

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MEMBER / OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Congressman Steven Russell
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: Cynthia Russell or None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 9/16/2017 Return: 9/21/2017
b. Dates at personal expense: _____ or None
4. Departure city: Washington, D.C. Destination: Warsaw, Poland Return city: OKC, OK
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): From The Depths
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Attached

7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
 - a. a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
 - b. the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
 - c. page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the Member or officer; and
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box):
b. If not, explain: _____

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 on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form 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: Steven Russell

DATE: 10/3/2017

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. *A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.* You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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- Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): From The Depths
- Travel Destination(s): Poland
- Date of Departure: 16th September 2017 Date of Return: 21st September 2017
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): Congressman Steven Russell & Mrs. Cynthia Russell
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
- Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$2,700	\$620 USD	\$560	\$260 Notebook, pen, coffee, snacks, book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Accompanying Relative	\$2,700	\$0 Inc. in abri <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$560	\$260 Notebook, pen, coffee, snacks, book <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box):

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

Signature: 

Name: Jonathan Daniels Title: President

Organization: From The Depths

- I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box):

Address: 5757 W. Century Blvd. Suite 410 Los Angeles CA 90045

Telephone number: +48 501 188 871

Email Address: JD@FromTheDepths.org

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

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

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TRAVELER FORM

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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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 25, 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 trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392, sent or delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth, or e-mailed to travelrequests@mail.house.gov.*

YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.

Name of Traveler: Steve Russell

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

Signature: Steve Russell

Name of signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member or committee: _____

Office address: 128 Cannon House Office Bldg, Washington, D.C. 20515

Telephone number: 405-602-3074

Email address of contact person: Dr. Herak. Purified@mail.house.gov

- Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

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1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)
Travel email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Steve Russell
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip):
From the Depths
3. Travel destination(s): Warsaw, Poland
4. a. Date of departure Sept. 16, 2017 Date of return: Sept. 21, 2017
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? Yes No
b. If yes:
(1) Name of accompanying relative: Cynthia Russell
(2) Relationship to traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: Yes No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? Yes No
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: Yes No
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.

As a member of NASC and the National Defense Subcommittee for DCR, the economic political and diplomatic relationships between the USA and Poland are relevant to my Representational duties.

9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? Yes No

10. FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:

TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

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.

Date: Aug 14, 2017

Signature of Employing Member

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

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 25, 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 together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): FROM THE DEPTHS
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box):
3. Check only one: I represent that
- a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip *or*
 - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds *or*
 - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
- If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary).
LIST OF NAMES IN ADDITIONAL PAGES

5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of departure: 16th September 2017 Date of return: 21st September 2017
7. a. City of departure: WASHINGTON, D.C. or DISTRICT AIRPORT
b. Destination(s): WARSAW, POLAND
c. City of return: WASHINGTON, D.C. or DISTRICT AIRPORT
8. 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: *or*
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *or*
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. Check one of the following:
- a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: *or*
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights:
- If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (indicate agenda is attached by checking box):

11. Check one:

a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box): or

b. N/A - trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

From The Depths is a Foundation working in the field of Holocaust education, memory & memorial.

From The Depths interest in hosting the delegation is to further talk and debate on issues pertaining to the Holocaust.

FTD has planned and will host the trip

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.

a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (Specify: _____)

b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (Specify: _____)

c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. 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 that the statement is true by checking box):

15. 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 specifically with regard to congressional participation:

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility.

Hotel name: Regent Hotel Warsaw City: Warsaw, PL Cost per night: \$120 USD

Reason(s) for selecting: Very central location, good meeting points, easy city access

Hotel name: Qubus City: Krakow, PL Cost per night: \$140 USD

Reason(s) for selecting: Very central location, good meeting points, easy city access

Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____

Reason(s) for selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box):

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$2,700	\$680	\$700
For each accompanying relative	\$2,700	\$0 - Inc. in above rate	\$700

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$140	Notebook, pen, coffee, snacks, books
For each accompanying relative	\$140	Notebook, pen, coffee, snacks, books


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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. *or*
- b. N/A - sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

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

Signature: 
 Name: Jonathan Daniels
 Title: President
 Organization: From The Depths
 Address: 5757 W. Century Blvd. Suite 410 | Los Angeles CA 90045
 Telephone number: +48-501-183-871
 E-mail address: JD@fromthedepths.org

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The Honorable Steve Russell
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Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Poland, scheduled for September 17 to 21, 2017, sponsored by the From the Depths Foundation.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$390] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments filed with the Committee, and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

The Honorable Steve Russell
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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

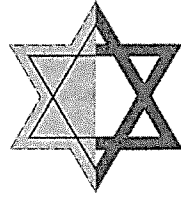


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From The Depths

‘Leaders Trip to Poland’

