



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.

- Name of Traveler: Rep. Lisa McClain
- a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
- a. Dates: Departure: March 29, 2021 Return: April 2, 2021
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
- Departure City: Sterling, VA (IAD) Destination: Doha, Qatar Return City: New York, NY
- Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: United States-Qatar Business Council
- Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Attachment 1: Final Agenda and Description

- Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - 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*;
 - page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the Member or officer; **and**
 - the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
- 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: _____

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE CENTER
2021 APR 14 PM 11:30
OFFICE OF THE CLERK
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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: *Lisa G. McClain*

Date: 4/13/2021



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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: United States-Qatar Business Council

2. Travel Destination(s): Doha, Qatar

3. Date of Departure: March 29, 2021 Date of Return: April 2, 2021

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Lisa McClain


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	\$10255	\$878.94	\$375 (approximate)	\$0
Accompanying Family Member				

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: 04/09/21

Name: Mohammed Barakat Title: Managing Director

Organization: United States-Qatar Business Council

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

Address: 1220 L Street NW Suite 350, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone: 202-900-8900 (cell) ; 202-457-8555 (office) Email: mohammedbarakat@usqbc.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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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) 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: United States Qatar Business Council (USQBC),
a 501(c)(6) trade association headquartered in Washington, DC
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): Attached (1)
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of Departure: 03/29/2021 Date of Return: 04/03/2021
7.
 - a. City of departure: Washington DC
 - b. Destination(s): Doha, Qatar
 - c. City of return: Washington DC
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:
attached(3)

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): Breakfast: \$~25 - Lunch: \$~40
 Dinner: ~\$60 - per person per day (Approximate)
 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The sponsoring entity works to advance the US business and commercial interest with the country that is the destination of the trip
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
 Hotel Name: Mandarin Oriental City: Doha, Qatar Cost Per Night: ~ \$350
 Reason(s) for Selecting: Close proximity to the meeting locations and easy access.
 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	\$8500	\$1400	\$500
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$8500	\$0	\$500

	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		
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: 02/23/2021

Name: Mohammed Barakat

Title: Managing Director

Organization: United States - Qatar Business Council

Address: 1220 L ST NW - STE 350, Washington DC, USA

Telephone: Office: 202-457-8555 - Cell: 202-900-8900

Email: mohammedbarakat@usqbc.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, D.C. 20515
 Phone: 202-225-7103 General Fax: 202-225-7392



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TRAVELER FORM

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. This 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: Lisa McClain

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:  M.C.

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): _____

Office Address: 218 Cannon House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-913-3310

Email Address of Contact Person: caleb.baca@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 on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via e-mail: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.



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1. Name of Traveler: Lisa McClain
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: U.S.-Qatar Business Council
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Doha, Qatar
4. a. Date of Departure: 03/29/2021 Date of Return: 04/03/2021
 b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
 If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
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.**
Explore opportunities for potential Qatari investments in Rep. McClain's district and opportunities for district businesses to export to Qatar in order to promote business expansion and job creation in the district.
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 _____

Lisa C McClain
M.C.

Date 3/1/2021

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March 23, 2021

The Honorable Lisa C. McClain
U.S. House of Representatives
218 Cannon 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 Qatar,¹ scheduled for March 29 to April 3, 2021, sponsored by United States Qatar Business Council.

This approval represents the Committee's determination that the proposed trip complies with relevant House rules, federal laws, and Travel Regulations promulgated by the Committee. You should engage in your own assessment of the risks and implications of engaging in travel during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Committee travel regulations require that you submit your complete pre-trip approval request to the Committee at least 30 days before the commencement of the trip or it will not be granted. Despite your failure to do so in this instance, we are approving your current request. However, any future requests should adhere to the 30-day requirement.

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 \$415 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.

¹ 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 Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS 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>.

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 \$415] 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.

