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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☒ *Original* ☐ *Amendment*

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. 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: Christopher Grimes

2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** None ☐
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____

3. a. **Dates:** Departure: August 9, 2021 Return: August 13, 2021
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ ***OR*** None ☐

4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Boise, Idaho, Twin Falls, Idaho Return City: Washington, DC

5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Leadership Idaho Agriculture Foundation

6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:
   This trip included many meetings with agriculture producers throughout the state of Idaho, as well as local, state, and federal government officials that work with producers in the agriculture industry. Site visits included farms, ranches, dairies, hydroelectric dams, agriculture storage facilities, and water utilities.

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 employee; ***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 on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Traveler: Christopher Grimes **Date:** 08/30/2021

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Ann Kirkpatrick **Date:** 8/30/2021

Signature of Supervising Member: A Kirkpatrick

Version date 3/2021 by Committee on Ethics

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Leadership Idaho Agriculture Foundation
2. Travel Destination(s): Twin Falls, Idaho via Boise, Idaho
3. Date of Departure: 8/9/2021 Date of Return: 8/13/2021
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Chris Grimes

   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	$1,033.15	$616.47	$150.00	Printing $8.76 Supplies $14.91
Accompanying Family Member	NA	NA	NA	NA

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: Rick Waitley Date: 08/30/2021

Name: Rick Waitley Title: Executive Director

Organization: Leadership Idaho Agriculture Foundation

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

Address: 55 SW 5th Avenue, Ste 100, Meridian, Idaho 83642

Email: Rick@AMGIDAHO.com Telephone: (208) 888-0988

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

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1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:
   Leadership Idaho Agriculture Foundation
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):
   Please see the attached list of invitees.
5. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: August 9, 2021 Date of return: August 13, 2021
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
   b. Destination(s): Boise, Idaho, Twin Falls, Idaho
   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; **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:

    Not applicable

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 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):

       $56.25/day

    2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:

       Idaho is a major agriculture state, and this tour will focus on many aspects of ag production.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
    Hotel Name: Hilton Garden Inn City: Boise Cost Per Night: $150/night
    Reason(s) for Selecting: Low cost and central location to the day's activities.
    Hotel Name: Towne Place Suites by Marriott City: Twin Falls Cost Per Night: $150/night
    Reason(s) for Selecting: Low cost and central to the tour's activities for the week.
    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:**

☐ 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	$1033.20	$600.36	$225.00
For each Accompanying Family Member	None	None	None

	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	$150	Snacks and water on bus, taxi, parking
For each Accompanying Family Member	None	

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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: Rick Waitley Date: 07/07/2021

Name: Rick Waitley Title: Executive Director

Organization: Leadership Idaho Agriculture Foundation

Address: 55 SW 5th Ave #100, Meridian, ID 83642

Email: rick@amgidaho.com Telephone: (208) 888-0988

INSTRUCTIONS

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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.

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Signature: Rick Waitley Date: 07/07/2021

Name: Rick Waitley Title: Executive Director

Organization: Leadership Idaho Agriculture Foundation

Address: 55 SW 5th Ave #100, Meridian, ID 83642

Email: rick@amgidaho.com Telephone: (208) 888-0988

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TRAVELER FORM

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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: Christopher Grimes

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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: Christopher Grimes

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Representative Ann Kirkpatrick

Office Address: 309 Cannon House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-2542

Email Address of Contact Person: chris.grimes@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: Christopher Grimes

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Rick Waitley - Leadership Idaho Agriculture Foundation

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Boise, Idaho

4. a. Date of Departure: August 9, 2021 Date of Return: August 13, 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: _____
   (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.
   I am a Legislative Assistant tasked with overseeing the Congresswoman's Agriculture Committee responsibilities. Attending this trip will build a deeper understanding of agricultural issues affecting the country.

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 A Kilpatrick Date 7/09/2021

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 26, 2021

Mr. Christopher Grimes
Office of the Honorable Ann Kirkpatrick
309 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Grimes:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Boise and Twin Falls, Idaho, scheduled for August 9 to 13, 2021, sponsored by Leadership in Idaho Agricultural Foundation.

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 an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) 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. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, 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,

Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman

Jackie Walorski
Ranking Member

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2021 Leadership Idaho Agriculture Foundation
Congressional Tour Invitation List

Cydney Karlins Legislative Assistant Representative David Scott

This person works for Members of Congress who sits on the House Agriculture Committee and oversees agriculture policy issues in their office.

Ben Goldeen Legislative Director Representative Jim Costa

This person works for Members of Congress who sits on the House Agriculture Committee and oversees agriculture policy issues in their office.