September 2017

General information

Dates: Group: 17th of September - 21st of September

Organizers: From The Depths Foundation

Schedule: day 2

18th September (Monday)

- 12:00-14:00 – Lunch at the Cardinal Wyszyński University with Deputy Minister of Energy for Poland, Michał Kurtyka – The meeting was an opportunity to see Poland’s major Catholic University as well as an open informative conversation with the Ministry of Energy, understanding the issues pertaining to an influence of Russia in energy in the region.
- 14:00 – 16:00 - Major Event - Annual ‘From The Depths Zabinski Award’ at Warsaw Zoo in honor of the Zabinski family, the war time Zookeeper, who along with his wife saved 300 Jews in the Holocaust, made popular recently in the Hollywood Blockbuster - The Zookeepers Wife, at the awards we will be honoring Christians who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust- the event will be attended by Righteous Among the Nations , senior Members of the Polish

Government, local leaders, Members of the Israeli Government, Members of the British Government and more..

- 16:00-17:30 – Return to hotel & Free time
- 17:30- Transfer to home of British Ambassador
- 18:00-19:30 – Reception with awardees of From The Depths Zabinski Awards - Small reception with key leaders from the Polish Jewish community and Polish Politicians honoring the awardees of the days Zabinski Awards, guests included Deputy Speaker of the Polish Senate Adam Bielan, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Poland and more.
- 21:30 – Return to Hotel - Regent Hotel Warsaw

Weather – 62 degrees no rain

Clothing Suggestion – Smart – Business suit

Schedule: day 3

19th of September (Tuesday)

- 7:00 – Breakfast
- 7:30 – 10:30 - Transfer to Zwolen
- 10:30 – 12:30 - Meeting with the Skochilas family in Rekowka and visiting their home, with the only known existing hiding place on the list of heritage sites in Poland, where a Polish family died attempting to save their Jewish neighbors.
- 12:30-13:30 – Packed lunch on Bus
- 12:30-16:00 – Transfer to Auschwitz-Birkenau
- 16:00-20:00 – Guided tour of Auschwitz Birkenau Museum – Tour of the German Nazi Concentration camp of Auschwitz Birkenau with the head of Media relations of the Museum as tour guide, giving the group a private individual educational tour of the largest mass extermination site of Jews and others during the Holocaust.

- 20:00 – 21:00 – Transfer to Krakow
- 21:00 – 21:30 – Visit and laying wreath at the grave of the former President of Poland, Lech Kaczynski – This is symbolic site for the people of Poland, most foreign dignitaries will take such an action whilst visiting Krakow out of respect.
- 21:30 - Dinner in Krakow
- 23:30 – Check in to Rubenstein hotel in the Jewish district of Krakow.

Weather – 61 degrees light rain

Clothing suggestion – smart casual

Schedule: day 4

20th of September (Wednesday)

- 8:00 - Breakfast in hotel
- 9:00 – 11:30 – Fast Train to Warsaw
- 13:00 - 14:30 - Lunch in Warsaw
- 14:00-14:30 - Meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki – A briefing of the current political situation in Poland as well as Poland’s concerns and worries regarding regional affairs as well as discussion pertaining to the US troops based in Poland.
- 14:30 - 16:30 - Walking tour of the Old City of Warsaw – Gave the group an opportunity to learn of the destruction of Warsaw during the Second World War at the hands of the Germans and Russians, as well as familiarize themselves with the general area.
- 16:30 - 17:00 – Meeting with journalist Jessica Aro – Jessica is a renowned Finnish journalist who has found herself and her family under attack of Russian Cyber Trolls after investigating them, her story gives a strong in depth understanding of the situation regarding online trolling and cyber warfare
- 17:00 – 18:30 interview with Congressman Wenstrup on TVP Polish National TV – This was an interview conducted by Polish journalist Michal Rachon for the

TVP television network for the main new show pertaining to US and Polish relations

- 18:30 - 19:30 - walking tour of old city of Warsaw
- 19:30 - 22:00 - Celebration of Rosh HaShana (Jewish New Year) with Members of the Jewish Community & Righteous Among the Nations. This was a dinner aimed at closing the delegation, learning about the Jewish New Year and understanding from the head of the Jewish community in Poland about issues and points of connection they may have.
- 22:00 - Return to Hotel in Warsaw - Intercontinental Warsaw

Weather – 59 degrees light rain

Clothing suggestion – Causal in the morning, smart in the evening

Schedule: day 5

21st September (Thursday)

- 9:00 - Breakfast in Hotel
- 12:30 - Return Flights

Weather – 60 degrees – light rain

Clothing suggestion – smart casual

****Schedule is subject to change****

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