



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, by email at [gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov](mailto:gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov), 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: Amanda Soto OR None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 07/05/2021 Return: 07/11/2021  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None
4. Departure City: Orlando Destination: Seoul, South Korea Return City: Orlando
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):  
Attached

7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
  - a.  a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
  - b.  the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
  - 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:

**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: *Darren Soto*

Date: 7/12/21



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

2. Travel Destination(s): Seoul, South Korea

3. Date of Departure: 07/05/2021 Date of Return: 07/11/2021

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Darren Soto and Amanda 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	\$8823.80 (airfare, shuttle, car service)	\$675.50	\$308.30	\$971.05 (room rental, interpreter, tour guide, entrance/admission fees, COVID-19 PCR test, etc.)
Accompanying Family Member	\$8823.80 (airfare, shuttle, car service)	\$675.50	\$250.53	\$971.05 (room rental, interpreter, tour guide, entrance/admission fees, COVID-19 PCR test, etc.)

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 Date: 07/16/2021

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 St NW, Suite 901, Washington, D.C. 20005

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (202) 507-4849

**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 or providing in-kind support for the trip:  
U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Seoul, South Korea
4. a. Date of Departure: 07/05/2021 Date of Return: 07/11/2021  
b. Yes  No  Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Yes  No  Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? If yes:  
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: Amanda Soto  
(2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Yes  No  Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age;
6. a. Yes  No  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)?  
b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:
7. Yes  No  *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.  
  
*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 member of the Consumer Protection and Commerce whose jurisdiction includes: interstate and foreign commerce, including all trade matters within the jurisdiction of the full committee; re consumer privacy and data security; cybersecurity; consumer product safety; product liability; motor vehicle safety. He will be meeting with several dignitaries and tour motor vehicle and technology facilities to learn how he can continue using his role to foster a relationship with South Korea in cyber security and product safety.
9. Yes  No  **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
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 06/04/2021





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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:  
U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)
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):  
See attached addendum and invitee list.
5. Yes  No  Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: 07/05/2021 Date of return: 07/11/2021
7. a. City of departure: See attachment  
b. Destination(s): Seoul, South Korea  
c. City of return: See attachment
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; **OR**
  - b.  I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
  - 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
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: Chartered van)
- 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 the 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):
- \$143 (good faith estimate)
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
- See attachment
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Four Seasons Hotel Seoul City: Seoul Cost Per Night: \$247
- Reason(s) for Selecting: Security, it is very close to the US Embassy. Convenient location for our Seoul based 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 the box.*



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$11,247.06	See attachment	\$888.91
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$11,247.06	See attachment	\$888.91

  

	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	\$1,800	Transportation, room rental, interpreter fee, etc.
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$1,800	Transportation, room rental, interpreter fee, etc.

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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 by my signature that

- a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
- b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and
- c. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Sabine Schleidt Date: 06/02/2021  
 Name: Sabine Schleidt Title: Chief Operating Officer  
 Organization: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)  
 Address: 1401 K Street NW, Suite 901, Washington, D.C. 20005  
 Email: SSchleidt@usafmc.org Telephone: (202) 507-4849

### INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the agenda, invitation list, any attachments, and any *Additional Trip Sponsor Forms* directly to the Travelers.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

**Willful or knowing misrepresentation on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.**

**For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:**

1015 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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More information and forms available at [ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)

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July 1, 2021

The Honorable Darren Soto  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2353 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Republic of Korea,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for July 5 to 11, 2021, sponsored by United States Association of Former Members of Congress.

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.

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.

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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 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](mailto: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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Est. 1983

Co-Chairs:  
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JAPAN (CSGJ)  
Est. 1993

Co-Chairs:  
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Sen. Mazie Hirono  
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EUROPE (CSGE)  
Est. 2012

Co-Chairs:  
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Rep. Peter Welch

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Est. 2018

Co-Chairs:  
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Rep. Ami Bera  
Rep. Young Kim

## Addendum

4.

This study tour is intended for Members of the United States Congress; FMC invited Members of Congress from the House of Representatives who have previously expressed interest in U.S.-ROK relations during year-round roundtables on Capitol Hill related to the Korean peninsula and/or during one-on-one meetings. In addition, Members of Congress who serve on committees relevant to the trip's issues area – in particular, security, energy, and trade – were invited. Please find a list of all participants.