Drea Shropshire Senior Legislative Assistant Representative Jim McGovern

This person works for Members of Congress who sits on the House Agriculture Committee and oversees agriculture policy issues in their office.

Katherine Stewart Legislative Director Representative Alma Adams

This person works for Members of Congress who sits on the House Agriculture Committee and oversees agriculture policy issues in their office.

Sam Wojcicki Legislative Director Representative Abigail Spanberger

This person works for Members of Congress who sits on the House Agriculture Committee and oversees agriculture policy issues in their office.

Maddie Daly Legislative Director Representative Jahana Hayes

This person works for Members of Congress who sits on the House Agriculture Committee and oversees agriculture policy issues in their office.

Jessie Andrews Chief of Staff Representative Antonio Delgado

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Lauren Citron Legislative Director Representative Bobby Rush

This person works for Members of Congress who sits on the House Agriculture Committee and oversees agriculture policy issues in their office.

Adam Tanga Legislative Director Representative Kilili Sablan

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Sam Cooper-Wall Legislative Assistant Representative Ann Kuster

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2021 LIA Congressional Fact-Finding Tour Schedule

Monday, August 9th

11:00am – 4:00pm	Congressional staff arrive in Boise and are shuttled to hotel
4:00pm	Check into Hilton Garden Inn Boise **348 S 13th St, Boise, ID 83702**
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Dinner at the RAM Stonehouse - **709 E. Park Blvd., Boise, ID 83712** Overview of Idaho Agriculture - Director Celia Gould *Explanation: Idaho State Department of Agriculture Director Gould will provide a general overview of the 186 different commodities grown in Idaho, how agriculture drives the Idaho economy, and how Idaho fits into the national landscape of agriculture.* Adjourn

Tuesday, August 10th

7:00am – 8:00am	Bus departs Hilton Garden Inn for Simplot feedlot **1301 Hwy 67, Grand View, ID 83624**
8:00am – 9:30am	Tour Simplot Grandview Feedlot – Tour provided by Darcy Helmick *Darcy will provide an overview of how beef cattle are fed, housed, and brought to market as an example of how beef operations function in Idaho and across the country.*
9:30am	Depart Simplot Feedlot for Jentzsch-Kearl Farms for potato harvest demo – Darek Jentzsch, Mike Larsen, owner/operators **42°55'25.3"N 115°36'02.4"W**
9:30am – 10:00am	Grazing on Public Lands bus briefing – Brenda Richards, rancher and member of Owyhee Cattle Association *As a national leader on public lands issues, Brenda will inform the staffers of her experiences working with the Bureau of Land Management and other federal agencies*

10:00am – 11:30am Potato harvest demo

Potatoes are Idaho's most famous ag commodity and Idaho produces 33% of all potatoes in the United States. This demonstration will help staffers learn more about how this important commodity is grown and harvested. They'll also have the chance to look at the machinery used in the harvest operation.

11:30am – 12:00pm Depart potato farm for TLK Dairy
11400 SW Tlk Dr, Mountain Home, ID 83647

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch at TLK Dairy

1:00pm – 3:00pm Tour of TLK Dairy – Terry Ketterling, owner and operator

Idaho is the 3rd largest producers of milk in the United States and diary is a major driver of the U.S. agriculture economy. From labor issues and regulatory issues, this stop will give staffers a great overview of how the dairy industry operates and how milk is produced.

3:00pm – 5:00pm Depart for Towne Place Suites
175 Avenida Del Rio Dr, Twin Falls, ID 83301

4:00pm – 4:30pm Aquaculture briefing on bus following River Rd Route through Hagerman – Gary Fornshell, retired University of Idaho aquaculture specialist

Idaho is the trout capital of the world and produces more trout than any other state in the country. Gary will provide an overview of the economic impact of this industry and discuss some of the regulatory issues related to water use.

5:00pm Check in at TownePlace Suites

6:00pm – 6:30pm Depart for Shoshone Falls Park
4155 Shoshone Falls Grade, Twin Falls, ID 83301

6:30pm – 8:30pm Dinner at Shoshone Falls Park

Adjourn

<u>Wednesday, August 11th</u>

8:00am – 8:20am Bus departs for 1000 Springs Mill
430 7th Ave S, Buhl, ID 83316

8:20am – 9:50am Tour 1000 Springs Mill – Tim Cornie, Owner and Operator

Idaho has a robust food processing industry that takes crops grown on local farms and packages them for market distribution. This stop will highlight one of the operations and how it impacts the overall ag economy in Idaho.

