



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, 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: Darrell E Issa
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None ☒
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 11/18/2021 Return: 11/23/2021
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None ☒
4. Departure City: Washington, DC (IAD) Destination: Beirut, Lebanon Return City: Washington, DC (IAD)
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Task Force on Lebanon
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
(see 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: 12-7-21



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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: American Task Force on Lebanon
2. Travel Destination(s): Lebanon
3. Date of Departure: 11/18/21 Date of Return: 11/23/21
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Darrell Issa

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	\$4766.67	\$888.00	\$315.37	\$88.00 Lebanon visa \$12.50 PCR Test in Lebanon
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: Edward M. Gabriel Digitally signed by Edward M. Gabriel
Date: 2021.12.03 09:54:32 -05'00' Date: 12/02/2021

Name: Edward M. Gabriel Title: President & CEO

Organization: American Task Force on Lebanon

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

Address: 1100 Connecticut Ave NW, Ste 440, Washington, DC 20036

Email: ed.gabriel@thegabrielco.com, Telephone: (202) 223-9333
kristen.kouttab@atfl.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



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TRAVELER FORM

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: Darrell E. Issa

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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

Signature: _____

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

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

Office Address: 2300 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515

Telephone Number: 202-225-5672

Email Address of Contact Person: sally.lindsay@mail.house.gov

☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via e-mail: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.



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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Darrell E. Issa
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
American Task Force on Lebanon
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Beirut, Lebanon
4. a. Date of Departure: November 18, 2021 Date of Return: November 23, 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.
Traveler is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and a member of the US-Lebanon Friendship Caucus. The subject matter relates to his work on the Committee and the Caucus.
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 _____



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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:
American Task Force on Lebanon
2. ☒ I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box.
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. ☒ The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: **OR**
 - b. ☐ The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: **OR**
 - c. ☐ The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors:
4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):
Congressman Darrell Issa (Member of the US-Lebanon Friendship Caucus)
5. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: November 18, 2021 Date of return: November 23, 2021
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC (IAD)
b. Destination(s): Beirut, Lebanon (BEY)
c. City of return: Washington, DC (IAD)
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:

Please see separate page

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):

Host will be paying for meals, \$98 per day

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

Beirut, the capital of Lebanon, is the best location for meetings with government leaders

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Hotel Albergio City: Beirut Cost Per Night: \$200 + 11%VAT

Reason(s) for Selecting: Security and location

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	\$4800	\$888	\$392
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$3500	Included with Member	\$392

	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. \$88, Visa cost 2. ~\$15, PCR Test	Lebanon Visa - Single Entry PCR (Return to US)
For each Accompanying Family Member	1. \$88, Visa cost 2. ~\$15, PCR Test	Lebanon Visa - Single Entry PCR (Return to US)

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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: _____

Date: 10/22/2021

Name: Edward M. Gabriel

Title: President & CEO

Organization: American Task Force on Lebanon

Address: 1100 Connecticut Ave NW, Ste 440, Washington, DC 20036

Email: ed.gabriel@thegabrielco.com

Telephone: (202) 223-9333

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

ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov | 202-225-7103
More information and forms available at ethics.house.gov

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November 10, 2021

The Honorable Darrell Issa
U.S. House of Representatives
2300 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 proposed trip to Lebanon,¹ scheduled for November 18 to 23, 2021, sponsored by American Task Force for Lebanon.

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.

¹ Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$415] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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

Sincerely,

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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ATFL-Sponsored Visit to Lebanon
November 18-23, 2021

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Afternoon Congressional Members' departure from Washington IAD

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Afternoon Arrival into Beirut

7:15-8:00pm ATFL Welcome and Orientation Briefing

Location:

Hotel Albergo, conference room

Purpose: Overview of upcoming meetings and key issues.

8:30-10:30pm Dinner Hosted by Dr. Michel Mawad, Pres. Of LAU

Location:

Residence of LAU President Dr. Michel Mawad
Lebanese American University, Beirut Campus

Purpose: Provide Members of Congress with the opportunity to meet with the President of the Lebanese American University highlighting the importance of US support of education and healthcare in Lebanon.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:30-9:30am Briefing with Ambassador Dorothy Shea

Location:

US Embassy in Lebanon

American Task Force on Lebanon

Purpose: Briefing by USEMB regarding US interests in the region; update on Syrian and Iranian actions due to energy crisis and the Egypt/Jordan/Syria option; outlook of the initial actions of the Mikati government; relations with LAF and ISF; US assistance efforts; and general state of bilateral relations. Discuss with the presidents of American universities in Lebanon the impact of US support on the next generation of Lebanese leaders.

