

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

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MEMBER / OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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: Ami Bera
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: Janine Bera *or* None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: April 28, 2018 Return: May 4, 2018
 b. Dates at personal expense: _____ *or* None
4. Departure city: Washington, DC Destination: Seoul, South Korea Return city: San Francisco, CA
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): _____
 Met with high ranking Korean officials and business leaders to discuss regional security, trade relations, and economic development.
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: Ami Bera

DATE: 5/14/2018

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**U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics**

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.

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

1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC);
The Korea Society
2. Travel Destination(s): Seoul, Republic of Korea
3. Date of Departure: 4/28/2018 Date of Return: 5/4/2018
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Ami Bera and Dr. Janine Bera
(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	\$7267.76	\$1045.45	\$856.54	\$502.66(room fee, interpreter, local guide <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Accompanying Relative	\$7267.76	\$1045.45	\$761.41	\$539.74(room fee, interpreter, local guide, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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: Sabine Schleidt

Name: Sabine Schleidt Title: Chief Operating Officer

Organization: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)

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

Address: 1401 K Street NW, Suite 503 Washington, DC 20005

Telephone number: (202) 507-4849

Email Address: SSchleidt@usafmc.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.

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

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 travel.requests@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: Ami Bera

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

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

Signature: 

Name of signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member or committee: _____

Office address: 1431 Longworth House Office Building

Telephone number: (202) 225-5716

Email address of contact person: emma.bruce@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:

Committee on Ethics
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: Ami Bera
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress
3. Travel destination(s): Seoul, South Korea
4. a. Date of departure April 28, 2018 Date of return: May 4, 2018
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: Janine Bera
(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 Vice Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Co-Chair of the Korea Caucus, Korea is a critical global partner. This study tour will provide the opportunity to meet with President Moon and other high ranking Korean officials about regional security, bilateral trade relations, and economic development.

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) 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): _____
U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress
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: _____
The Korea Society
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):
Please see attached page as well as the attached invitee list.

5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of departure: April 28, 2018 Date of return: May 4, 2018
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
b. Destination(s): Seoul, South Korea
c. City of return: Washington DC, except for Rep. Schakowsky and Mr. Creamer (Chicago)
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:

Please see attached page.

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

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

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

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

To transport travel participants between airport, hotel, and meeting sites.

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): _____
\$148

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____
Please see attached page.

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

Hotel name: Four Seasons City: Seoul Cost per night: \$230

Reason(s) for selecting: Proximity to meeting sites, and comfort of accomodation

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 checked="" 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	\$1150	\$652.5
For each accompanying relative	\$8500	Inc. in above rate	\$652.5

	<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	\$600	Interpreters, guide, room fee
For each accompanying relative	\$600	Interpreters, guide, room fee

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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: _____

Sabine Schleidt

Name: Sabine Schleidt

Title: Chief Operating Officer

Organization: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress

Address: 1401 K Street NW, Suite 503 Washington, DC 20005

Telephone number: (202) 222-0972

Email address: SSchleidt@usafmc.org

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 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)

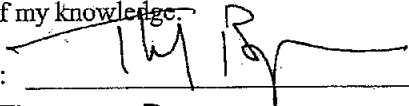
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GRANTMAKING TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by a public charity or private foundation (both as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) that provides a grant of funds to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

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. I certify that (name of your organization): The Korea Society
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.
 Yes No
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress
3. I certify that my organization (*complete a or b*):
- a. Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. *or*
- b. Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
(destination) Seoul, South Korea on (date) April 28 - May 4, 2018 that is
being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4. Check one:
- a. My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent *or*
- b. My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
6. 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: Thomas Byrne

Title: President

Organization: The Korea Society

Address: 350 Madison Avenue 24th Floor, New York, NY 10017

Telephone number: (212) 759-7527 Email: thomas.byrne@koreasociety.org

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

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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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The Honorable Ami Bera
U.S. House of Representatives
1431 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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 the Republic of Korea, scheduled for April 28 to May 4, 2018, sponsored by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress, with financial support from the Korea Society.