9:50am – 10:00am Depart 1000 Springs Mill for Solar Potato Cellar
4165 N 2100 E Filer, ID 83328

10:00am – 10:40am Tour Solar Potato Cellar in Filer – Ryan Miller, owner and operator

Farm owner and operators are constantly searching for efficiency gains and sustainable solutions. This stop will demonstrate how farmers have incorporated new energy technology into a traditional potato storage method. There will also be a discussion on how long potatoes are stored and why certain methods and materials are used.

10:40am – 10:50am Travel to sugarbeet field
3670 N 2100 E Filer, ID 83328

10:50am – 11:50pm GMOs and Roundup Ready Sugarbeets – Duane Grant, sugarbeet farmer

GMOs in agriculture have become a major topic in agriculture since their debut nearly 20 years ago. Duane was an early pioneer of the GMO Roundup Ready sugarbeet in the mid-2000s and he will give an overview of his journey and how the GMO sugarbeet has transformed the industry.

11:50pm – 12:00pm Depart for Pebble Ponds Restaurant
4035 N 2300 E Filer, ID 83328

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch at Pebble Ponds

1:00pm – 1:20pm Depart for Griff Farms
Hwy 93 and 3000 N Twin Falls, ID 83301

1:20pm – 3:20pm Cover Crops, soil health, and wheat harvest demo - Lance Griff, owner and operator

Lance is a pioneer in the use of cover crops, no-till and other soil conservation methods. Wheat is also a leading commodity in Idaho and the United States. Lance will show how this use of a covercrop on his farm has led to better results and give the staffers a chance to ride in a combine.

3:20pm – 3:30pm Depart Griff farms for canal lining project
2300 E 2900 N Twin Falls, ID 83301

3:30 – 4:30pm Lateral 21 Canal project, lining the canal and other improvements - Ron Jones, retired farmer, and Salmon River Canal Company Manager John Shetler

Water is the most precious commodity in Idaho. Ron and John will discuss how the Salmon River Canal Company has implemented a number of measures with help from USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services programs to reduce loss and bring more water to their grower members.

2300 E 2900 N Twin Falls, ID 83301

4:30pm – 5:00pm Back to Hotel

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<u>Thursday, August 12th</u>

8:00am – 8:30am Bus departs TownPlace Suites for water quality settling ponds
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8:30am – 9:30am Tour of water quality settling ponds – Jay Barlogi, General Manager, Twin Falls Canal Company

Jay will discuss how the Twin Falls Canal Company installed settling ponds to help improve water quality and comply with federal regulations regarding water.

9:30am – 9:40am Depart for Kimberly ARS Station
3793 N 3600 E, Kimberly, ID 83341

9:40am – 11:15am Tour of Kimberly USDA Agriculture Research Station – Dave Bjorneberg, Director

Dave will give a tour of the facility and show how this USDA Agriculture Research Station aides growers in finding better farming practices for their operations through research and funding from USDA.

11:15am – 11:45am Depart for Murtaugh Lake County Park
42°27'26.1″N, 114°10'26.7″W Murtaugh, ID 83344

11:45am – 1:00pm Lunch Briefing at Murtaugh Lake (BBQ Food Truck) - Water Supply on the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer - Dean Stevenson and Randy Brown, IWUA

This region receives less than 10 inches of rain a year, classifying it a s a desert. Dean and Randy will give presentations about the underground aquifer in the valley and how water supply is a constant issue for growers in the area. They'll also touch on the infrastructure in the region designed to store and distribute water.

1:00pm – 1:30pm Depart for Milner Dam
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1:30pm – 3:30pm	Milner Dam Briefing – Hydropower, Aging Infrastructure, Importance of Dams to the Region – Louis Zamora, Twin Falls Canal Company Power Plant Engineer *Staffers will have the opportunity to tour a dam and understand how hydropower, water storage, and irrigation all work together to allow for growers to water and raise their crops. Without the infrastructure in place, much of the agriculture production in the region would disappear.*
3:30pm – 4:15pm	Depart for Towne Place Suites
4:15pm	Return to Towne Place Suites
6:15pm – 6:30pm	Depart for Stonehouse & Co. **330 4th Ave S, Twin Falls, ID 83301**
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Farewell Dinner with Governor Brad Little – Stonehouse & Co.
7:00pm – 7:30pm	Governor Little Address: How Agriculture Has Shaped Idaho and it's Economy *As a rancher, Governor Little will present on how agriculture has shaped his background, it's importance to the Idaho economy, and the challenge of continuing to grow the industry as Governor of Idaho.* Adjourn

<u>Friday, August 13th</u>

5am – 10am	Congressional staff checkout and depart for Magic Valley Regional Airport

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Annick Miller House Natural Resources
This person was invited because she works on the subcommittee related to water issues in the House of Representatives. Water will be part of the focus on the tour.

