

U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics

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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, 135 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: Ted Poe
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: \_\_\_\_\_ *or* None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: Feb. 23, 2018 Return: Feb. 25, 2018  
 b. Dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_ *or* None
4. Departure city: Houston, TX Destination: Paris, France Return city: DC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Organization of Iranian American Communities-US
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Spoke to foreign leaders and other Members of Congress regrading Iranian opposition groups
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: 

DATE: 3-21-18

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**U.S. House of Representatives  
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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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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Organization of Iranian American Communities-US (OIAC)
2. Travel Destination(s): Paris, France
3. Date of Departure: 02/23/2018 Date of Return: 02/25/2018
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Ted Poe  
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
5. 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	\$6760.46	\$328.60	\$40.00	\$100.00 (Average cost (good faith estima
Accompanying Relative				

6. 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: Ross Amin  
 Name: Ross Amin Title: President  
 Organization: Organization of Iranian American Communities-US (OIAC)

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

Address: 1717 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 1025  
Washington, DC 20006  
 Telephone number: 202-876-8123  
 Email Address: info@oiac.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

1. Name of Traveler: Ted Poe
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Organization of Iranian American Communities-US (OIAC)
3. Travel destination(s): Paris, France
4. a. Date of departure 2/23/18 Date of return: 2/25/18  
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: \_\_\_\_\_  
(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 the Foreign Affairs Committee, this is an opportunity to gain insight and engage with government officials on U.S. - Iranian bilateral relations and regional and geographical challenges.
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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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](http://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): \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization of Iranian American Communities-US (OIAC) \_\_\_\_\_
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):  
Attachment A  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of departure: Friday, Feb 23, 2018 Date of return: Saturday, Feb 25, 2018
7. a. City of departure: Houston, Texas  
b. Destination(s): Paris, France  
c. City of return: Washington, DC
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:  
The mission and goals of the private sponsors are consistence with those that will be addressed as the main topics of discussion by the speakers at the event. The private sponsor is a co-organizer of the event and will organize all of the travel.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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: Marriott, Paris Downtown City: Paris Cost per night: \$200  
Reason(s) for selecting: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hotel name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost per night: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason(s) for selecting: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$8500	\$ 200	\$ 100
For each accompanying relative	N/A	N/A	N/A

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$100	Average cost (Good faith estimate) of Venue / Audio / Water for Attendees
For each accompanying relative	N/A	N/A

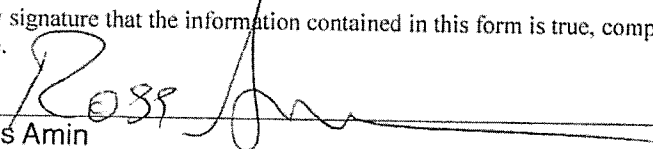
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19. Check one:

- 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: Ross Amin  
 Title: President  
 Organization: Organization of Iranian American Communities-US (OIAC)  
 Address: 1717 Pennsylvania Ave., NW. Suite 1025, Washington, DC 20006  
 Telephone number: 202-876-8123  
 Email address: info@oiac.org

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

Committee on Ethics  
 U.S. House of Representatives  
 1015 Longworth House Office Building  
 Washington, DC 20515  
 (202) 225-7103 (phone)  
 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)

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## U.S. House of Representatives

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February 21, 2018

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The Honorable Ted Poe  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2132 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to France,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for February 23 to 25, 2018, sponsored by the Organization of Iranian American Communities-US (OIAC).

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.

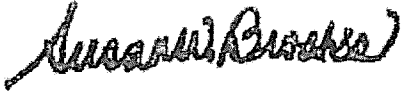
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<sup>1</sup> We note that the U.S. Department of State (State Department) has issued a travel warning concerning travel to France, *available at* <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/france-travel-advisory.html>. You may wish to contact the State Department regarding the safety of your proposed trip.

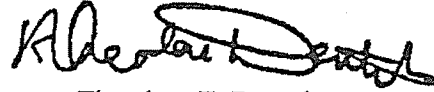
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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Susan W. Brooks  
Chairwoman



Theodore E. Deutch  
Ranking Member

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The Honorable Ted Poe  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

January 19, 2018

Dear Representative Poe,

On behalf of the Organization of Iranian American Communities-US (OIAC), sponsor of the “2018 Events in Support of #Iran Protests and #FreeIran”, I have the honor of inviting you to attend at the next event on **Saturday, February 24, 2018** in Paris.


