



# U.S. House of Representatives COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## Member / Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form Original Amendment

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-81 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: Darren Soto
  2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
  3. a. Dates: Departure: November 23, 2019 Return: December 2, 2019  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: November 27- December 2 **OR** None
  4. Departure City: Orlando Destination: Madrid Return City: New York City
  5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Fundacion Consejo Espana
  6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Attached
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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** the *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 attached sponsor's agenda.  
**Signify statement is true by checking the box:**   
 b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 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.

Member / Officer Signature:

Date: 12/12/19



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**COMMITTEE ON ETHICS**

**Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form**

Original  Amendment

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 ten 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: Fundación Consejo España - Estados Unidos
2. Travel Destination(s): Madrid, Spain
3. Date of Departure: 23/11/2009 Date of Return: 27/11. Trip extended at own cost
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Darren Soto

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 Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$ 2049 (flight ticket Orlando-Madrid)	\$ 760.45 (accommodation and breakfast)	\$182	Airpot transfer: \$ 54.84 Taxis to meetings: \$ 200.53
Accompanying Family Member	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: December 6, 2019

Name: Manuel Lejarreta Lobo Title: Secretary General

Organization: Fundación Consejo España- Estados Unidos

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box:

Address: Serrano Galvache 26

Telephone: +34 91 394 8731 Email: barbara.baggetto@spainusa.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: Darren Soto
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: Fundacion Consejo España - Estados Unidos
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Madrid, Spain
4. a. Date of Departure: November 23, 2019 Date of Return: November 30, 2019  
 b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  Yes  No  
 If yes, list dates at personal expense: Nov 27 (evening) - Nov 30
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense?  Yes  No **If yes:**  
 (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:  Yes  No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  Yes  No  
 b. **If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night 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.**  
Rep. Soto is a member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and represents a large Hispanic community. He will be meeting with different dignitaries, elected officials and stakeholders in Spain's capital to learn how we can continue to foster a relationship with Spain, in areas like global security, energy and the environment.

9. **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, 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.

Signature of Employing Member *Darren Soto*

Date 10/23/19



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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 website ([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: FUNDACION CONSEJO ESPAÑA- ESTADOS UNIDOS
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): Congressman Darren Soto and Congressman Vicente Gonzalez are representatives of States with important connexions to Spain
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of Departure: November 23, 2019 Date of Return: November 27, 2019
7.
  - a. City of departure: Orlando ( Mr. Soto) and McAllen (Mr. Gonzalez)
  - b. Destination(s): Madrid (Spain)
  - c. City of return: As per departure
8. Check only one. I represent that:
  - 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 only 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 you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities 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 only one of the following:
- 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. Not Applicable. 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:  
see attachment
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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. Check only one. I represent that either:
- 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): USD 150 total stay  
November 25, breakfast USD 25 and business lunch : USD 60. November 26, working lunch USD 60
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Fundacion's headquarters location.  
See attachment
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Hotel Miguel Angel City: Madrid Cost Per Night: 270 USD  
Reason(s) for Selecting: closed location to meetings
- 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:



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**18. Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	Mr. Soto (USD 2250) Mr. Gonzalez (USD 3700)	USD 810	USD 150
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	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	See attachment	
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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**19. Check only one:**

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below:  OR
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip 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:  Date: October 22, 2019

Name: Manuel Lejarreta Lobo

Title: Secretary General

Organization: Fundacion Consejo España - Estados Unidos

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

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November 20, 2019

The Honorable Darren Soto  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1507 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Spain,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for November 23 to 27, 2019, sponsored by Fundacion Consejo España - Estados Unidos. We note that you will not be accepting return transportation from the sponsor.

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 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> Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Sergeant at Arms (SAA) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. SAA may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

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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Theodore E. Deutch  
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kenny Marchant".

Kenny Marchant  
Ranking Member

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ATTACHMENT TO THE SPONSOR TRIP FORM  
 FUNDACION CONSEJO ESPAÑA- ESTADOS UNIDOS

Question 12

In aim to fulfill our Public Diplomacy objective of fostering relations between the Spanish and American civil societies, the Fundación has invited both Congressmen to visit Spain and to get an updated vision of our country.

Both Congressmen represent States with strong cultural, commercial and political ties to Spain and are relevant to the bilateral relation.

Furthermore both Congressmen served on the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and the Fundación dedicates special attention to the Hispanic Community. We aim to strengthen the relations with the representatives of that Community and ultimately between the US and Spain.

Question 15.b.2

The Fundación Consejo España- Estados Unidos is based in Madrid. As Spain's capital, all major institutions, government officials and companies listed on the agenda are located in Madrid.