### Participants list

1. **Ami Bera (D-CA)**, U.S. House of Representatives
2. **Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA)**, U.S. House of Representatives
3. **Brendan Boyle (D-PA)**, U.S. House of Representatives
4. **Diana DeGette (D-CO)**, U.S. House of Representatives
5. **Tony Gonzales (R-TX)**, U.S. House of Representatives
6. **Young Kim (R-CA)**, U.S. House of Representatives
7. **Peter Meijer (R-MI)**, U.S. House of Representatives
8. **Darren Soto (D-FL)**, U.S. House of Representatives

### LEADERSHIP:

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**The Hon. Martin Frost**, *Immediate Past President*

### EXECUTIVE TEAM:

**Peter Weichlein Esq.**, *Chief Executive Officer* | **Sabine Schleidt**, *Chief Operating Officer*  
**Paul Kincaid**, *Director of Congressional Outreach* | **Lorraine Harbison**, *Programs Director*



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1. **Ami Bera:** Washington, D.C.
2. **Jaime Herrera Beutler:** Portland, Oregon
3. **Brendan Boyle:** Washington, D.C.
4. **Diana DeGette:** Denver, Colorado
5. **Tony Gonzales:** San Antonio, Texas
6. **Young Kim:** Los Angeles, California
7. **Peter Meijer:** Grand Rapids, Michigan
8. **Darren Soto:** Orlando, Florida

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1. **Ami Bera:** San Francisco, California
2. **Jaime Herrera Beutler:** Portland, Oregon
3. **Brendan Boyle:** Washington, D.C.
4. **Diana DeGette:** Denver, Colorado
5. **Tony Gonzales:** Washington, D.C.
6. **Young Kim:** Los Angeles, California
7. **Peter Meijer:** Grand Rapids, Michigan
8. **Darren Soto:** Orlando, Florida

12.

The **Congressional Study Group on Korea (CSGK)**, established in 2018, is one of four legislative exchange programs conducted by the **U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)**. CSGK aims to create constant channels of communication and dialogue between U.S. legislators and their counterparts in South Korea through year-round roundtables in Washington, in addition to annual study tours. It offers both Members of Congress and senior congressional staff a unique educational forum to examine issues such as the U.S.-ROK military alliance, energy policy, bilateral and multilateral trade agreements, and social issues ranging from gender equality to demographic change. CSGK is responsible for organizing seminars, arranging meetings, and inviting experts during the study tour. FMC is solely responsible for all invitations to and communications with study tour participants, as well as managing the study tour budget.

The **Korea Society**, a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) organization, awards annual grants to fund the year-round programming of the Congressional Study Group on Korea as part of their mission of promoting greater awareness, understanding, and cooperation between the people of the United States and South Korea.

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**Seoul** is the political and financial hub of South Korea where the delegation will meet with high-level government officials, corporate representatives, journalists, think tank experts, and university students to discuss issues ranging from South Korea's history and politics to society and economy. The delegation will also visit the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) to learn about the division of Korea and the history of the Korean conflict, an issue pertinent to U.S. national security. Site visits to multinational companies based in Seoul will also allow the delegation to discuss issues concerning trade, investments, and technology and innovation.

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Total Lodging Expenses per Participant:

- \$1,234 (single occupancy rate): Rep. DeGette.
- \$1,400 per couple (double occupancy rate): Rep. Bera/Dr. Bera, Rep. Kim/Mr. Kim, Rep. Boyle/Mrs. Boyle, Rep. Herrera Beutler/Mr. Beutler, Rep. Soto/Mrs. Soto, Rep. Meijer/Mrs. Meijer, Rep. Gonzales/Mrs. Gonzales

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## 2021 U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour to South Korea Monday, July 5, 2021 to Sunday, July 11, 2021 Seoul, South Korea

Last Update: 6/30/2021 | Meeting partners subject to change | All schedules are Off-The-Record  
**NOT FOR PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

### Hotel

**Hotel in Seoul**  
Four Seasons Hotel Seoul  
97, Saemunan-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul  
[jenna.seo@fourseasons.com](mailto:jenna.seo@fourseasons.com)  
Tel: +82-2-6388-5003

### Travel Agency / Transportation

Travel Agency: Ms. Jinyoung Yoon,  
[jinkitty78@gmail.com](mailto:jinkitty78@gmail.com) / +82-10-9925-5901

Byeong Hun You, FMC: +1-678-575-7772  
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### Monday, July 5, 2021

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<Dress code: Casual Attire>

#### **PASSPORT REQUIRED**

Delegation's departure from the U.S. (respective airports) to Seoul, South Korea (ICN)

- Rep. Ami Bera and Dr. Janine Bera
- Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler and Mr. Dan Beutler
- Rep. Brendan Boyle and Ms. Jennifer Boyle
- Rep. Diana DeGette
- Rep. Tony Gonzales and Mrs. Angel Gonzales
- Rep. Young Kim and Mr. Charles Kim
- Rep. Peter Meijer and Ms. Gabriella Meijer
- Rep. Darren Soto and Ms. Amanda Soto
- Thomas Byrne (Korea Society)
- Sabine Schleidt (FMC)
- Lorraine Harbison (FMC)
- Byeong Hun You (FMC)