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

Sincerely,



Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman



Jackie Walorski
Ranking Member

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Attachment (1)
Agenda
March 29 – April 03, 2021

Monday, March 29, 2021

Depart from the United States of America
9:05 PM (EDT) from IAD

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Arrive to Doha, Qatar
5:00 PM (AST) Arrive to DOH

6:00 PM: Transport from Hamad International Airport to Four Seasons Hotel Doha, West Bay, Doha

7:00 PM: Transportation from Four Seasons Hotel Doha to Next Engagement

7:30 PM – 9:30 PM: Dinner and briefing with Meshal bin Hamad Al-Thani, Qatari Ambassador to the US

Participants will be briefed by and engage in dialogue with Meshal bin Hamad Al-Thani and economic team members on Qatari business engagements in the US, plans for Qatari investment. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the planned Qatari outreach in the US and how Qatar is promoting business ventures in the US.

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM: Briefing at Joint Defense Forces (Shield), joint with Qatar, US, UK, France and other forces, for training and planning exercises in preparation for the 2022 FIFA World Cup led by the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy. The group will be briefed and engaged by Mohammed Al-Mannai, National security and defense Advisor to Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior. There will also be briefings by those responsible for joint security of sea and air during the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

Participants will partake in observing the training exercises delivered by the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy in preparation for the 2022 FIFA World Cup. This will include training for logistics, security, and the like looking forward to the 2022 FIFA World Cup. The event that will include American participation and American business service providers during the activities in 2022.

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM Transpiration to Next Engagement



1:30 PM - 3:00 PM: Lunch and discussion with Reem bint Mohammed Al Mansoori and Dr. Hind bint Abdulrahman Al Muftah, Members of the Shura Council in Katara Village

Participants will be briefed and engage in dialogue on the parliamentary relations and rule of law in Qatar. The Shura Council oversees all aspects of Qatar's economy, and the members are the counterparts to the US Congress. The Shura Council also works on the advancement of economic and trade laws which impacts US-Qatar trade and commercial relations. US Representatives will learn about the upcoming parliamentary elections to be held in Qatar in the latter half of this year.

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Visit to Katara Village – Hospitality & Tourism sectors and investments

Participants will visit Katara Village, a key tourism & hospitality development in Qatar. With many American tourism & hospitality companies already operating in Qatar like Sheraton, Marriott, Intercontinental, etc. and many Qatari investments in the US like St. Regis DC, W Hotel Miami, etc., participants will be briefed and engage in dialogue on the many opportunities to further collaborate with the US in the hospitality sector. Participants will discuss which locations may be of interest for Qatari investment in the US, general opportunities for investment in the US hospitality sector, collaboration potential with US-based tourism & hospitality operators, and how investments can create jobs in the participants' district.

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM: Return Transportation, Personal Work Time, Preparation and Departure to Next Engagement

6:30 PM: Transportation from Four Seasons Hotel Doha to Next Engagement

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM: Dinner and briefing by United States-Qatar Business Council (USBQC) Managing Director, Mohammed Barakat

Participants will be briefed by USBQC Managing Director on the week's upcoming events and the organization's history operating in both the US and Qatar. Participants will gain better insight into the success stories of US companies in Qatar, how the US has engaged Qatar as a key trading partner, and what opportunities exist to expand US business through further contributions to the Qatari economy.

Thursday, April 1, 2021

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM: Preparation for meetings, updates and transportation



10:00 AM - 10:35 AM: Meeting with Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdul Aziz Al-Thani – Prime Minister & Minister of Interior; Executive Member for the Supreme Council for Economic Affairs and Investment (SCEAI)

Participants will be briefed and engage in dialogue on the broad, overarching Qatar foreign and domestic investment strategy, including Qatar’s goal of investing \$45 billion in the United States. They will learn about existing US-Qatar economic ties and the long-term growth objectives and discuss potential growth opportunities. Participants will develop a greater understanding of how the US fits into Qatar’s investment strategy and what opportunities can be explored specific to their districts. There will be discussion on US-Qatar relations as well as political stability and security in the GCC region.

