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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, 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: Peter Meijer
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None ☐
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 13 Return: Aug 13
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None ☐
4. Departure City: Grand Rapids, MI Destination: Minnesota, St. Paul MN Return City: Grand Rapids, MI
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
Agenda 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: _____

Date: 8/19/21



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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
2. Travel Destination(s): Minneapolis/St. Paul MN
3. Date of Departure: Aug. 13, 2021 Date of Return: Aug 13, 2021
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Peter Meijer
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	\$396.80	N/A	\$58.00	\$1027.70 Rental Car/Fuel
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: [Signature] Date: 08/18/2021

Name: Jason Grumet Title: President

Organization: Bipartisan Policy Center

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

Address: 1225 I Street NW, Washington, DC 20005

Email: jgrumet@bipartisanpolicy.org Telephone: 203-350-3736

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: Bipartisan Policy Center
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): _____
U.S. Rep. Peter Meijer (see addendum)
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
6. Date of Departure: August 13, 2021 Date of Return: August 13, 2021
7.
 - a. City of departure: Grand Rapids, MI
 - b. Destination(s): Minneapolis, MN
 - c. City of return: Grand Rapids, MI
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 addendum
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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:
- N/A
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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): \$70.00
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- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See addendum
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: N/A City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
- Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
- Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
- Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
- Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
- Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:* ☒



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

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$396.80	N/A	\$70
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

	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	\$337.00	Rental Car, Fuel, Misc. Parking
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A

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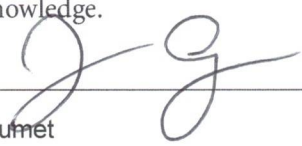
19. **Check only one:**

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: 7/12/2021

Name: Jason Grumet

Title: President

Organization: Bipartisan Policy Center

Address: 1225 I Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington DC 20005

Telephone: 202-218-6778

Email: jgrumet@bipartisanpolicy.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 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: Peter Meijer

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

Signature: _____

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

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

Office Address: 1508 Longworth House Office Building; Washington DC 20515

Telephone Number: (202) 225-3831

Email Address of Contact Person: Errical.Bryant@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.

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1. Name of Traveler: Peter Meijer
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Bipartisan Policy Cente
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Minneapolis, MN
4. a. Date of Departure: August 13 Date of Return: August 13
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: _____
(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.
See Attached
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  Date 7/14/21

Theodore E. Deutch, Florida
Chairman

Jackie Walorski, Indiana
Ranking Member

Susan Wild, Pennsylvania
Dean Phillips, Minnesota
Veronica Escobar, Texas
Mondaire Jones, New York

Michael Guest, Mississippi
Dave Joyce, Ohio
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July 30, 2021

The Honorable Peter Meijer
U.S. House of Representatives
1508 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Minneapolis, Minnesota, scheduled for August 13, 2021, sponsored by Bipartisan Policy Center.

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.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Theodore E. Deutch".

Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jackie Walorski".

Jackie Walorski
Ranking Member

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American Congressional Exchange

Peter Meijer (R-MI-3) visiting Angie Craig (D-MN-2), Aug. 13, 2021

7:45 a.m. Rep. Meijer Departs GRR, DL #2610
8:15 Arr. MSP

8:30-8:45 BPC staff picks up Rep. Meijer at MSP and drives to Upper River Services, 40 State St., St. Paul for meeting with the St. Paul Port Authority.

8:45-10:15 Tour and discussion led by Andrea Novack, Senior V.P. for Marketing (612-219-0250); and Kathryn Sarnecki, Senior V.P. of Development and Property/Project Management, St. Paul Port Authority. The Port owns a majority of the multi-modal Mississippi River Terminal property, where commodities are loaded on and off of barges throughout the shipping season. Commodities include corn, soybeans, wheat, sand, gravel, fertilizer, sand, cement, and coal.

The Port has a global reach and provides a significant marketing opportunity for heartland agriculture producers. In Minnesota, agriculture and its related industries currently employ one in every four workers and are responsible for nearly 20 percent of the gross state product. River shipping provides one of the most efficient methods of bulk commodities transport. The Authority is also involved in major commercial redevelopment along the River and the adjoining neighborhoods of towns in MN-2. Rep. Craig serves on the House Agriculture Committee and so she is very interested in the shipping and transportation of goods and materials in and out of her district. Rep. Meijer serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and works on trade issues that involve the efficiency of getting products to market.