Josh Tonsager House Agriculture Committee

This person was invited because of their duties on the House Agriculture Committee.

Carlton Bridgeforth House Agriculture Committee

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Lesley McNitt House Agriculture Committee

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Trevor White House Agriculture Committee

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Leadership Idaho Agriculture

2021 LIA Congressional Fact-Finding Tour Schedule

Monday, August 9th

11:00am – 4:00pm	Congressional staff arrive in Boise and are shuttled to hotel
4:00pm	Check into Hilton Garden Inn Boise **348 S 13th St, Boise, ID 83702**
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Dinner at the RAM Stonehouse - **709 E. Park Blvd., Boise, ID 83712** Overview of Idaho Agriculture - Director Celia Gould *Explanation: Idaho State Department of Agriculture Director Gould will provide a general overview of the 186 different commodities grown in Idaho, how agriculture drives the Idaho economy, and how Idaho fits into the national landscape of agriculture.* Adjourn

Tuesday, August 10th

7:00am – 8:00am	Bus departs Hilton Garden Inn for Simplot feedlot **1301 Hwy 67, Grand View, ID 83624**
8:00am – 9:30am	Tour Simplot Grandview Feedlot – Tour provided by Darcy Helmick *Darcy will provide an overview of how beef cattle are fed, housed, and brought to market as an example of how beef operations function in Idaho and across the country.*
9:30am	Depart Simplot Feedlot for Jentzsch-Kearl Farms for potato harvest demo – Darek Jentzsch, Mike Larsen, owner/operators **42°55'25.3"N 115°36'02.4"W**
9:30am – 10:00am	Grazing on Public Lands bus briefing – Brenda Richards, rancher and member of Owyhee Cattle Association *As a national leader on public lands issues, Brenda will inform the staffers of her experiences working with the Bureau of Land Management and other federal agencies*

10:00am – 11:30am	Potato harvest demo *Potatoes are Idaho's most famous ag commodity and Idaho produces 33% of all potatoes in the United States. This demonstration will help staffers learn more about how this important commodity is grown and harvested. They'll also have the chance to look at the machinery used in the harvest operation.*
11:30am – 12:00pm	Depart potato farm for TLK Dairy **11400 SW Tlk Dr, Mountain Home, ID 83647**
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch at TLK Dairy
1:00pm – 3:00pm	Tour of TLK Dairy – Terry Ketterling, owner and operator *Idaho is the 3rd largest producers of milk in the United States and diary is a major driver of the U.S. agriculture economy. From labor issues and regulatory issues, this stop will give staffers a great overview of how the dairy industry operates and how milk is produced.*
3:00pm – 5:00pm	Depart for Towne Place Suites **175 Avenida Del Rio Dr, Twin Falls, ID 83301**
4:00pm – 4:30pm	Aquaculture briefing on bus following River Rd Route through Hagerman – Gary Fornshell, retired University of Idaho aquaculture specialist *Idaho is the trout capital of the world and produces more trout than any other state in the country. Gary will provide an overview of the economic impact of this industry and discuss some of the regulatory issues related to water use.*
5:00pm	Check in at TownePlace Suites
6:00pm – 6:30pm	Depart for Shoshone Falls Park **4155 Shoshone Falls Grade, Twin Falls, ID 83301**
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Dinner at Shoshone Falls Park Adjourn

<u>Wednesday, August 11th</u>

8:00am – 8:20am	Bus departs for 1000 Springs Mill **430 7th Ave S, Buhl, ID 83316**
8:20am – 9:50am	Tour 1000 Springs Mill – Tim Cornie, Owner and Operator

Idaho has a robust food processing industry that takes crops grown on local farms and packages them for market distribution. This stop will highlight one of the operations and how it impacts the overall ag economy in Idaho.