10:40 AM - 11:45 AM: Meeting with Head of State, the Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani and Head of the Supreme Council for Economic Affairs and Investment (SCEAI)

Participants will be briefed and engage in dialogue on the broad, overarching Qatar foreign and domestic investment strategy, including Qatar’s goal of investing \$45 billion in the United States. They will learn about existing US-Qatar economic ties and the long-term growth objectives and discuss potential growth opportunities. Participants will develop a greater understanding of how the US fits into Qatar’s investment strategy and what opportunities can be explored specific to their districts. There will be discussion on US-Qatar relations, specifically related to political stability and security in the GCC region and upcoming sports events in Qatar.

11:30 AM - 11:40 AM Transportation to Next Engagement

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM: Meeting and briefing with Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, Chairman of Qatar Investment Authority, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Foreign Affairs

Participants will be briefed and engage in dialogue with Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani on Qatar’s current foreign direct investment strategy. Participants will learn about key sectors of interest for Qatari investment in the US and will discuss how to facilitate this investment in the US. There will be discussion on US-Qatar relations as well as political stability and security in the GCC region.

12:45 PM - 1:00 PM Transportation to Next Engagement

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM: Visit to Qatar Foundation and tour of Qatar National Library

Participants will be briefed and engage in dialogue with Qatar Foundation representatives to learn about Qatar’s national education initiatives and the cultural significance of these areas as they pertain to the Qatar-USA 2021 Year of Culture, in addition to the incentives and benefits they could bring to US investment from their home constituencies.



2:00 PM - 2:15 PM: Transportation to Next Engagement

2:15 PM - 4:00 PM: Lunch with Ahmed bin Jassim Al-Thani, Economic Advisor to the Amir and Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Economic Affairs and Investment (SCEAI)

During this working lunch, participants will be briefed and engage in dialogue with Ahmed bin Jassim Al-Thani who will present Qatar's economic engagements with the US and opportunities to strengthen business ties. The briefing will include the major tenets of Qatar's National Vision 2030 and a discussion of how the US and Qatar can align on investment opportunities within this framework. Participants will learn about Qatar's investment strategy and key areas where their districts can benefit from enhanced business ties.

4:00 PM - 6:30 PM: Return Transportation, Personal Time, Transportation and Departure to Next Engagement

6:30 PM - 7:00 PM Transportation from Four Seasons Hotel Doha to Next Engagement

7:00 PM - 9:45 PM: Dinner and discussion by special guests, Dana Al-Fardan, Qatar's first female singer-songwriter, and Hassan Al-Thawadi, Secretary-General of the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy for the 2022 FIFA World Cup

US Representatives will learn about the cultural significance of these areas as they pertain to the Qatar-USA 2021 Year of Culture in addition to the incentives and benefits they could bring to US investment from their home constituencies. There will also be discussion around the upcoming 2022 FIFA World Cup, associated contracts, and future opportunities for American companies.

Friday, April 02, 2021

Depart from Doha, Qatar to return to the United State of America

1:35 AM (AST) Departing from DOH

(same day)

8:35 AM (EDT) Arrive to JFK



Mohammed Barakat <mohammedbarakat@usqbc.org>

Re: Ethics Private Sponsor Travel Questions - USQBC; Qatar; March 2021

1 message

Mohammed Barakat <mohammedbarakat@usqbc.org>
To: "Wambold, Adam" <Adam.Wambold@mail.house.gov>

Sun, Mar 28, 2021 at 9:18 AM

Good morning Adam,

I wanted to give you a quick update on our trip, we have finalized the travel plans, in the process we had to change the hotel reservations, the new rate of the hotel is lower than we estimated in our sponsorship form, the new hotel will be Fourseasons Doha, instead of mandarin oriental, the current rate is ~\$260 per night, instead of the estimated ~\$350. The hotel is still in the same vicinity of the previous hotel, and provide the same ease of access to the planned meetings and provide safe and secure access.