The two members will learn about navigational issues and the infrastructure improvements necessary to keep this part of the Mississippi River deep enough for barge traffic, and how MN-2 is directly connected to the global supply chain. The members will have the opportunity to go onto a working barge. Press availability at end.

10:15 St. Paul Port Authority visit concludes.

10:15-10:30 Drive to 3M Cottage Grove, 10746 Keats Ave., South, Cottage Grove.
Contact: Tom Geier, 202-713-2474

10:30-12:00 Tour and meet with 3M leadership. Led by plant manager Allen Chasteen.

Encompassing 1750 acres, over 1,500,000 square feet in 35 buildings, and almost 800 employees, 3M Cottage Grove is a unique blend of research and development through its pilot plants, and manufacturing through multiple manufacturing plants. 3M Cottage Grove is a virtual, self-sufficient city because of its infrastructure. They pump, process and treat their own water in addition to providing essential safety and security services.

Six 3M Divisions call Cottage Grove home: Abrasives Systems Division (ASD), Automotive Division (AD), Electronics Markets Materials Division (EMMD), Film Manufacturing Supply Chain Operations (FMSCO), Industrial Adhesives and Tape Division (IATD), Materials Resource Division (MRD). These divisions make products such as Post-it notes and Scotch tape, and are found on reflective road signs and license plates, flat screen TVs, laptop computers, and cell phones.

Rep. Meijer will have the opportunity to see and review the various manufacturing products and processes at 3M Cottage Grove, including advanced abrasives. The issue of manufacturing in the U.S. continues to be of critical importance to the overall strategy for a healthy and robust American economy with good-paying jobs, and this experience will afford him the chance to learn more about related manufacturing and competitiveness issues.

Press availability at end.

12:00 noon 3M visit concludes.

12:00-12:20 Drive to Omni Viking Lakes Hotel, 2611 Nordic Way, Eagan

12:20-2:00 Working lunch with Twin Cities Metro business and civic leaders. The entirety of the lunch is an officially connected activity. Program includes a discussion with the two members featuring Alene Tchourumoff, Senior Vice President of Community Development and Engagement, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, moderated by BPC founder and president Jason Grumet. The focus of the discussion will examine two key issues: navigating the post-pandemic economy in the Twin Cities area and how Congress can effectively govern our polarized nation.

Reps. Craig and Meijer will also reflect on their morning visits which dealt with supply chain issues with Ms. Tchourumoff and the other attendees. Finally, Reps. Craig and Meijer will also speak to how Congress could become a more productive, problem-solving institution. Press availability (1:45-2:00).

2:00 Working lunch concludes.

2:00-2:30 Leave from the Omni Viking Lakes Hotel for a meeting and driving tour led by Kyle Chank, V.P. for Operations and Matthew Slaven, General Counsel for Viking Lakes. This mixed-use development that includes: residential, commercial, hospitality, and Minnesota Vikings NFL training facility, including TCO Stadium, home to the Minnesota professional lacrosse team.

The commercial emphasis of Viking Lakes is sports medicine, which has enticed new companies to locate in the development. Rep. Craig's service on the Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee involves policy issues related to biomedical R&D and health information technology, both of which are targets for current and future Viking Lakes tenants. Rep. Meijer serves on the Science, Space and Technology Committee and he has a strong interest in health research and technology.

2:30 Tour and meeting of Viking Lakes concludes back at Omni Viking Lakes Hotel.