10:30-11:30am President Michel Aoun

Location:

Baabda Palace
Beirut

Purpose: Briefing: perceptions from head of state on key issues facing the country and the new government including: upcoming elections; regional concerns - Syria, Iran, Hezbollah; perspectives on reforms agenda; sanctions; and bilateral relations.

12:00-1:00pm Prime Minister Najib Mikati

Location:

The Grand Serail
Downtown Beirut

Purpose: briefing: understanding how the head of government sees key issues including: Syria, Iran, Hezbollah, reforms priorities, building trust with the Lebanese people, elections.

1:00-2:30pm Lunch with Prime Minister Najib Mikati

Location:

The Grand Serail
Downtown Beirut

Purpose: Head of Cabinet will host Members of Congress and their families for a lunch honoring US-Lebanese relations.

3:00-4:30pm Meeting with IMF Negotiating Team Members

Location:

Office of Deputy PM
Downtown Beirut

Purpose: Review position team is taking with respect to financial policy reforms and IMF negotiations writ large. The delegation will meet with Deputy Minister Saadeh Al Shami, Minister of Finance Youssef Khalil, and Minister of Economy & Trade Amin Salam.

American Task Force on Lebanon

5:30-6:30pm Gen. Joseph Aoun, Commander General of the LAF

Location:

Lebanese Armed Forces Headquarters
Yarze, Lebanon

Purpose: To gather information and perspectives on US funding and support for LAF and how the US can be helpful in CT and stabilization efforts. Provide information and insights to congressional colleagues on these issues.

6:30pm Meeting with Michael Haddad, Regional Goodwill Ambassador for UNDP for Arab States

Location:

Hotel Albergo
Beirut

Purpose: Gather information, status, and perspectives of US funding and support for projects for people with disabilities in Lebanon.

8:30-10:00pm Dinner Hosted by General Joseph Aoun

Location:

Residence of the Commander of the Lebanese Armed Forces
Beirut

Purpose: Commander of Lebanese Armed Forces will host key cabinet members, Members of Parliament, and Members of Congress and their families for a dinner honoring US-Lebanese relations and the importance of supporting the stability of Lebanon via the LAF.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:30-12:00pm Rene Moawad Foundation/ USAID Project Site Visit

Location:

North Governate
Lebanon

Purpose: Provide Members of Congress the opportunity to visit USAID funded project sites and observe the impact of US-funded projects on the local community.

Sites: USAID-funded solar farm in Bechmezzine, Lebanon
USAID partner Rene Moawad Foundation Mejdlaya Compound

American Task Force on Lebanon

12:30-2:30pm Lunch in Aitou Village

Location:

Aitou, Lebanon
North Governate

Purpose: Provide Members of Congress the opportunities to engage with community leaders and better understand the impact of Lebanon's ongoing crises at a local level.

4:30-5:30pm His Eminence Patriarch Cardinal Bechara Boutros Rai

Location:

Bkerke, Lebanon

Purpose: Delegation will meet with the Patriarch Cardinal of the Maronite Catholic Church to discuss efforts to combat corruption in the political system and reducing regional tensions.

6:30-8:00pm Pre-Dinner Meetings with Former Members of Parliament

Location:

Hotel Albergo

Purpose: Delegation will meet with six former (resigned) members of parliament to gauge the political climate ahead and in particular the state of Lebanon's political opposition.

8:00-10:00pm Parliamentarian Dinner Hosted by MP Fouad Makhzoumi

Location:

Residence of MP Fouad Makhzoumi
Beirut, Ramlet Al Bayda

Purpose: The ATFL Board members will attend a dinner with Lebanese Parliamentarians to discuss the current political environment and other issues. Hosted by Member of Parliament Fouad Makhzoumi.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:00-11:00am UN Meeting(s): UNSCOL, UNOCHA, WFP, UNHCR, and UNIFIL Briefings

Location:

UNSCOL HQ
Beirut, Lebanon

Purpose: Briefing on country issues from Special Coordinator Joanna Wronek of UNSCOL including status of maritime negotiations. Briefing on humanitarian issues and refugees from representatives from UNOCHA, WFP, UNHCR. Briefing by UNIFIL

American Task Force on Lebanon

Head of Mission Major General Stefano del Col on border areas and security cooperation.

12:00-1:00pm Speaker of Parliament Nabih Berri

Location:

Residence of Nabih Berri
Beirut

Purpose: briefing to understand how he sees key issues: pol/mil relations, refugees, Syria, Iran, Hezbollah, reforms, economic development to inform US policies on targeting aid and aid levels, terrorism designations, sanctions, and bilateral relationship.