Question 18

	<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION Expenses Per Participant</b>	<b>TOTAL LODGING Expenses Per Participant</b>	<b>TOTAL MEAL Expenses Per Participant</b>
<b>Good faith estimates</b>			
<b>For each Member, officer or employee</b>	Mr. Soto ( USD 2300) Mr. Gonzalez (USD 3700)  <i>Estimated on October 23</i>	USD 810	USD 150

	<b>Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)</b>	<b>Identify Specific Nature of "Other" expenses (e.g. taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)</b>
<b>Good faith estimates</b>		
<b>For each Member, officer or employee</b>	USD 150	Airport transfer, (2 trips, USD 75 per trip)
	USD 450	Transport to meetings (USD 450 / day, total USD 900) <b>Private van will be shared by both Congressmen</b>
	USD 200	Taxis of accompanying Fundación' staff (USD 100/day)



# VISIT TO MADRID

## CONGRESSMAN DARREN SOTO

25-26 November,  
Madrid

### AGENDA

<p><b>24 November</b></p> <p>12.55</p> <p>7.00 pm</p>	<p>Arrival in Madrid. Transfer to the hotel</p> <p>Accommodation in <b>Intercontinental Hotel Madrid</b> <a href="#">Paseo de la Castellana 49</a></p> <p>Meet <b>Manuel Lejarreta</b>, Secretary General, Fundación Consejo España- EE.UU. <i>Hotel Lobby</i></p>
<p><b>25 November</b></p> <p>08.55</p> <p>9.30 -10.25</p>	<p>Meet Manuel Lejarreta at the Hotel.</p> <p>Meeting with <b>Fernando Valenzuela</b>, Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation. <a href="http://www.maec.es">www.maec.es</a></p> <p>Born in 1948, Fernando holds a Degree in Law from the University of Zaragoza, a Diploma in International Studies from the Diplomatic School of Spain, a Certificate from the Institute of Higher International Studies of the University of Paris and a Diploma in Doctorate Courses in International Law from the University of Paris. He has served as Director of the State Secretariat for International Cooperation and as President of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation. He has also served as Ambassador of</p>

10.40 – 11.30 am	<p>Spain to Canada and as Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva.</p> <p><b>This meeting will provide the House Members with an updated visit of the Spanish Foreign Policy</b></p> <p>Visit to <b>BBVA</b>. Meeting with <b>María Abascal</b>, Global Director for institutional Affairs and <b>Miguel Arroyos</b>, Public Affairs  <a href="http://www.BBVA.com">www.BBVA.com</a></p> <p>BBVA is a multinational group providing financial services in over 30 countries and to 50 million customers throughout the world. The Group has a solid leading position in the Spanish market, where it began operating over 150 years ago. It also has leading franchises in South America, it is the main financial institution in Mexico, one of the 15 biggest banks in the United States, where it has a leading franchise in the Sunbelt region. Today BBVA employs over 109,000 people worldwide and has about a million shareholders</p> <p><b>The visit to BBVA would inform the Congressmen about the general economic situation in Spain. BBVA has a strong presence in Florida and Texas</b></p>
12.00 – 1.45 pm	<p>Meeting at <b>The Elcano Royal Institute</b> with the director <b>Charles Powell</b>, and the experts researchers <b>Carlota García Encina</b> (Transatlantic Relations), <b>Gonzalo Escribano</b> (Energy), <b>Lara Lázaro</b> (Climate Change), <b>Ignacio Molina</b> (Europe) and <b>Federico Steinberg</b> (Internacional Trade).  <a href="http://www.realinstitutoelcano.org">www.realinstitutoelcano.org</a></p> <p>The Elcano Royal Institute is a private think-tank, independent of both the public administration and the companies which provide most of its funding. It was established in 2001 for the purpose of conducting an exhaustive study of the interests of Spain and of Spaniards in international affairs. Elcano considers itself a non-partisan -but not neutral- institution that seeks to promote the values by which it was inspired and which aims to establish a global strategy resulting in political proposals. The chief mission of the Elcano Royal Institute is to provide a centre of analysis and initiative of practical use to politicians, heads of relevant public and private entities, and to help promote an informed public opinion.</p> <p><b>This is the most transversal meeting in the agenda as it will provide a full vision about Spain, the bilateral relations, the economy, the future on trade and the sustainability challenges.</b></p>
2.15 – 3.45 pm	<p>Working lunch hosted by <b>Manuel Lejarreta</b>. Guest include <b>Ana Salomon</b>, Director General for North America, Asia and</p>