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 Ami Bera
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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 Congressional Study Group on Korea
2018 Member Study Tour to Seoul, Republic of Korea
Saturday, April 28, 2018 to Friday, May 4, 2018

Invitee List

Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA)

Rep. John Faso (R-NY)

Rep. Jimmy Gomez (D-CA)

Rep. Dan Kildee (D-MI)

Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL)

Addendum

4. This study tour is intended for current Members of the United States Congress; FMC invited Members of the House of Representatives and Senate who have previously expressed interest in South Korea and U.S.-Korea relations – in particular, security, energy, trade, and social issues – and serve on committees relevant to the trip's issue areas. Please find enclosed a list of all participants.

12. The Congressional Study Group on Korea, established in 2018, is one of four legislative exchange programs conducted by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC). The Study Group aims to create constant channels of communication and dialogue between American legislators and their counterparts in South Korea through regular roundtables in Washington, DC, throughout the year in addition to trips such as the 2018 U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour to Korea. FMC's Congressional Study Group on Korea is responsible for organizing the seminar program, arranging meetings, and inviting expert speakers to the study tour. FMC is solely responsible for all invitations to and communications with trip participants, as well as the budget for the 2018 U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour to Korea.

The Korea Society, a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) organization, awards grant monies to fund the year-round programming of The Congressional Study Group on Korea as a part of their mission of promoting greater awareness, understanding, cooperation between the people of the U.S. and Korea. The Korea Society staff assists FMC in securing meetings in Seoul.

15. b. 2) **Seoul** is the financial and political hub of South Korea, and the delegation will meet with high-level government officials, journalists and issue experts on issues ranging from security, trade and economy. The delegation will also visit the DMZ, Korean Demilitarized Zone, to learn the history and prospect between North Korea and South Korea relationship, a pertinent issue for the U.S. national security. Visits to plants of multinational companies such as Hyundai or Samsung, will allow the delegation to discuss innovation and technology issues.



The United States Association of Former Members of Congress

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March 16, 2018

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of FMC, we're pleased to announce the creation of our newest Study Group, The Congressional Study Group on Korea (CSGK). We would like to invite you and your spouse to participate in our inaugural U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour to South Korea. **The 2018 Member Study Tour to South Korea is scheduled to take place from April 28 – May 5, travelling to Seoul.**

The Congressional Study Groups have a 30 year history of successful, high-level, discussion-driven study tours for Members of Congress and senior staff, complementing an active calendar of year-round programs on Capitol Hill. Fervently non-partisan and non-advocacy, our model promotes active, substantive discussion among all principals. We avoid formal speeches and presentations that hinder development of lasting working relationships based on mutual respect and understanding.

During our inaugural study tour to Korea, you and your colleagues will have the opportunity to engage with lawmakers, academics, and business representatives who have a wide range of perspectives on the U.S.-Korea relationship. The delegation will visit the DMZ on the North Korean border. Issues covered in the program include:

- Korean Peninsula
- Regional Relations (China, Japan, South East Asia)
- Trade and the Economy (KORUS, FDI)
- Timely Topics (New Administration, Demographic Change, the 2018 Olympics)

During the trip, we expect an agenda that includes meeting with President Moon and several of his ministers; visits to the headquarters or production facility of a large Korean multi-national company (for instance Samsung, LG, Hyundai or others.); roundtable discussions with American journalists in Korea and subject matter experts, and a tour of Chang-duk Palace, as well as other cultural institutions.

We have funding for eight Members and a limited number of spouses and we will provide business-class airfare. All lodging and scheduled meal costs will be paid for by FMC, a congressionally-chartered, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, with the support of the Korea Society. Please note that all participation is available on a first-come, first-served basis for a diverse, bipartisan delegation. This privately-sponsored travel will be submitted to the Ethics Committee.

We hope that you will join us for this timely visit. Should you have any questions, please have your staff contact Sabine Schleidt, Chief Operating Officer, at 202-507-4849 or SSchleidt@usafmc.org. Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Best wishes,

Hon. Cliff Stearns (R-FL, 1989-2013)
FMC President

Hon. Martin Frost (D-TX, 1979-2005)
FMC Vice President



THE CONGRESSIONAL STUDY GROUPS

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Charles W. Dent (R-PA)
Ted Deutch (D-FL)

Japan
Diana DeGette (D-CO)
Billy Long (R-MO)

Europe
Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)
Peter Welch (D-VT)

Korea
Ami Bera (D-CA)
Mike Kelly (R-PA)

2018 U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour to South Korea
Saturday, April 28, 2018 to Friday, May 4, 2018
Seoul, South Korea

The 2018 U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour of The Congressional Study Group on Korea is organized in cooperation with the Korea Society.