1:30-2:30pm HE Bassam Mawlawi, Minister of the Interior

Location:

Ministry of Interior and Municipalities
Beirut

Purpose: briefing to understand how he sees key issues: pol/mil relations, refugees, Syria, Iran, Hezbollah, reforms, economic development to inform US policies on targeting aid and aid levels, terrorism designations, sanctions, and bilateral relationship.

3:00-5:00pm Political Opposition Groups Meeting

Location:

Hotel Albergo

Purpose: Meeting hosted by Kulluna Irada and Nahwal Watan with Lebanese civil society groups specializing in political reform, humanitarian aid, and economic development. Discussions will center around the reading of the political landscape, in particular the state of the political opposition to incumbent political leaders as well as the upcoming 2022 elections.

5:30-6:30pm Meeting with Lebanese Parliamentarians

Location:

Hotel Albergo

Purpose: Meeting with the sitting members of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee, headed by HE Yassine Jaber to discuss the political landscape, and the upcoming 2022 elections.

American Task Force on Lebanon

6:30-7:30pm Press Conference

Location:

Hotel Albergio

Purpose: To give the members an opportunity to share their concluding remarks with the general public via local media outlets.

8:00-10:00pm Dinner Hosted by Ambassador Dorothy Shea

Location:

US Embassy in Lebanon

Purpose: Review of agenda, issues, and topics discussed during the visit. Summary of delegation visit and top priority issues, key takeaways.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

5:00am

Departure from Beirut Rafic Hariri Int'l Airport to Members' districts

7.a. Completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form

7.b. Primary Trip Sponsor Form, including all attachments



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:

The American Task Force for Lebanon (ATFL) unites Americans of Lebanese heritage to promote a secure, stable, free and sovereign Lebanon. ATFL sponsors beneficial exchanges for congressional leaders who are interested in strengthening the US Lebanon relationship. ATFL planned the itinerary for meetings with Lebanese government leaders and the US Embassy.

Nonsectarian and nonpartisan, the American Task Force for Lebanon is a nonprofit, tax-exempt charitable organization of prominent Americans of Lebanese heritage, who educate for the strengthening of the historic US-Lebanon relationship. The mission and objectives of ATFL shall always be in the best interest of the United States, and will promote the national unity, independence, and prosperity of a democratic and multi-sectarian Lebanon

The ATFL board has specified three work priorities:

- Support for the Lebanese Armed Forces and security services
- Broadening Lebanon's capacity to cope with the enormous numbers of Syrian refugees
- Protecting vulnerable Middle East religious communities



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Please note draft agenda is subject to change

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Afternoon Departure from Washington IAD

Please note that the departure flight is the same for all Congressional Delegation Participants

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Afternoon Arrival to Beirut

Please note that the departure flight is the same for all Congressional Delegation Participants

Evening ATFL Welcome and Orientation Briefing

Purpose: Overview of upcoming meetings and key issues.

8:00pm Dinner Hosted by Ambassador Dorothy Shea

Location: US Embassy Beirut

Purpose: Introduction of Embassy and staff. Review of agenda and issues. Initial discussion with guests.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:00-10:30AM Briefing with Ambassador Dorothy Shea

Location: US Embassy Beirut

Purpose: Briefing by USEMB regarding US interests in the region; update on Syrian and Iranian actions due to energy crisis and the Egypt/Jordan/Syria option; outlook of the initial actions of the Mikati government; relations with LAF

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and ISF; US assistance efforts; and general state of bilateral relations.

11:30-12:30pm President Michel Aoun

Location: Baabda Palace, Beirut

Purpose: Briefing: perceptions from head of state on key issues facing the country and the new government including: upcoming elections; regional concerns - Syria, Iran, Hezbollah; perspectives on reforms agenda; sanctions; and bilateral relations.

1:30-3:00pm Parliamentarian Lunch

Location: TBD (Host: HE Yassine Jaber, Member of Parliament and Chairman, Foreign Affairs and Expatriates Committee)

Purpose: Members of the Parliament will be joining in this working lunch to discuss diverse perspectives on US-Lebanon ties and insights into how to build stronger ties. Topics will also include priorities for Parliament in dealing with key issues of reforms, refugees, and elections.

Host: HE Yassine Jaber heads the Lebanese equivalent of the U.S.-Lebanon Friendship Caucus and is well-versed in the bilateral relationship.

4:00-5:00pm Prime Minister Najib Mikati

Location: The Grand Serail, Beirut

Purpose: briefing: understanding how head of government sees key issues including: Syria, Iran, Hezbollah, reforms priorities, building trust with the Lebanese people, elections.

