co-chiefs Damian Williams and Jason Cowley. I want to thank them for their tireless efforts in pursuing this case.

I also want to thank our partner in this and so many of our cases, the FBI, represented here by my good friend, the Assistant Director in Charge of the NY field Office, Bill Sweeney.