- 2:30-3:00 Drive to Dakota County Technical College, 1300 145th St. E., Rosemount
Contact: Emily Zimmer: 612-616-6219
- 3:00-4:00 Tour and meet with Dakota County Technical College staff, administrators, and students, led by Michael Berndt, President; Mike Mendez, Interim V.P., Academic Affairs; Bob Trewartha, Director of Continuing Education & Customized Training/Workforce Solutions; Jason Wetzel, Dean of Transportation, Construction, and Manufacturing; and Lise Freking, Director of Strategic Marketing and Communications (651-270-5078). With nearly 3,000 students, DCTC offers 57 two-year instructional programs under the departments of: Business and Information Systems, Business and Management, Design, Health and Human Services, Technical Careers, and Transportation. Among the notable programs are: Nanoscience Technology, Interior Design, and Landscape Horticulture.
- Reps. Meijer and Craig will discuss workforce issues and learn what new strategies DCTC is taking to address the filling of thousands of job openings in the Twin Cities region. Of special interest will be a visit within DCTC to the Minnesota State Center for Transportation Excellence (MSTCE) which engages industry in fields of aviation, trucking, auto tech, and construction; partnering with employers while enhancing education opportunities for both students, and adults wanting to be trained on new career paths. This part of the program will be led by Christopher Hadfield, Executive Director, MSTCE.
- 4:00 Meeting with Dakota County Technical College (DCTC) concludes.
- 4:00-5:15 Meet at DCTC, Dakota Room 1-520, with local mayors, representatives from The Chamber and Met Council, along with moderator Myron Orfield, Director of the Univ. of Minnesota Institute on Metropolitan Opportunity and professor in the Law School. Orfield is an influential demographer and thought-leader who has helped lead the Twin Cities very successful regional planning and tax-base sharing program.
- The two members will learn about the work of the Met Council, the regional governmental agency and metropolitan planning organization in Minnesota serving the Twin Cities seven-county metropolitan area. The Met Council is granted regional authority powers in state statutes by the Minnesota Legislature. These powers are unique in that they can supersede decisions and actions of local governments. The legislature created the Metro Council to maintain public services, oversee growth of the state's largest metro area and to act as the regional planning organization.
- The Council's role in the Twin Cities metro area is defined by the necessary regional services it provides and manages. These include public transportation, sewage treatment, regional planning, urban planning for municipalities, forecasting population growth, ensuring adequate affordable housing, maintaining a regional park and trails system, and "provides a framework for regional systems including aviation, transportation, parks and open space, water quality and water management".

Of particular interest for the two members is the role the Met Council can play in the distribution of funding and implementation of expected new federal infrastructure investments.

The mayors include: Elizabeth Kautz (Burnsville), Bill Droste (Rosemount), Joshua Hoyt (Farmington), and Jimmy Francis (South St. Paul). Also, Gary Hansen, Eagan City Council.

The members of the Met Council are: Chai Lee, District #13; Phillip Sterner, District #15; Wendy Wulff, District #16, and Deb Barber, District #4. Plus, Mary Bogie, Met Council Regional Administrator.

The business leaders are: Amanda Durr, Director of Government Affairs, Charter Communications; Ryan O'Gara, Divisional Government Affairs Manager, SKB Environmental; and Scott Swenson, Drake Bank.

Press availability at end.

5:15 Meeting at DCTC concludes.

5:15-5:45 Drive to Veterans Home of Hastings, 1200 18th St. E., Hastings
Contact: Caroline Schauer, 612-791-8894

5:45-7:00 The Veterans Home in Hastings provides a wide variety of services for veterans suffering from chemical dependency, mental health illness, dual disorders, and/or debilitating effects of aging. The two members will meet with Administrator Michael Anderson along with Ben Johnson, Legislative Director, MN Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

The Veterans Home is committed to providing a full continuum of high-quality care and service focusing on rehabilitation, reintegration into the community, and supportive care for optimal enrichment of Residents' lives. The Home's Domicillary Program is one of the few in the U.S. and provides independent living with services that assist in medical management, mental health stability, and vocational goals.

Reps. Meijer (who served in the National Guard) and Craig will also meet with the resident veterans and enjoy a pizza dinner while learning how the Veterans Administration can continue to provide the essential and quality services to those who have served their country in the military.

7:00 Visit to Veterans Home in Hastings concludes.
7:00-7:30 Drive Rep. Meijer to MSP

9:37 Dep. MSP, DL #2636
11:59 Arr. GRR

This trip will give Rep. Meijer the opportunity to meet with local businesses in Minneapolis, MN that have a global reach and will be able to compare and contrast the challenges facing these manufacturers with the issues that the manufacturers in Rep Meijer's district grapple with. He will also tour major infrastructure investments that utilize federal funding and oversight, will have the opportunity to explore transportation and commerce issues on the Mississippi River. His committee assignment involves balancing inland waterway commercial needs while also protecting ecosystems and growing the outdoor recreation economy.

Addendum – Primary Trip Sponsor Form

Item 4: *Representative Peter Meijer:*

Congressman Peter Meijer (MI-3) represents a Western Michigan district which includes the Grand Rapids metro area, home to office furniture manufacturing, machine tools, and shoes; a central section which is primarily rural; and Battle Creek, home to multinational food manufacturer Kellogg's.

He serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, where his position on the Europe, Energy, Environment, and Cyber Subcommittee offers activity related to trade issues, economic alliances, and universal access to uninterrupted and affordable energy.

