



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: Congressman Bobby L. Rush
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Mrs. Paulette Holloway Rush **OR** None ☐
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: June 10, 2022 Return: June 11, 2022
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: N/A **OR** None ☐
4. Departure City: Chicago Destination: Ellenville, New York Return City: Chicago
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Bard College/Bard Prison Initiative
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
Congressman Rush served as the commencement speaker for the 20th Commencement at Eastern Correctional Facility. He also nd received a honorary doctorate.
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: 06/23/2022



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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within ten days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Bard College / Bard Prison Initiative
2. Travel Destination(s): _____
3. Date of Departure: June 10th, 2022 Date of Return: June 11th, 2022
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Bobby L. Rush + Paulette Holburn Rush
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	\$930.20	\$320	\$150	
Accompanying Family Member	\$425.20	n/a	\$150	

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: 6/17/22
Name: Kathryn G. Cox Title: Director of Development
Organization: Bard College / Bard Prison Initiative

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

Address: P.O. Box 5000, Annandale-on-Hudson NY 12504
Email: Kcox@bard.edu Telephone: 845-758-7332

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

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



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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Congressman Bobby L. Rush
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Bard College
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Ellenville, New York
4. a. Date of Departure: June 10, 2022 Date of Return: June 11, 2022
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: Mrs. Paulette Rush
(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.

Congressman Rush will address the importance of education and second-chance for incarcerated people nationally and the restoration of Pell Grants for incarcerated people (which were revoked with the Clinton Crime Bill) or of NYS TAP Grants (which were revoked in 1995).
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 05/03/2022



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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: Bard College
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): R.R.
Bobby Rush, on 1X
5. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: 6-10-22 Date of return: 6-11-22
7. a. City of departure: Washington DC or Chicago, IL
b. Destination(s): Ellenville, NY
c. City of return: Chicago, IL
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:

*Bard College.
college graduation (BPE)*

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):

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

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

Hotel Name: *Beckman Arms* City: *Phineebell* Cost Per Night: *\$240*

Reason(s) for Selecting: *proximity*

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	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$600-	\$240	\$150
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$600-	—	\$150

	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	n/a	
For each Accompanying Family Member	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 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: 5/2/12

Name: _____

Title: E.D. / v.p.

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

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:

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Washington, D.C. 20515

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ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

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. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Bard College
2. Name of your organization: Bard Prison Initiative, Bard College
3. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes ☐ No ☐ Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. Check one. I certify that my organization:
 - a. ☐ Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. OR
 - b. ☒ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
Destination: Eastern C.F. on Date: 10-11-2022
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. OR
 - c. ☐ Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. Check only one:
 - a. ☐ My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent OR
 - b. ☒ My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
7. 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;
 - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
 - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 5/2/22

Name: Max Kenner

Title: E.D. / v.p.

Organization: Bard Prison Initiative, Bard College

Address: 30 Campus Rd. Annandale-on-Hudson NY 12549

Email: Kenner@bpi-bard.edu

Telephone: 845 758 7308



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INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Additional Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the forms directly to the Primary Trip Sponsor.

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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May 24, 2022

The Honorable Bobby Rush
U.S. House of Representatives
2188 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Ellenville, New York, scheduled for June 10 to 11, 2022, sponsored by Bard College.

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,

Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman

Jackie Walorski
Ranking Member

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Proposed Travel and Event Itinerary

For: Rep. Bobby Rush
June 10th-11th, 2022

The below travel itinerary and details are related in all ways to Rep. Rush's invitation to deliver the Commencement Address at BPI's Graduation Ceremony at Eastern Correctional Facility in Ellenville, NY on Saturday June 10th, 2022.

Friday, June 10th

Afternoon/evening Rep. Rush will take a flight from Chicago IL to Albany NY. Flight details:

Chicago to Albany – UA 2430

Jun 10, Depart 2:02 PM Arrive 5:05 PM

Evening Rep Rush will be met upon arrival by car service and drive (1.5 hrs) to Tivoli, NY where Rep. Rush and Mrs. Rush are staying overnight at the Hotel Tivoli, 53 Broadway, Tivoli, NY 12583. Dinner will be held at the hotel.

Saturday June 11th

9:30 AM Leave Tivoli, NY to drive to Eastern Correctional Facility at 30 Institution Rd, Napanoch, NY 12458

10:30 AM Arrive and Enter Eastern Correctional Facility for BPI Commencement

- While inside the facility, Rep. Rush will attend BPI's graduation ceremony and deliver the commencement address.

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3:00 PM Depart Eastern Correctional Facility

- Rep. Rush may leave the facility prior to 3:00 if travel necessitates but otherwise will leave the facility no later than 3:00 PM.

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4:30 Arrive at Albany Airport for Return Flight

Albany to Chicago – UA 239

Jun 11, 5:56 PM–7:22 PM

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Contact: Kate Cox, Director of Development at Bard Prison Initiative, 207-975-3551 or kcox@bard.edu with any questions at anytime



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