We will provide the detailed cost as per the guidelines on the post trip forms.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
M

On Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 1:26 PM Mohammed Barakat <mohammedbarakat@usqbc.org> wrote:

Dear Adam,
Thank you for the update and the good news!

We work on the trip forms and information according to the committee guidelines!

Best,
Mohammed Barakat
Managing Director
US-Qatar Business Council

From: Wambold, Adam <Adam.Wambold@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 1:01 PM
To: 'Mohammed Barakat'
Subject: RE: Ethics Private Sponsor Travel Questions - USQBC; Qatar; March 2021

Hello Mohammed,

I just got the final approval from the Chairman and Ranking Member for this trip. I will be emailing the travelers shortly.

Please remember that you will need to complete the [Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form](#) no later than 10 days after the Date of Return of the trip for each individual traveler. You will also need to give the travelers the final

version of the Primary Trip Sponsor Form and trip agenda to use in their post-travel disclosures.

If you have any questions, feel free to let me know.

Safe travels!

Adam Wambold

Professional Staff

Committee on Ethics

U.S. House of Representatives

Work Cell: 202-725-8877

From: Mohammed Barakat <mohammedbarakat@usqbc.org>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 3:49 PM
To: Wambold, Adam <Adam.Wambold@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Ethics Private Sponsor Travel Questions - USQBC; Qatar; March 2021

Thank you!

Best,

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Best,

Mohammed Barakat

Managing Director

US-Qatar Business Council

From: Wambold, Adam <Adam.Wambold@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 3:48:19 PM
To: 'Mohammed Barakat' <mohammedbarakat@usqbc.org>
Subject: RE: Ethics Private Sponsor Travel Questions - USQBC; Qatar; March 2021

Hello Mohammed,



Attachment (2)

Agenda

March 29 – April 03, 2021

Monday, March 29, 2021

Depart from the United States of America
9:05 PM (EDT) from IAD

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Arrive to Doha, Qatar
5:00 PM (AST) Arrive to DOH

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

9:00 – 10:00 AM Meeting US Embassy Team in Qatar

Participants will meet with the US Head of Mission and Commercial Officers for a briefing and dialogue about the existing US-Qatar business relationship. This will allow participants to explore the potential expansion of business ties between American companies operating in Qatar most relevant to their constituencies.

10:00 – 11:30 AM Personal Work Time, Preparation and Transportation to Next Engagement

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Meeting with Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdul Aziz Al-Thani – Prime Minister & Minister of Interior; Executive Member for Supreme Council for Economic Affairs and Investment (SCEAI)

Participants will be briefed and engage in dialogue on the broad, overarching Qatar foreign and domestic investment strategy, including Qatar's goal of investing \$45 billion in the United States. They will learn about existing US-Qatar economic ties and the long-term growth objectives and discuss potential growth opportunities. Participants will develop a greater understanding of how the US fits into Qatar's investment strategy and what opportunities can be explored specific to their districts.

12:30 – 1:00 PM: Transportation to Next Engagement

1:00 – 2:30 PM: Lunch with select US & Qatari business leaders and Ahmed bin Jassim Al-Thani, Economic Advisor to the Amir and Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Economic Affairs and Investment (SCEAI)

During this working lunch, participants will be briefed by and engage in dialogue with Ahmed bin Jassim Al-Thani who will present Qatar's economic engagements with the US and opportunities to strengthen business ties. The briefing will include the major tenets of the Qatar National Vision 2030 and a discussion



of how the US and Qatar can align on investment opportunities within this framework. Participants will learn about Qatar's investment strategy and key areas where their districts can benefit from enhanced business ties.

The briefing and discussion will last 1 hour with 30 minutes remaining for lunch.

