U.S. House of Representatives
110th Congress

MEMBER / OFFICER
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips or similar events in connection with official duties. You need not disclose government-funded or political travel on this form, or travel that is unrelated to official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the Member or officer’s annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with clause 5 of House Rule 25, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make these forms available to the public as soon as possible after they are received. Obtain the dollar amounts from the sponsor; if exact dollar amounts are unavailable, provide a good faith estimate.

Name of Member or Officer (print or type): Rep. Michael Michaud

Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any):

Relationship to Member/Officer: □ Spouse □ Child □ Other (specify):

Date of Departure and Date of Return: September 21-23, 2007

Dates at personal expense: None

Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return):

Washington, D.C. - San Jose, Costa Rica - Washington, D.C.

Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Economic Policy Institute

Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary):

Meeting with Costa Rican legislators, university students and local media to discuss the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA)

Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify “yes” for each item by checking the corresponding box):

1. □ the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
2. □ the Privately-Sponsored Travel Approval Form completed by the Member or officer; and
3. □ the Committee on Standards’ letter approving my participation on this trip.

I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor’s agenda (signify “yes” by checking box): □

If not, explain:
### Trip Expenses:

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<td>For Member or Officer:</td>
<td>$40</td>
<td>Ground transportation to and from airport in Costa Rica</td>
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I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

**Signature of Member or Officer:**

**Date:** October 10, 2007

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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

PRIVATELY-SPONSORED TRAVEL APPROVAL FORM
For Members, Officers and Employees
(submit directly to the Committee)

This form should be completed by House Members, officers or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule XXV, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer or employee, together with the completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form.

Members, officers and employees seeking approval for travel are urged to submit all forms to the Committee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. The submission of an incomplete form will delay the review process. A copy of this form will be made available for public inspection. Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7172.

1. Name of Member, officer or employee (traveller): Michael H. Michaud

2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Economic Policy Institute

   b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? □ Yes □ No
      If yes, dates at personal expense: _____________________________

4. If travel is for participation a one-day event (per trip sponsor question 10), check one of the following:
   a. Approval for one-night’s lodging and meals is being requested: □ or [NA]
   b. Approval for two-nights’ lodging and meals is being requested: □
      If “b” is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: ____________________________________________

5. Travel destination(s): Costa Rica

6. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your official or representational duties:
   I co-chair the House Trade Working and worked to defeat CAFTA here in the US which Costa Rica is now considering. I will be meeting with legislators and giving talks on my views and experiences with CAFTA.

7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (signify “yes” by checking box): □
8. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: [Signature]

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): Peter Chandler, Chief of Staff

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee:

Office address: 1724 Longworth HOB, Washington, DC 20515

Phone number: 202-225-6308

Email address: peter.chandler@mail.house.gov

Committee staff may contact you if additional information is required.

FOR STAFF:
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member

Date: __________________________

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

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U.S. House of Representatives
HT-2, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (general fax)
(202) 226-7172 (fax for travel approvals)

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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
(provide directly to each House invitee)

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers or employees under House Rule XXV, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee.

Private sponsors are urged to submit this form to each House invitee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. The submission of an incomplete form will delay the review process. Before completing this form, sponsors are urged to carefully review the Committee's private travel guidelines and advisory memoranda detailing the rules and restrictions for private travel, as well as the instructions for completing this form. Sponsors should call the Committee with any questions prior to submitting the form. Please type form.

1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): ECONOMIC POLICY INSTITUTE

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (signify "yes" by checking box): ☐

3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box): ☐

4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): REPLICATE MICHAEL MIKAU - TO MEET WITH COSTARICAN LEGISLATORS AND GIVE TALKS ABOUT CAFTA

6. Dates of travel: SEPT. 22-24

7. Cities of departure - destination - return: BOSTON - SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA - WASHINGTON, D.C.

8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities) (signify "yes" by checking box): ☐

9. I represent that (check one of the following):
   a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐
   b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist or registered foreign agent: ☐
   c. The trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was de minimis under the Committee's travel regulations: ☐

10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (i.e., if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
    a. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: ☐
    b. Two-night's lodging and meals are being offered: ☐
    If "b" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted:
11. If the trip is not sponsored by an institution of higher education, I represent that a federal-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box): ☐

12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip: THE ECONOMIC POLICY INSTITUTE IS PROVIDING SUPPORT TO COSTA RICA'S CAMPAIGN FOR A "NO" VOTE IN THE OCT. 7 REFERENDUM ON CAFTA; EPI IS INVOLVED IN PLANNING AND ORGANIZING THE AGENDA.

13. Describe each sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip: THE ECONOMIC POLICY INSTITUTE IS PROVIDING SUPPORT TO COSTA RICA'S CAMPAIGN FOR A "NO" VOTE IN THE OCT. 7 REFERENDUM ON CAFTA.

14. Describe the type and class of the transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, bus-provided, or first-class transportation will be provided. In addition, for travel via aircraft, please indicate if travel is being offered on a commercial flight, chartered flight or on an aircraft operated or paid for by a carrier not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate for compensation or hire (i.e., a private aircraft). If first-class fare is being provided, or if travel is via chartered or private aircraft, please provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: COACH CLASS ON COMMERCIAL FLIGHT.

15. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify "yes" by checking box): ☐

16. I represent that either (check one of the following):
   a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ or ☑
   b. The trip involves events that are arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation: ☑
      If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): MEALS WILL BE EITHER PROVIDED OR REIMBURSED BY EPI. APPROX. $500

17. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: COSTA RICA WILL HOLD A REFERENDUM ON CAFTA ON OCT. 7.

18. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: HOTEL VILLA TOURNON.

19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): $60.

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: CENTRAL LOCATION, OWNERS OPPOSE CAFTA. EPI WILL PAY FOR LODGING.
21. **TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:**

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22. I represent that reimbursement for miscellaneous travel expenses for the trip, such as travel to and from airports, security costs, interpreter fees, visa application fees, and similar expenses, will be for actual costs incurred and are necessary for the purpose of the trip (signify “yes” by checking box): ☑

23. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: [Signature]

Name and title: **Tony Avirgan, Global Policy Network Organizer**

Organization: **Economic Policy Institute**

Address: **1333 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005**

Telephone number: **202-533-2555**

Fax number: **202-775-0819**

Email Address: **tavirgan@epi.org**

The Committee staff may contact the above individual above if additional information is required.

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The Honorable Michael Michaud  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1724 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Michaud:

Pursuant to House Rule XXV, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip to Costa Rica scheduled for September 21 to 24, 2007 sponsored by the Economic Policy Institute.

You must complete a Member Travel Disclosure Form and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including attachments. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than $305 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

In addition, Members and staff who receive from a foreign government any tangible gifts in excess of $305, or gifts of travel or travel expenses related to official duties in any amount (i.e., for food, lodging, transportation, or entertainment), must disclose such items on the Form for Disclosing Gifts from a Foreign Government. Those forms should be filed with the Standards Committee (not the Clerk) within 30 days. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of $305 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be turned over to the Clerk of the House.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee’s Office of Advice and Education at extension 3-7103.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Tubbs Jones  
Chairwoman

Doc Hastings  
Ranking Republican Member

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