Saturday, April 28, 2018

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<Dress code: Casual>

PASSPORT REQUIRED

9:35am	Rep. Sensenbrenner's departure from Reagan National Airport (DCA)
10:00am	Departure by a shuttle from the Capitol Hill Club (the parking space across from Capitol South Metro) to Washington Dulles International Airport
1:20pm	Departure from Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) to Incheon Airport (ICN)

Sunday, April 29, 2018

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<Dress code: Casual>

PASSPORT REQUIRED

4:30pm	Rep. Sensenbrenner arriving at Incheon Airport
4:50pm	Arrival at Incheon Airport (ICN)
Early evening	Check-in at hotel - <i>Four Seasons Seoul</i>
6:30 – 8:30pm	Informal Dinner

*The Market Kitchen – Int'l Buffet at Four Seasons - Seoul
Four Seasons Seoul, 97 Saemunan-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul*

Monday, April 30, 2018

< Seoul >

<Dress code: Business Attire>

PASSPORT REQUIRED

8:00 – 9:30am	Overview of South Korean Politics and Economy Breakfast meeting with journalists Mr. Jonathan Cheng , WSJ; Ms. Soyoung Kim , Reuters; Dr. Son Taek Wang , YTN and Mr. Hawon Lee , Chosun Ilbo
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Suite 702 - Four Seasons Seoul, 97 Saemunan-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul

- 10:30 – 11:30am **Country Team Briefing**
 Led by **Mr. Marc Knapper**, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim and select section heads from Political, Economic, Foreign Commercial Service, Defense Attaché, Agriculture, Consular and Public Affairs Departments

U.S. Embassy – Seoul, 188 Sejong-daero, Jongno-gu, Seoul
- 12:30 – 2:00pm Welcome Luncheon discussion with **Amb. Sihyung Lee**, President of Korea Foundation; **Assemblyman Jae-Kwon Shim**, The National Assembly; **Assemblyman Soo Hyuck Lee**, The National Assembly; **Amb. Ho-Young Ahn**, Prof. Kyungnam University; **Mr. Do-Hoon Lee**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; **Ms. Sook Jong Lee**, Prof. Sungkyunkwan University

Suite 701 – Four Seasons Seoul, 97 Saemunan-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul
- 3:00 – 4:00pm **Seoul as a Global City / Multilateral Cooperation**
 Meeting with **Mayor Park Won-soon**, Mayor of Seoul

*Seoul City Hall
 110 Sejong-daero, Taepyeongno 1(il)-ga, Jung-gu, Seoul, South Korea*
- 5:45 – 6:45pm Meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea
Kang Kyung-hwa, Minister of Foreign Affairs

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea
 60, Sajik-ro 8-gil, Jongno-gu, Seoul*
- 7:00 – 9:00pm Informal Dinner

*Top Cloud, Korean Restaurant
 51 Jong-ro, Jongno Jongno-gu, Seoul*

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

< Seoul >

<Dress code: Business Attire>

PASSPORT REQUIRED

- 8:30 – 10:00am <*InDepth*> **Regional Security – Korean Peninsula, China, Japan**
 Discussion with **Prof. Sung-han Kim**, Korea University; **Prof. John Delury**, Yonsei University; **Prof. Young Kwan Yoon**, Seoul National University

Suite 702 - Four Seasons Seoul, 97 Saemunan-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul

11:00am – 1:00pm

Strengthening Ties between the U.S. Congress – ROK National Assembly

Tour and luncheon discussion with Members of the Korean National Assembly

*The National Assembly of the Republic of Korea
1 Uisadang-daero Yeongdeungpo-gu Seoul*

2:00 – 3:00pm

Meeting with the Minister of Trade, Republic of Korea
Kim Hyun-chong, Minister of Trade

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea
60, Sajik-ro 8-gil, Jongno-gu, Seoul*