<p>4.30 – 5.30 pm</p>	<p>Pacific, <b>Fernando Nogales</b>, Deputy Director for North America and <b>Enrique Mora</b>, Director General for Foreign Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation</p> <p>The entire allotted time will be dedicated to official activity. Guests will discuss foreign policy and specifically the relation US/ Spain.</p> <p>Meeting with <b>Elena Gomez Castro</b>, Director General for Defense Policy. Ministry of Defense. <a href="http://www.defensa.gob.es">www.defensa.gob.es</a></p> <p>Spain and the U.S. have a strong military cooperation. This meeting will elaborate on that cooperation and the future of the relations in defense.</p>
<p><b>26 November</b></p> <p>8.00</p> <p>8.45 -10.15</p> <p>10.30 -11.30</p>	<p>Meet Manuel Lejarreta at the hotel lobby</p> <p>Visit to <b>Iberdrola</b>. Meet <b>Xavier Viteri</b>, CEO for renewable energies, <b>Gonzalo Saenz de Miera</b>, Director for Climate Change and <b>José Gasset</b>, Director of International Relations. <a href="http://www.iberdrola.com">www.iberdrola.com</a></p> <p>Iberdrola is leading the energy transition towards a sustainable model through its investments in energy from renewable sources, smart grids, large-scale energy storage and digital transformation in order to offer its customers the most advanced products and services. Thanks to its commitment to clean energy, Iberdrola is one of the companies with the lowest emissions and it is an international benchmark due to its contribution to the fight against climate change and for the sustainability of the planet. Iberdrola is listed on numerous international sustainability indices, among them the Dow Jones Sustainability Index and the FTSE 4Good, and it is considered one of the most sustainable electric utilities in the world.</p> <p>Iberdrola is one of the main and most sustainable energy companies in Spain. Operating in the US, this meeting will allow Congressman Soto to know more about the transition to sustainable energy and the way this is implemented in the US.</p> <p>Visit to the Spanish Congress of Deputies. Meeting: <b>Ana Belén Fernández Casero</b> (Grupo Socialista), <b>Marta González</b> (Grupo Popular), <b>Iván Espinosa de los Monteros</b> (Vox),</p>

<p>12.00 – 1.30 pm</p>	<p><b>Txema Guijarro</b> (Unidas Podemos) and <b>Joan Capdevila</b> (Esquerra Republicana) and <b>Marcos de Quinto</b> (Ciudadanos)  <a href="http://www.congreso.es">www.congreso.es</a></p> <p>The meeting with Spanish Deputies will give them a vision on our political system and how the Spanish Congress operates. It will also allow members of our Congress to establish relations with their US peer and deepen their knowledge on the US electoral and accountability system.</p> <p>Meeting with <b>Borja Lasheras</b> Advisor for Strategic Affairs for the Presidency of the Government.  <a href="http://www.lamoncloa.gob.es">www.lamoncloa.gob.es</a></p> <p>This meeting will offer an overview on Spain's the international presence from an advisor to President of Spain</p>
<p>2.00 – 3.30 pm</p>	<p>Working lunch with <b>Diego López-Garrido</b>, vice president of Fundación Alternativas and <b>Javier Zarzalejos</b>, Director of Foundation for Social Studies and Analysis (FAES) (TBC)</p> <p>This working lunch will be with the representatives of the think tanks associated to the two main political parties in Spain. The entire time will be dedicated to official activity</p>
<p>3.45 – 4.45 pm</p>	<p>Meeting with <b>Philippe Robertet</b>, Deputy Director for International Affairs, <b>Cervantes Institute</b>.  <a href="http://www.cervantes.es">www.cervantes.es</a></p> <p>The Cervantes Institute was set up by Spain in 1991 to promote and teach Spanish and to spread the culture of Spain and Spanish-speaking countries. It is based in Madrid and in Alcalá de Henares, the city where the writer Miguel de Cervantes was born. Instituto Cervantes centers are spread across five continents, including 5 in the USA (Albuquerque, Boston, Chicago, New York and Seattle).</p> <p>This meeting will highlight the importance of the Spanish culture and language and will provide useful information about the use of the Spanish language in the States with a strong Hispanic community.</p>

5.00 – 6.00 pm	<p><b>Visit to the Office of the European Commission in Spain</b>  Meeting with <b>Jochen Muller</b>, Deputy Head of Representation of the European Commission in Spain  <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/spain">https://ec.europa.eu/spain</a></p> <p>This meeting will focus on the European Union, the role of Spain and its institutions and ultimately on the importance of the relations between the United States and the European Union.</p>
7.00 pm	Meet Manuel Lejarreta at the hotel lobby
7.30 -8.30 pm	<p>Evening Discussion with the Board Members of the Fundación Consejo España- Estados Unidos, presided by Manuel Lejarreta in <b>Casa de América</b>.  <a href="http://www.casamerica.es">www.casamerica.es</a></p> <p>The entire allotted time will be dedicated to official activity. The Congressmen will be able to present their districts and the challenges they are facing as well as getting to know more about the local Spanish presence and investments and have one to one interaction with our members</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>_End of program_</b></p>