2:30 – 3:30 PM: Return Transportation, Personal Work Time, Preparation and Departure to Next Engagement

4:00 – 6:00 PM: Visits to cultural and business locations (e.g., museums, markets)

Participants will visit key business facilities such as business parks, free zones, and markets that have the potential to host US businesses and further US business interests. Participants will learn about the cultural significance of these areas as they pertain to the Qatar-USA 2021 Year of Culture in addition to the incentives and benefits they could bring to US investment from their home constituencies.

6:00 – 7:00 PM: Return Transportation, Personal Time, Preparation and Departure to Next Engagement

7:00 – 8:30 PM: Business Dinner with USQBC Members and Partners

Participants will meet with current USQBC members who will give a briefing on their companies' history in Qatar as well as their future plans, followed by an opportunity to engage in dialogue with USQBC members. Participants will gain better insight into the stories of US commercial success in Qatar, how the US has engaged Qatar as a key trading partner, and what opportunities exist to expand US businesses through further contributions to the Qatari economy.

The briefing and discussion will last 1 hour with 30 minutes remaining for dinner.

Thursday, April 1, 2021

10:00 – 10:45 AM: Meeting with Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, Chairman of Qatar Investment Authority, Qatar's Deputy Prime Minister, and Qatar's Minister of Foreign Affairs

Participants will be briefed by and engage in dialogue with Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani on Qatar's current foreign direct investment strategy. Participants will learn about key sectors of interest for Qatari investment in the US and will discuss how to facilitate this investment in the US.

10:45 – 11:00 AM Transportation to Next Engagement

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM: Meeting and visit to Qatar Foundation

Participants will be briefed by and engage in dialogue with Qatar Foundation representatives on Qatar's research & development initiatives, investments in healthcare and healthcare research, and opportunities



for exports of US medical-sector technology providers. Participants will learn how these business ties can benefit their home districts.

12:30 – 1:00 PM: Transportation to Next Engagement

1:00 – 2:30 PM: Lunch Briefing and Discussion with Representatives from Qatar’s Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Participants will attend a lunch with representatives from the Ministry of Commerce & Industry and will be briefed on the opportunities to enhance trade between the two countries. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in dialogue with Qatar’s Ministry of Commerce and Industry Officials and learn about Qatar’s newest export and import rules and regulations, taxes, tariffs, and other factors that may affect trade with US companies.

This briefing and discussion will last 1 hour with 30 minutes remaining for lunch.

2:30 – 4:00 PM: Return Transportation, Personal Time, Transportation and Departure to Next Engagement

4:00 – 5:30 PM: Visit to Katara Village – Hospitality & Tourism sectors and investments

Participants will visit Katara Village, a key tourism & hospitality development in Qatar. With many American tourism & hospitality companies already operating in Qatar like Sheraton, Marriott, Intercontinental, etc. and many Qatari investments in the US like St. Regis DC, W Hotel Miami, etc., participants will be briefed and engage in dialogue on the many opportunities to further collaborate with the US in the hospitality sector. Participants will discuss which locations may be of interest for Qatari investment in the US, general opportunities for investment in the US hospitality sector, collaboration potential with US-based tourism & hospitality operators, and how investments can create jobs in the participants’ district.

5:30 – 6:00 PM: Transportation to Next Engagement

6:00 – 7:00 PM: Briefing and Dialogue with Meshal bin Hamad Al-Thani, Ambassador of Qatar to the US, and Supporting Economic Team

Participants will be briefed by and engage in dialogue with Meshal bin Hamad Al-Thani and economic team members on Qatari business engagements in the US, plans for Qatari investment. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the planned Qatari outreach in the US and how Qatar is promoting business ventures in the US.

Friday, April 02, 2021

9:00 – 10:00 AM: Personal time, Preparation and Departure to First Engagement



10:00 – 11:30 AM: Meeting with the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy for the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar to discuss infrastructure projects, US companies' involvement, and future opportunities

Participants will meet and engage in dialogue with the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy for the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar. The Supreme Committee will provide an overview of the current US involvement in Qatar's build-up to the World Cup and what opportunities exist for additional collaboration. Participants will learn about the various infrastructure, sport-related, broadcasting, equipment provision, and other opportunities that may benefit American businesses.