Iranian expatriates and their supporters from North America, Europe and other parts of the world will participate in this event to discuss the recent developments in Iran, and support a secular, democratic, non-nuclear republic Iran. The event is part of a series of events in 2018, in which OIAC is a proud sponsor.

Parliamentarians, human rights activists, women, students activists and former Iranian political prisoners from the U.S., Europe and the Middle East are expected to attend.

The Organization of Iranian American Communities-US (OIAC), as a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) institution, will cover the appropriate expenses including travel, lodging, and food for the guests, and any other expenses related to event itself, such as audio visual, production, dissemination, facility rental, VIP location, etc. (as the estimated cost/per attendee), according to the House ethics rules and regulations.

Pursuant to the requirements of House Rule XXV, clause 5, and to assist your preparation for receiving approval from the House Committee on Ethics, we have prepared the attached “Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form.” **You must submit this form along with your “Traveler Form” to the Ethics Committee no later than January 23, 2018, or thirty (30) days prior to travel on February 23, 2018.**

Please review the attached form and contact us ([info@oiac.org](mailto:info@oiac.org)) at your earliest convenience if you have any questions.

  
Ross' Amin

President



Organization of Iranian American Communities-US (OIAC)

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**HOURLY GUEST ITINERARY**

Events in Support of #Iran Protests and #FreeIran  
Paris, France  
February 24, 2018

**Friday, February 23, 2018**

6:30 p.m. Leaving Washington, DC

**Saturday, February 24, 2018**

7:00 a.m. Arrive in Paris (Charles de Gaulle Airport).

7:30-8:00 a.m. Depart by car to Hilton Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport.  
Roissy-pole, Rue de Rome, BP16461, Roissy 95708.

8:30 a.m. Hotel check-in.

8:30-12:30 p.m. Personal time for rest.

12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Lunch meeting

2:30 p.m. Depart Hotel to the event venue.

3:00 p.m. Arrive at the event venue.

3:00 p.m. Conference Opening.

3:15 p.m. Opening Remarks.

3:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Welcome note by the organizer (Alliance for Public Awareness representative).

Remarks by prominent Iranian speakers:

Alliance for Public Awareness representative's rep.

(IRAN PROTESTS, International call to free Political prisoners, Iran rights violations, Iran's meddling in the region, Women ROLE IN IRAN PROTESTS, students and teachers uprisings, U.S. & European policy towards Iran...)

4:30 p.m.-5:15 p.m. Remarks by speakers from the United States (Iran's UPRISING, Policy on Iran, Iran and the region and support for the Iranian people):

Members of U.S Congress (TBA),

5:15p.m.-7:30 p.m. Remarks by speakers from Uk, France, Algeria, Syria (TBA)

7:30p.m.-9:00 p.m. Reception & Dinner at Hotel (RoomTBA). The invitees will exchange their views on the issues discussed at the main event, and get to know each other, while enjoying their dinner.

9:30p.m. Personal time

**Sunday, February 25, 2018**

8:00-9:30 a.m. Breakfast (at Hotel) & Personal time for rest

9:30 a.m. Depart to the airport

11:30 a.m/1:15 p.m. Return flights (UA leaves at 11:30 am, and Delta/Air France leaves around 1pm)

**Updated List of Invitees**

**Int'l Support for #Iran Protests and #FreeIran  
Paris, France, Feb 24, 2018  
(Updated)**

<b>Rep. Tom McCLintock</b>	<b>Budget, (Iran Human Rights and Democracy Caucus)</b>
<i>Paul Behrends</i>	<i>DCOS/Rep. Rohrabacher</i>
<i>Justin Ahn</i>	<i>Executive Assistant/ Scheduler in the office of Rep. Rohrabacher</i>
<b>Steve Cohen</b>	<b>HJC/Iran Human Rights Caucus</b>
<b>Rep. Ted Poe</b>	<b>Chair, HFAC, TNT Sub-Committee</b>
<b>Rep. Dana Rohrabacher.</b>	<b>Chair, Sub Committee on Europe</b>
<b>Rhonda Rohrabacher</b>	<b>Rep. Rohrabacher's wife</b>
<b>Rep. Steve King</b>	<b>Committee on Judiciary/Sub Immigration</b>

*\*\*\*\* All of the invitees are either members/staffers of the relevant committees with focus on human rights, terrorism, Islamic Extremism, women rights and U.S. Policy in the Middle East or members of the House Human Rights and Democracy Caucus.*