4:00 – 5:00pm

The Journey to Chosun Dynasty

Visit to Changdeok Palace

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99 Yulgok-ro, Waryong-dong, Jongno-gu, Seoul

6:30 – 8:30pm

Informal Dinner

*Maple Tree House, Korean BBQ Restaurant
33-1, Samcheong-dong, Jongno-gu, Seoul*

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

< Seoul >

<Dress code: Business Attire>

PASSPORT REQUIRED

8:00 – 9:30am

U.S. – Korea Business Roundtable (Hyundai, Samsung, POSCO, KITA, KAI, Gale Int'l, Suhyup, CJ, LG, FKI, KCC, Hanwha)

Breakfast discussion with representatives from Korean companies

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<InDepth> Regional Economy and Trade – KORUS, TPP-11, RCEP
Discussion with **Amb. Seokyoung Choi**, Former Chief Negotiator for Free Trade Agreements; **Prof. Tae Ho Bark**, Prof. Emeritus Seoul National Univ.(SNU) and Former Trade Minister; **Mr. Tom Byrne**, President, The Korea Society

Suite 702 - Four Seasons Seoul, 97 Saemunan-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul

- Noon – 1:30pm **The Role of Media in Korean Society**
Luncheon discussion with **Chairman Hong Seok-hyun**, JoongAng Holdings-JoongAng Ilbo
- Congdu*
116-1 Deoksugung-gil, Sogong-dong, Jung-gu, Seoul
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm **Reaffirming Our Iron-Clad Bilateral Security Alliance**
Discussion with **Mr. Song Young-moo**, Minister of National Defense
- Ministry of National Defense, Republic of Korea,*
- 4:00 – 6:00pm **A View Inside North Korea**
Discussion with **Mr. Suh Hoon**, Director of National Intelligence Service (NIS) of Republic of Korea and a North Korean Defector.
- National Intelligence Service, Republic of Korea*
- 7:30 – 9:00pm Informal Dinner
- Han-Miri, 2F, 96, Mugyo-dong, Jung-gu, Seoul*

Thursday, May 3, 2018

< Seoul >

<Dress code: Business Attire>

PASSPORT REQUIRED

- 8:00 – 9:30am **Missionary Influence on Education and South Korean Culture**
Breakfast discussion with **Dr. Yong-hak Kim**, President of Yonsei University
- Yonsei University 50 Yonsei-ro, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul*
- 10:00 – 11:00am **Voices of the New Generation**
Visit to **Yonsei University** and meeting with graduate students at **Graduate School of International Studies**
- Yonsei University 50 Yonsei-ro, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul*
- 12:00 – 2:00pm **Moving Beyond Transportation: The Future of Transportation and Infrastructure in the 21st Century**
Visit to **Hyundai Motor Studio Goyang** and luncheon discussion with representatives of Hyundai
- 217-6, Kintex-ro, Ilsanseo-gu, Goyang-si, Gyeonggi-do, 10390, South Korea*

3:30 – 5:00pm

Technological Innovation in South Korea

Visit to **Samsung Innovation Museum** and discussion with Samsung representatives

443-742 Samsung Innovation Museum, Samsung Electronics, Samsung-ro 129, Yeongtong-gu, Suwon-si, Gyeonggi-do, South Korea

6:30 – 7:30pm

Sustaining the U.S.-Korea Relationship

Networking reception with U.S.-Korean community leaders in Seoul, hosted by FMC.

Membership Lounge - Four Seasons Seoul, 97 Saemunan-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul

7:45 – 9:00pm

Closing Dinner: Lessons Learned - Debrief dinner conversation

*The Market Kitchen – Int'l Buffet at Four Seasons -Seoul
Four Seasons Seoul, 97 Saemunan-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul*

Friday, May 4, 2018

< Seoul >

<Dress code: Casual>

PASSPORT REQUIRED

Morning (10:00am-)

Departure from Incheon Airport to home airports in the U.S.
(IAD, ORD and MKE)

Afternoon (2:30pm, 4:00pm)

Departure for Mrs. Hodge (LAX)
Departure for Rep. Ami Bera and Mrs. Bera (SFO)



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2018 U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour to South Korea