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Tuesday, July 6, 2021

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**PASSPORT REQUIRED**

4:20 – 5:20 PM

Arrival at *Incheon International Airport (ICN)*, Korea Standard Time (KST)

- **Ami Bera & Janine Bera**, Flight KE 036 arriving in Seoul at **16:20**
- **Tony Gonzales & Mrs. Angel Gonzales**, Flight KE 036 arriving in Seoul at **16:20**
- **Darren Soto & Amanda Soto**, Flight KE 036 arriving in Seoul at **16:20**
- **Sabine Schleidt**, Flight KE 036 arriving in Seoul at **16:20**
- **Lorraine Harbison**, Flight KE 036 arriving in Seoul at **16:20**
- **Brendan Boyle & Jennifer Boyle**, Flight KE 7274 (operated by DL 0159) arriving in Seoul at **16:30**
- **Peter Meijer & Gabriella Meijer**, Flight KE 036 arriving in Seoul at **16:30**
- **Tom Byrne**, Flight DL 159 arriving in Seoul at **16:30**
- **Jaime Herrera Beutler & Dan Beutler**, Flight KE 020 arriving in Seoul at **16:40**
- **Diana DeGette**, Flight KE 020 arriving in Seoul at **16:40**
- **Young Kim & Charles Kim**, Flight KE 018 arriving in Seoul at **17:20**

6:00 – 6:30 PM (approx.)

En-route to hotel

*Grand Hyatt Incheon*  
208, Yeongjonghacannam-ro, 321 Beon-gil, Jung-gu, Incheon

6:30 – 7:00 PM (approx.)

COVID-19 test at hotel entrance and check-in

7:00 – 8:00 PM (approx.)

**Individual boxed meal**

Dinner served to individual rooms

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Wednesday, July 7, 2021

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**PASSPORT REQUIRED**

8:00 – 9:10 AM

**Overview of South Korea's Security, Politics, and Economy**  
Breakfast U.S. Embassy Country Team Briefing with **Chargé d'affaires Robert Rapson** and senior embassy officials

*Membership Lounge (10F) – Four Seasons Hotel Seoul*

9:15 – 10:10 AM

**Meeting with North Korean defectors**  
(For Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, Rep. Brendan Boyle, Rep. Diana DeGette, Rep. Tony Gonzales, Rep. Peter Meijer, Rep. Darren Soto)

*Membership Lounge (10F) – Four Seasons Hotel Seoul*

9:15 – 10:00 AM

**Press Conference**  
(For Rep. Ami Bera and Rep. Young Kim)

*Private Suite – Four Seasons Hotel Seoul*

11:00 – 11:30 AM

**The City of Seoul in the Age of COVID-19**  
Conversation with the **Honorable Oh Se-hoon, Mayor of Seoul**

*Seoul City Hall  
110, Sejong-daero, Jung-gu, Seoul*

12:00 – 1:30 PM

**Status Report on South Korea's Foreign Policy in 2021**  
Luncheon discussion with the **Honorable Choi Jong Kun, ROK 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs**

*Shilla Hotel  
249, Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul*

2:00 – 3:15 PM

**The Future of U.S.-ROK Military Alliance**  
Conversation with the **Honorable Suh Wook, ROK Minister of Defense**

*Ministry of National Defense, Republic of Korea  
22, Itaewon-ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul*

3:45 – 4:45 PM

**The Life and Legacy of Kim Koo**  
Guided tour of **Kim Koo Museum and Library**

*Kim Koo Museum and Library  
26 Imjeong-ro, Hyochang-dong, Yongsan-gu, Seoul*

6:00 – 7:30 PM

**Informal dinner**

*Linus BBQ  
136-13, Itaewon-ro, Itaewon 1-dong, Yongsan-gu, Seoul*

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**PASSPORT REQUIRED**

8:00 – 9:00 AM

**What Lies Ahead for Inter-Korean Relations**

Breakfast meeting with the **Honorable Lee In-young, ROK Minister of Unification**

*Ara II (6F) – Four Seasons Hotel Seoul*

9:00 – 11:00 AM

En-route to Hyundai facility

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**Hyundai Site Visit**

Guided tour of Hyundai facility and luncheon discussion with senior representatives of **Hyundai Motor Company**

*Hyundai Namyang R&D Center  
772-1, Jangdeok-dong, Hwaseong-si, Gyeonggi-do*

1:00 – 1:50 PM

En-route to Samsung facility

1:50 – 3:30 PM

**Samsung Site Visit**

Guided tour of Samsung facility and discussion with senior representatives of **Samsung Electronics**