11:30 – 12:00 PM: Transportation to Next Engagement

12:00 – 1:30 PM: Lunch, briefing and Discussion of Qatar's capabilities in shipping and transportation as well as Qatar's free economic zones by members of Qatar's logistics and transportation experts

Participants will discuss Qatar's recent infrastructure developments and geographical location benefits that will make the country a key hub for shipping and transportation in the region. Participants will learn about the opportunities for investment in these areas and how these recent developments can benefit their home districts.

This discussion will last 1 hour with 30 minutes remaining for lunch.

1:30 – 2:00 PM: Transportation to Next Engagement

2:00 – 4:30 PM: Visit to Al Udeid and briefing with Minister of State for Defense Affairs Dr. Khalid bin Mohamed Al Attiyah

Participants will visit Al Udeid airbase and tour the facilities. They will then be briefed by and engage in dialogue with Dr. Khalid bin Mohamed Al Attiyah on the existing US-Qatar defense and security situation. He will give an overview of the region's security situation and counterterrorism operations. Participants will learn about opportunities for future collaboration in the security and defense fields, and other US export opportunities in the areas such as safety and protective equipment, among others.

4:30 – 6:00 PM – Return Transportation, Personal Work Time, Preparation and Departure to Next Engagement

6:00 - 8:30 PM – Business dinner and dialogue event hosted by USQBC with the US business community and member companies present in Qatar

Participants will be invited to a dinner where they will meet and engage in dialogue with the US-Qatar business community present in Qatar, including USQBC member companies and USQBC representatives, Qatari businessmen and women, and US Embassy officials. Participants will learn about the experiences of the greater business community and how their constituent districts will benefit from additional US-Qatar business ties.



This meeting and discussion will last 1 hour with the remaining time dedicated to dinner and briefing activities.

Saturday, April 03, 2021

Depart from Doha, Qatar to return to the United State of America

8:35 AM (AST) Departing from DOH

(same day)

4:00 PM (EDT) Arrive to IAD



Attachment (3)

Invited US House of Representatives Members

1. Congressman Ruben Gallego – US Representative from Arizona

Explore opportunities for potential Qatari investments in Rep. Gallego's district and opportunities for district businesses to export to Qatar in order to promote business expansion and job creation in the district.

2. Congressman Eric Swalwell - US Representative from California

Explore opportunities for potential Qatari investments in Rep. Swalwell's district and opportunities for district businesses to export to Qatar in order to promote business expansion and job creation in the district.

3. Congresswoman Sara Jacobs – US Representative from California

Explore opportunities for potential Qatari investments in Rep. Jacobs's district and opportunities for district businesses to export to Qatar in order to promote business expansion and job creation in the district.

4. Congressman Lou Correa – US Representative from California

Explore opportunities for potential Qatari investments in Rep. Correa's district and opportunities for district businesses to export to Qatar in order to promote business expansion and job creation in the district.

5. Congresswoman Lisa McClain – US Representative from Michigan

Explore opportunities for potential Qatari investments in Rep. McClain's district and opportunities for district businesses to export to Qatar in order to promote business expansion and job creation in the district.

Attachment (4)

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:

Since it was established in Washington, DC in 1996, the United States Qatar Business Council (USQBC) works to advance US business and investment interests in Qatar and to increase Qatari investments in the United States, in order to advance US business competitiveness and growth and to support US job growth and provide added value to the US economy. The purpose of this trip is help advance US business interests and to allow for better understanding of the available opportunities and collaboration with business, trade and commercial entities in Qatar. USQBC will coordinate the travel and logistics of this trip and arrange for a series of meetings related to business objectives of the United States, as reflected in the enclosed agenda.