Saturday, April 28, 2018 to Friday, May 4, 2018

Seoul, South Korea

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Saturday, April 28, 2018 < U.S >

10:00am Departure with a shuttle from the Capitol Hill Club (the parking space across from Capitol South Metro) to Washington Dulles International Airport

1:20pm Departure from Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) to Incheon Airport (ICN)

Sunday, April 29, 2018 < Seoul >

4:10pm Arrival at Incheon Airport (ICN)

Early evening Check-in at a hotel

6:30 – 8:30pm Welcome Dinner with **CDA Marc Knapper**, Charge d'Affaires ad interim of U.S. Embassy

Venue TBD

8:00 – 9:30am

Overview of South Korean Politics and Economy

Breakfast meeting with journalists eg: **Ms. Anna Fifield**, Washington Post; **Mr. Jonathan Cheng**, Wall Street Journal, Korean journalists, etc.

Four Seasons, 97 Saemunan-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul

10:30 – 11:30am

Country Team Briefing

Led by **Mr. Marc Knapper**, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim and select section heads from Political, Economic, Foreign Commercial Service, Defense Attaché, Agriculture, Consular and Public Affairs

U.S. Embassy – Seoul, 188 Sejong-daero, Jongno-gu, Seoul

12:30 – 2:00pm

Luncheon discussion with featured discussants such as:

- **North Korean defectors**/families of victims of abduction
- **Mr. Jang Hasung**, Chief of Staff for Policy to President Moon
- **Hon. Won-soon Park**, Mayor of Seoul (Request for contact)

Venue TBD

2:30 – 4:30pm

Site visit to **The War Memorial of Korea**

The War Memorial of Korea, located in Yongsan-gu, Seoul, exhibits and preserves materials related to the Korean War and serves as a national moral educational venue. It was established to commemorate the sacrifice of patriotic martyrs by the War Memorial Service Korea Society on June 10, 1994. The delegation will learn about the background of the Korean War, the progression of the war and how a truce was eventually established via US-led UN forces. Exhibits also display ammunition used by hostile and friendly forces, information and artifacts from people displaced by the war, and information on major battles. The Memorial also presents the development history of the Korean Armed Forces from the war-torn ground to expeditionary forces to the Vietnam War, the Gulf War and recent Peace Keeping Operations (PKO) to Somalia, and more.

29 Itaewon-ro, Namyeong-dong, Yongsan-gu, Seoul, South Korea

OR

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- **Kim Hyun-chong**, Minister of Trade

Venue TBD

6:30 – 8:30pm Informal Dinner

Venue TBD

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 < Seoul >

8:00 – 9:00am

South Korea in Multilateral Cooperation

Breakfast discussion with **Hon. Ban Ki-moon**, Former UN Secretary General

Four Seasons, 97 Saemunan-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul

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Venue TBD

2:00 – 5:00pm

Visit to DMZ, and the briefing by the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission (UNCMAC)

The DMZ or De-Militarized Zone is the 2.5 mile-wide security buffer zone along the South and North Korea border. Both DMZ and Panmunjom, also widely known as the Joint Security Area (JSA), were created in the Korean War armistice of 1953 and remain symbols of the lasting hostilities on the divided Korean Peninsula. Given the latest security developments on the Korean Peninsula, the place is potentially referred as the meeting place for both Inter-Korean Summit as well as the US-DPRK summit in late April and May respectively. Hence, the DMZ visit would be even more significant visit for Members of Congress to have a unique experience during this timely environment.

Eo-Ryong Ri, Jinsub-myun, Paju-si, Gyeonggi-do (Province), South Korea

6:30 – 8:30pm

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Venue TBD

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Venue TBD

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Visit to **Cheonan Memorial**

The memorial commemorates 46 South Korean sailors who died when a North Korean torpedo sank a South Korean naval vessel in March, 2010. North Korea still refuses to accept responsibility for sinking the ship and costing 46 crew members. By way of reaffirming strong U.S. – Republic of Korea (ROK) alliance posture, U.S. government officials, including former Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter, and most recently Vice President Pence ahead of the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeonChang, visited and honored the lost lives.

122, 2hamdae-gil, Poseung-eup, Pyeongtaek-si, Gyeonggi-do (Province), South Korea

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