Rep Meijer's service on the House Science, Space and Technology Research and Technology Subcommittee provides opportunities to work on matters relating to science, technology, engineering and mathematics education; intergovernmental mechanisms for research, development, and demonstration and cross-cutting programs; and demonstration activities of the Department of Transportation; surface and water transportation research and development; all of which will be discussed on the trip.

Rep. Meijer will have the opportunity to meet with local businesses in MN-2 that have a global reach and will be able to compare and contrast the challenges facing these manufacturers with the issues that the manufacturers in MI-3 grapple with. He will also tour major infrastructure investments that utilize federal funding and oversight, will have the opportunity to explore transportation and commerce issues on the Mississippi River. His committee assignment involves balancing inland waterway commercial needs while also protecting ecosystems and growing the outdoor recreation economy.

The congressman will be interested in the education/workforce training tours and discussions in MN-2 as companies in his MI-3 district are also finding it hard to hire skilled workers at this time.

Item 7 (b):

American Congressional Exchange

Peter Meijer (R-MI-3) visiting Angie Craig (D-MN-2), Aug. 13, 2021

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8:15 Arr. MSP

8:30-8:45 BPC staff picks up Rep. Meijer at MSP and drives to Upper River Services, 40 State St., St. Paul for meeting with the St. Paul Port Authority.

- 8:45-9:50 Tour and discussion led by Andrea Novack, Senior V.P. for Marketing; and Kathryn Sarnecki, Senior V.P. of Development and Property/Project Management, St. Paul Port Authority. The Port owns a majority of the multi-modal Mississippi River Terminal property, where commodities are loaded on and off of barges throughout the shipping season. Commodities include corn, soybeans, wheat, sand, gravel, fertilizer, sand, cement, and coal.
- The Port has a global reach and provides a significant marketing opportunity for heartland agriculture producers. In Minnesota, agriculture and its related industries currently employ one in every four workers and are responsible for nearly 20 percent of the gross state product. River shipping provides one of the most efficient methods of bulk commodities transport. The Authority is also involved in major commercial redevelopment along the River and the adjoining neighborhoods of towns in MN-2. Rep. Craig serves on the House Agriculture Committee and so she is very interested in the shipping and transportation of goods and materials in and out of her district. Rep. Meijer serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and works on trade issues that involve the efficiency of getting products to market.
- The two members will learn about navigational issues and the infrastructure improvements necessary to keep this part of the Mississippi River deep enough for barge traffic, and how MN-2 is directly connected to the global supply chain. The members will have the opportunity to go onto a working barge. Press availability at end.
- 9:50 St. Paul Port Authority visit concludes.
- 9:50-10:10 Drive to 3M Cottage Grove, 10746 Keats Ave., South, Cottage Grove.
Contact: Tom Geier
- 10:10-11:10 Tour and meet with 3M leadership. Led by plant manager Allen Chasteen.
- Encompassing 1750 acres, over 1,500,000 square feet in 35 buildings, and almost 800 employees, 3M Cottage Grove is a unique blend of research and development through its pilot plants, and manufacturing through multiple manufacturing plants. 3M Cottage Grove is a virtual, self-sufficient city because of its infrastructure. They pump, process and treat their own water in addition to providing essential safety and security services.
- Six 3M Divisions call Cottage Grove home: Abrasives Systems Division (ASD), Automotive Division (AD), Electronics Markets Materials Division (EMMD), Film Manufacturing Supply Chain Operations (FMSCO), Industrial Adhesives and Tape Division (IATD), Materials Resource Division (MRD). These divisions make products such as Post-it notes and Scotch tape, and are found on reflective road signs and license plates, flat screen TVs, laptop computers, and cell phones.
- Rep. Meijer will have the opportunity to see and review the various manufacturing products and processes at 3M Cottage Grove, including advanced abrasives. The issue of manufacturing in the U.S. continues to be of critical importance to the overall strategy for a healthy and robust American economy

with good-paying jobs, and this experience will afford him the chance to learn more about related manufacturing and competitiveness issues.

Press availability at end.

- 11:10 3M visit concludes.
- 11:10-11:15 Drive to Renewal by Andersen Cottage Grove, 9900 Jamaica Ave., S.
- 11:15-12:05 Tour and discussions led by Troy Barrow, president of Renewal by Andersen and Adam May, Senior Communications Manager. This campus has over 700,000 sq. ft. and provides 1,000 jobs in this fully-integrated manufacturer of windows and doors. As the start-to-finish window replacement division of Andersen Corporation, Renewal by Andersen's Signature Service is committed to giving the best customer experience possible, through a superior process, and an exclusive product through one of the largest nationwide networks of window replacement specialists. Andersen Corporation and its affiliates make up the largest window and door manufacturer in North America.