*Samsung Semiconductor Manufacturing Center  
144, Samsung-ro, Godeok-nyeon, Pyeongtaek-si, Gyeonggi-do*

3:30 – 4:10 PM

En-route to **USAG Humphreys**

4:10 – 7:30 PM

**Experiencing the Largest U.S. Overseas Military Base**

Guided tour, briefing, and dinner with base leadership

*U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys  
83-2, Dodu-ri, Paengseong-eup, Pyeongtaek-si, Gyeonggi-do*

7:30 – 9:00 PM

En-route to *Four Seasons Hotel Seoul*

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Friday, July 9, 2021

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**PASSPORT REQUIRED**

8:00 – 9:00 AM

**U.S.-ROK Trade Relations and Korean Foreign Direct Investments in the United States**

Breakfast roundtable discussion with corporate representatives of the CSGK Business Advisory Council (Samsung, Hyundai, POSCO, CJ, KITA)

*Membership Lounge (10F) – Four Seasons Hotel Seoul*

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**South Korean Outlook on U.S.-ROK Relations**

Conversation with **President Moon Jae-in, President of the Republic of Korea**

*Blue House*

*1, Cheongwadae-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul*

12:30 – 1:45 PM

**Overview of South Korea's Public Diplomacy**

Luncheon discussion with **Mr. Geun Lee, President of the Korea Foundation**

*Conrad Seoul*

*10, Gukjegeumyung-ro, Yeongdeungpo-gu, Seoul*

2:00 – 3:30 PM

**Strengthening Ties Between the U.S. Congress and ROK National Assembly**

Guided tour and discussion with members of the **ROK National Assembly**

*National Assembly, Republic of Korea*

*1, Uisadang-daero, Yeongdeungpo-gu, Seoul*

4:00 – 5:00 PM

**Understanding North Korea Through the Lens of South Korean Intelligence**

Conversation with **Director Park Jie-won, National Intelligence Service**

*Conrad Seoul*

*10, Gukjegeumyung-ro, Yeongdeungpo-gu, Seoul*

5:40 – 6:30 PM

**Prospects for American Business in South Korea**

Reception with members of **AMCHAM Korea**

*Ara (6F) – Four Seasons Hotel Seoul*

7:15 – 8:45 PM

**Informal dinner**

*Maple Tree House*

*31-1, Samcheong-dong, Jongno-gu, Seoul*

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Saturday, July 10, 2021

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**PASSPORT REQUIRED**

8:00 – 9:00 AM

**Individual breakfast**

*The Market Kitchen (International Premium Buffet) – Four Seasons Hotel Seoul*

9:00 – 10:00 AM

**Exploring Korean History Through the Lens of the Joseon Dynasty**

Guided tour of the Royal Palace of Joseon Dynasty

*Gyeongbokgung*

*161, Sajik-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul*

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

En-route to the *Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)*

12:00 – 3:30 PM

**The Korean Demilitarized Zone and Understanding the Division of Korea**

Guided tour, briefing, and luncheon with American service members

*Joint Security Area / Panmunjom*

3:30 – 4:50 PM

En-route to Seoul

7:30 – 9:45 PM

**Debriefing dinner – Lessons learned**

*Soowon*

*Centropolis (2F) - 26, Woojeongguk-ro, Gongbyeong-dong, Jongno-gu, Seoul*

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Sunday, July 11, 2021

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**PASSPORT REQUIRED**

Morning

**Individual breakfast**

*The Market Kitchen (International Premium Buffet) – Four Seasons Hotel Seoul*

Morning

Check-out from hotel and en-route to *Incheon International Airport (ICN – Terminal 2)*

- **Darren Soto & Amanda Soto**, Flight KE 035 departing Seoul at **9:20**
- **Brendan Boyle & Jennifer Boyle**, Flight KE 093 departing Seoul at **10:25**
- **Tony Gonzales**, Flight KE 093 departing Seoul at **10:25**
- **Peter Meijer & Gabriella Meijer**, Flight KE 7273 (operated by DL 0158) departing Seoul at **10:25**
- **Sabine Schleidt**, Flight KE 093 departing Seoul at **10:25**
- **Lorraine Harbison**, Flight KE 093 departing Seoul at **10:25**
- **Byeong Hun You**, Flight KE 093 departing Seoul at **10:25**
- **Diana DeGette**, Flight KE 5019 (operated by DL 0196) departing Seoul at **13:50**
- **Jaime Herrera Beutler & Dan Beutler**, Flight KE 017 departing Seoul at **14:30**
- **Angel Gonzales**, Flight KE 017 departing Seoul at **14:30**
- **Young Kim & Charles Kim**, Flight KE 017 departing Seoul at **14:30**
- **Ami Bera & Janine Bera**, Flight KE 011 departing Seoul at **19:40**

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