9:50am – 10:00am	Depart 1000 Springs Mill for Solar Potato Cellar **4165 N 2100 E Filer, ID 83328**
10:00am – 10:40am	Tour Solar Potato Cellar in Filer – Ryan Miller, owner and operator *Farm owner and operators are constantly searching for efficiency gains and sustainable solutions. This stop will demonstrate how farmers have incorporated new energy technology into a traditional potato storage method. There will also be a discussion on how long potatoes are stored and why certain methods and materials are used.*
10:40am – 10:50am	Travel to sugarbeet field **3670 N 2100 E Filer, ID 83328**
10:50am – 11:50pm	GMOs and Roundup Ready Sugarbeets – Duane Grant, sugarbeet farmer *GMOs in agriculture have become a major topic in agriculture since their debut nearly 20 years ago. Duane was an early pioneer of the GMO Roundup Ready sugarbeet in the mid-2000s and he will give an overview of his journey and how the GMO sugarbeet has transformed the industry.*
11:50pm – 12:00pm	Depart for Pebble Ponds Restaurant **4035 N 2300 E Filer, ID 83328**
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch at Pebble Ponds
1:00pm – 1:20pm	Depart for Griff Farms **Hwy 93 and 3000 N Twin Falls, ID 83301**
1:20pm – 3:20pm	Cover Crops, soil health, and wheat harvest demo - Lance Griff, owner and operator *Lance is a pioneer in the use of cover crops, no-till and other soil conservation methods. Wheat is also a leading commodity in Idaho and the United States. Lance will show how this use of a covercrop on his farm has led to better results and give the staffers a chance to ride in a combine.*
3:20pm – 3:30pm	Depart Griff farms for canal lining project **2300 E 2900 N Twin Falls, ID 83301**
3:30 – 4:30pm	Lateral 21 Canal project, lining the canal and other improvements - Ron Jones, retired farmer, and Salmon River Canal Company Manager John Shetler

Water is the most precious commodity in Idaho. Ron and John will discuss how the Salmon River Canal Company has implemented a number of measures with help from USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services programs to reduce loss and bring more water to their grower members.

2300 E 2900 N Twin Falls, ID 83301

4:30pm – 5:00pm Back to Hotel

Adjourn

Thursday, August 12th

8:00am – 8:30am Bus departs TownPlace Suites for water quality settling ponds
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8:30am – 9:30am Tour of water quality settling ponds – Jay Barlogi, General Manager, Twin Falls Canal Company

Jay will discuss how the Twin Falls Canal Company installed settling ponds to help improve water quality and comply with federal regulations regarding water.

9:30am – 9:40am Depart for Kimberly ARS Station
3793 N 3600 E, Kimberly, ID 83341

9:40am – 11:15am Tour of Kimberly USDA Agriculture Research Station – Dave Bjorneberg, Director

Dave will give a tour of the facility and show how this USDA Agriculture Research Station aides growers in finding better farming practices for their operations through research and funding from USDA.

11:15am – 11:45am Depart for Murtaugh Lake County Park
42°27'26.1"N, 114°10'26.7"W Murtaugh, ID 83344

11:45am – 1:00pm Lunch Briefing at Murtaugh Lake (BBQ Food Truck) - Water Supply on the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer - Dean Stevenson and Randy Brown, IWUA

This region receives less than 10 inches of rain a year, classifying it a s a desert. Dean and Randy will give presentations about the underground aquifer in the valley and how water supply is a constant issue for growers in the area. They'll also touch on the infrastructure in the region designed to store and distribute water.

1:00pm – 1:30pm Depart for Milner Dam
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1:30pm – 3:30pm	Milner Dam Briefing – Hydropower, Aging Infrastructure, Importance of Dams to the Region – Louis Zamora, Twin Falls Canal Company Power Plant Engineer *Staffers will have the opportunity to tour a dam and understand how hydropower, water storage, and irrigation all work together to allow for growers to water and raise their crops. Without the infrastructure in place, much of the agriculture production in the region would disappear.*
3:30pm – 4:15pm	Depart for Towne Place Suites
4:15pm	Return to Towne Place Suites
6:15pm – 6:30pm	Depart for Stonehouse & Co. **330 4th Ave S, Twin Falls, ID 83301**
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Farewell Dinner with Governor Brad Little – Stonehouse & Co.
7:00pm – 7:30pm	Governor Little Address: How Agriculture Has Shaped Idaho and it's Economy *As a rancher, Governor Little will present on how agriculture has shaped his background, it's importance to the Idaho economy, and the challenge of continuing to grow the industry as Governor of Idaho.* Adjourn

Friday, August 13th

5am – 10am	Congressional staff checkout and depart for Magic Valley Regional Airport

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July 26, 2021

Mr. Christopher Grimes
Office of the Honorable Ann Kirkpatrick
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Grimes:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Boise and Twin Falls, Idaho, scheduled for August 9 to 13, 2021, sponsored by Leadership in Idaho Agricultural Foundation.

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 an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) 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. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, 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,

Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman

Jackie Walorski
Ranking Member

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