The two members will learn about a key example of Minnesota's penchant for using industrial innovation to move from "old economy" industries to "new economy". Also, Renewal's location near the Mississippi River will show the role of rail, highways, and the inland waterway system coming together to support such manufacturing activity. Press availability at end.

- 12:05 p.m. Renewal by Andersen visit concludes.
- 12:05-12:25 Drive to Omni Viking Lakes Hotel, 2611 Nordic Way, Eagan
- 12:25-2:00 Working lunch with Twin Cities Metro business and civic leaders, including meeting Rep. Craig's wife, Cheryl Greene. The entirety of the lunch is an officially connected activity. Program includes a discussion with the two members featuring Neel Kashkari, president and CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, moderated by BPC founder and president Jason Grumet. The focus of the discussion will be the pending infrastructure legislature now before the Congress and the need to balance such investments with limited deficit spending to avoid an inflationary result.

Reps. Craig and Meijer will also reflect on their morning visits which dealt with supply chain issues with Minneapolis Fed. President Kashkari and the other attendees. Finally, Reps. Craig and Meijer will also speak to how Congress could become a more productive, problem-solving institution. Press availability (1:45-2:00).

- 2:00 Working lunch concludes.
- 2:00-2:30 Leave from the Omni Viking Lakes Hotel for a meeting and driving tour led by Kyle Chank, V.P. for Operations and Matthew Slaven, General Counsel for Viking Lakes. This mixed-use development that includes: residential,

commercial, hospitality, and Minnesota Vikings NFL training facility, including TCO Stadium, home to the Minnesota professional lacrosse team.

The commercial emphasis of Viking Lakes is sports medicine, which has enticed new companies to locate in the development. Rep. Craig's service on the Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee involves policy issues related to biomedical R&D and health information technology, both of which are targets for current and future Viking Lakes tenants. Rep. Meijer serves on the Science, Space and Technology Committee and he has a strong interest in health research and technology.

2:30 Tour and meeting of Viking Lakes concludes back at Omni Viking Lakes Hotel.

2:30-3:00 Drive to Dakota County Technical College, 1300 145th St. E., Rosemount

3:00-4:00 Tour and meet with Dakota County Technical College staff, administrators, and students, led by Michael Berndt, President; Mike Mendez, Interim V.P., Academic Affairs; Bob Trewartha, Director of Continuing Education & Customized Training/Workforce Solutions; Jason Wetzel, Dean of Transportation, Construction, and Manufacturing; and Lise Freking, Director of Strategic Marketing and Communications. With nearly 3,000 students, DCTC offers 57 two-year instructional programs under the departments of: Business and Information Systems, Business and Management, Design, Health and Human Services, Technical Careers, and Transportation. Among the notable programs are: Nanoscience Technology, Interior Design, and Landscape Horticulture.

Reps. Meijer and Craig will discuss workforce issues and learn what new strategies DCTC is taking to address the filling of thousands of job openings in the Twin Cities region. Of special interest will be a visit within DCTC to the Minnesota State Center for Transportation Excellence (MSTCE) which engages industry in fields of aviation, trucking, auto tech, and construction; partnering with employers while enhancing education opportunities for both students, and adults wanting to be trained on new career paths. This part of the program will be led by Christopher Hadfield, Executive Director, MSTCE.

4:00 Meeting with Dakota County Technical College (DCTC) concludes.

4:00-5:15 Meet at DCTC with local mayors, representatives from The Chamber and Met Council, along with moderator Myron Orfield, Director of the Univ. of Minnesota Institute on Metropolitan Opportunity and professor in the Law School. Orfield is an influential demographer and thought-leader who has helped lead the Twin Cities very successful regional planning and tax-base sharing program.

The two members will learn about the work of the Met Council, the regional governmental agency and metropolitan planning organization in Minnesota serving the Twin Cities seven-county metropolitan area. The Met Council is granted regional authority powers in state statutes by the Minnesota Legislature. These powers are unique in that they can supersede decisions and actions of local governments. The legislature created the Metro Council to maintain

public services, oversee growth of the state's largest metro area and to act as the regional planning organization.