8:00-10:00pm Dinner Hosted by Najib Mikati

Location: The Grand Serail, Beirut

Purpose: Head of Cabinet will host key cabinet members, Members of Parliament, and Members of Congress and their families for a dinner honoring US-Lebanese relations.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:30-9:30am HE Abdallah Bou Habib, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Location: TBD

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Purpose: The Ministry is the counterpart to Department of State and has broad oversight of the bilateral relationship.. Between assignments at the World Bank, he served as Ambassador to the US From May 1983 to February 1990. Meeting a discussion of Lebanon's policies in the region, especially with Israel, Iran, Syria, China, and Russia.

10:30-11:30am Speaker of Parliament Nabih Berri

Location: Lebanese National Assembly, Place de L'Etoile

Purpose: briefing to understand how he sees key issues: pol/mil relations, refugees, Syria, Iran, Hezbollah, reforms, economic development to inform US policies on targeting aid and aid levels, terrorism designations, sanctions, and bilateral relationship.

12:30-1:30 HE Bassam Mawlawi, Minister of the Interior

Location: TBD

Purpose: To review preparations for the elections, the elections process, and the role of international observers if any.

2:30-4:00pm General Joseph Aoun, Commander General of the Lebanese Armed Forces

Location: LAF Headquarters

Purpose: To gather information and perspectives on US funding and support for LAF and how US can be helpful in CT and stabilization efforts. Provide information and insights to congressional colleagues on these issues.

4:45-6:00pm Meeting with IMF Negotiating Team

Location: TBD

Purpose: Review position IMF is taking on reforms with the Lebanese

8:30-10:30pm ATFL Dinner at the Home of James and Catherine Kassouf

Location: Residence

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Purpose: The ATFL Board members and guests who reside in Lebanon will discuss the current economic, humanitarian, and security issues with the ATFL Delegation over dinner.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:00-11:00am UNSCOL, UNIFIL, and UNHCR Briefing

Location: UNSCOL HQ, Beirut

Purpose: Briefing on country issues from UNSCOL including status of maritime negotiations. Briefing on UNIFIL on border areas and security cooperation. Briefing on humanitarian issues and refugees from UNHCR.

12:00-2:00pm Lunch with Members of Civil Society

Location: TBD

Purpose: Lunch hosted by Kulluna Irada and Nahwal Watan with key members of Lebanon's civil society.

3:00-4:00pm NGO Visit

Location: TBD

Host: TBD

Purpose: Provide Members of Congress the opportunity to meet with Lebanese Civil Society Leaders specializing in political reform, humanitarian aid, and economic development.

8:00-10:00PM Dinner Hosted by HE Neyla Moawad

Location: TBD

Purpose: Provide Members of Congress with the opportunity to meet with presidents of American universities in Lebanon and discuss the impact of U.S. support on the next generation of Lebanese leaders.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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Early AM **Return flights to Members Districts from BEY**

Times: TBD

Please refer back to question 6 on the Ethics forms for flight information



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The Hon. Darrell Issa
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Dear Representative Issa,

The American Task Force on Lebanon (ATFL) invites you and your spouse to attend an ATFL-sponsored trip to Lebanon from November 18-23 for a series of high-level meetings, including with the President, Prime Minister, Speaker of Parliament, the Commander of the Lebanese Armed Forces, and additional ministers as well as key members of the business and NGO communities.

We anticipate a series of candid and in-depth discussions on topics concerning the state of the Lebanese economy, elections, governmental reform efforts, regional security challenges, US support for the Lebanese Armed Forces, and US humanitarian support for the Lebanese people including support for American universities, among other matters.

The American Task Force on Lebanon unites Americans of Lebanese heritage to promote a secure, stable, free and sovereign Lebanon. ATFL sponsors beneficial exchanges for congressional leaders who are interested in strengthening the US-Lebanon relationship. ATFL has planned the itinerary for meetings with Lebanese government leaders and the US Embassy.

Nonsectarian and nonpartisan, ATFL is a nonprofit organization of prominent Americans of Lebanese heritage, who educate for the strengthening of the historic US-Lebanon relationship. The mission and objectives of ATFL shall always be in the best interest of the United States, and will promote the national unity, independence, and prosperity of a democratic and multi-sectarian Lebanon.

Thank you very much for your consideration. We look forward to continued outreach and cooperation on behalf of the US-Lebanon relationship.

We kindly request your response by October 14, 2021, to
ed.gabriel@thegabrielco.com.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Edward M. Gabriel (Ret.)
President & CEO



ATFL-Sponsored Non-Official Delegation Trip to Lebanon
November 2021 List of Invitations

- Representative David Cicilline, D-RI 1st District (Invited, TBC)
- Representative Daniel Kildee, D-MI 5th District
- Representative Darrell Issa, R-CA 50th District
- Representative Darin LaHood, R-IL 18th District

7.c. Travel Form, page 2 only

7.d. Ethics Committee letter of trip approval