The Council's role in the Twin Cities metro area is defined by the necessary regional services it provides and manages. These include public transportation, sewage treatment, regional planning, urban planning for municipalities, forecasting population growth, ensuring adequate affordable housing, maintaining a regional park and trails system, and "provides a framework for regional systems including aviation, transportation, parks and open space, water quality and water management".

Of particular interest for the two members is the role the Met Council can play in the distribution of funding and implementation of expected new federal infrastructure investments.

The invited mayors include: Elizabeth Kautz (R-Burnsville), Michael Maguire (D-Eagan), Mary Hamann-Roland (I-Apple Valley), Doug Anderson (I-Lakeville), George Tourville (I-Inner Grove Heights), and Jimmy Francis (I-South St. Paul).

Press availability at end.

5:15 Meeting at DCTC concludes.

5:15-5:45 Drive to Veterans Home of Hastings, 1200 18th St. E., Hastings

5:45-7:00 The Veterans Home in Hastings provides a wide variety of services for veterans suffering from chemical dependency, mental health illness, dual disorders, and/or debilitating effects of aging. The two members will meet with Administrator Michael Anderson along with Ben Johnson, Legislative Director, MN Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

The Veterans Home is committed to providing a full continuum of high-quality care and service focusing on rehabilitation, reintegration into the community, and supportive care for optimal enrichment of Residents' lives. The Home's Domicillary Program is one of the few in the U.S. and provides independent living with services that assist in medical management, mental health stability, and vocational goals.

Reps. Meijer (who served in the National Guard) and Craig will also meet with the resident veterans and enjoy a pizza dinner while learning how the Veterans Administration can continue to provide the essential and quality services to those who have served their country in the military.

7:00 Visit to Veterans Home in Hastings concludes.

7:00-7:30 Drive Rep. Meijer to MSP

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Item 12: *Bipartisan Policy Center*: The Bipartisan Policy Center is a non-profit organization that combines the best ideas from both parties to promote health, security, and opportunity for all Americans. BPC drives principled and politically viable policy solutions through the power of rigorous analysis and painstaking negotiation.

As a Washington, D.C.-based think tank that actively promotes bipartisanship, BPC works to address the key challenges facing the nation. Our policy solutions are the product of informed deliberations by former elected and appointed officials, business and labor leaders, and academics and advocates who represent both ends of the political spectrum. We are currently focused on such issues as health, energy, national security, the economy, financial regulatory reform, housing, immigration, infrastructure, and governance.

While a healthy, civil debate among those with differing viewpoints is an essential component of our democracy, the current partisan tone in government is impeding progress. BPC is focused on how to overcome political divides and help make our government work better.

Regardless of deep policy disagreements, Congress must operate with mutual respect, decency, and civility which are foundational to forging collaborative solutions. While there are disparities and regional differences, as elected officials, members of Congress all have a responsibility to address challenges confronting their constituents and the nation, as well as strengthen the institution itself.

The American Congressional Exchange (ACE) Program is a systematic approach to building better relationships and bipartisanship in Congress. ACE is focused on members of the U.S. House of Representatives and is built upon three precepts:

- To develop trust, Members of Congress must listen to one another to understand what it is that motivates them and concerns them.
- Once they listen to each other, they often learn they actually have more in common than meets the eye – and if they can see each other in that vein, impactful legislation can be achieved.
- A shared experience based on close interaction can be what brings Members of Congress together to take action on behalf of the American people.

The central goal of ACE is to build connections and trust, which will create conditions for intentional negotiation and compromise on issues of importance to the participants' constituencies as well as the nation. The trips will increase mutual understandings, and further collaboration on policy matters and legislation. Additionally, as a result, Congress will operate more effectively. BPC representative will accompany traveler on the trip to provide logistics and coordinate functioning of meetings, events, and site visits.

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The congressional district MN-2 affords Congressman Meijer a variety of learning opportunities relevant to his home district and his committee assignments. Supply chain issues, trade policy, transportation, manufacturing, workforce development, and the need for strategic infrastructure investment that meld old and new economies are among the features of MN-2 that are analogous to MI-3.

As noted above, Congressman Meijer will have the opportunity to meet with local officials, major manufacturing leaders, tour an inland waterway port, discuss critical education and training programs at a community college, and gain perspectives on regional economic development systems and innovations that the Twin Cities region has successfully employed.

Also, this trip provides for a small group meeting with the Minneapolis Federal Reserve President and regional corporate execs. who are concerned about the balancing of federal infrastructure investment with deficit spending that could accelerate inflation. So, U.S. monetary policy and global trade will be a key topic of conversation.