

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

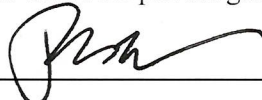
MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

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: Pete Sessions
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Karen Sessions OR None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: July 29, 2023 Return: August 4, 2023
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: North Cyprus Return City: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): The meetings between civic, business, and university officials were a part of a larger fact-finding mission. These meetings were illuminating as I learned about some of the viewpoints of individuals from the northern region.
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: To the best of my memory we followed the agenda sent by the Chamber.

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: Aug 10, 2023

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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 in the trip within 10 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 or provided in-kind support for the trip: TURKISH CYPRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2. Travel Destination(s): NORTHERN CYPRUS AND ISTANBUL (TÜRKİYE)

3. Date of Departure: 29/07/2023 Date of Return: 04/08/2023

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): PETER ANDERSON SESSIONS AND KAREN DIEBEL SESSIONS

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	Flight Ticket: 9212,24 USD	1207,53 USD	165,50 USD	1072,14 USD
Accompanying Family Member	Flight Ticket: 9212,24 USD	1207,53 USD	127,55 USD	Included

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:  Date: 10.08.2023

Name: TURGAY DENIZ Title: PRESIDENT

Organization: TURKISH CYPRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

Address: 90 BEDRETTIN DEMIREL CADDESİ - LEFKOSA - NORTH CYPRUS

Telephone: +903922283760 Email: ktto@ktto.net

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.



TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Pete Sessions

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce (TCCC)

3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Northern Cyprus & Turkey

4. a. Date of Departure: July 29th, 2023 Date of Return: August 4, 2023

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: Karen Sessions

(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.


This trip is directly related to Congressman Sessions' official duties as he is a member of the Turkey Caucus, and he is working towards developing US-Turkish Cypriot relations. There is much work to be done between our 2 nations, especially in regards to trade, security, and energy policy. The ability to engage and learn from top Turkish Cypriot business leaders, senior officials, and academics will be an invaluable asset. Furthermore, Congressman Sessions will be visiting several cities in Northern Cyprus to glean further insight.

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 6/26/23



TRAVELER FORM

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3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Northern Cyprus & Turkey

4. a. Date of Departure: July 29th, 2023 Date of Return: August 4, 2023

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: Karen Sessions

(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:

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Signature of Employing Member  Date 6/26/23



U.S. House of Representatives

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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: Pete Sessions

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

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): N/A

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): N/A

Office Address: 2204 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20515

Telephone Number: 202-225-6105

Email Address of Contact Person: eagle@petesessions.com

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.



TRAVELER FORM

- 1. Name of Traveler: Pete Sessions
- 2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce (TCCC)
- 3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Northern Cyprus
- 4. a. Date of Departure: July 29th, 2023 Date of Return: August 3rd, 2023
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: Karen Sessions
(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.
This trip is directly related to Congressman Sessions' official duties as he is a member of the Turkey Caucus, and he is working towards developing US-Turkish Cypriot relations. There is much work to be done between our 2 nations, especially in regards to trade, security, and energy policy. The ability to engage and learn from top Turkish Cypriot business leaders, senior officials, and academics will be an invaluable asset. Furthermore, Congressman Sessions will be visiting several cities in Northern Cyprus to glean further insight.
- 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 6/26/23



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:
Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce
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 attached
5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: July 29, 2023 Date of return: August 3 (Rep. Newhouse),
7. a. City of departure: Washington D.C. August 4 (Rep. Sessions + Buchanan)
- b. Destination(s): Northern Cyprus and Istanbul, Türkiye
- c. City of return: Washington D.C.
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:



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:

The Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce (TCCC) will sponsor and host this fact-finding mission to Northern Cyprus and Istanbul, Türkiye, with a view to highlighting the potential of U.S.- Turkish Cypriot relations in the fields of trade/economy, security, education and energy.

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):

\$ 75 approximately

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

Fact-finding on commercial, political, economic and cultural aspects of the Cyprus issue.

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

Hotel Name: Concorde Tower Hotel City: Lefkoşa Cost Per Night: est.\$ 350/room

Reason(s) for Selecting: Convenience, accessibility

Hotel Name: Swiss Hotel City: Istanbul Cost Per Night: est.\$ 700/room

Reason(s) for Selecting: Convenience, accessibility

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.



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	est.\$6,300	est.\$1,225	est.\$400
For each Accompanying Family Member	est.\$6,300	est.\$1,225	est.\$400

	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	est.\$150	VIP taxi
For each Accompanying Family Member	est.\$150	VIP taxi


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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: 06/26/2023

Name: Turgay DENIZ Title: President

Organization: Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce

Address: 90 Bedrettin Demirel Cad. Lefkoşa-North Cyprus

Email: ktto@ktto.net Telephone: (392) 228-3760

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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July 25, 2023

The Honorable Pete Sessions
U.S. House of Representatives
2204 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 Cyprus and Turkey,¹ scheduled for July 29 to August 4, 2023, sponsored by Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce.

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 \$480 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.

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 \$480] 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.

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>.

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 that reads "Michael Guest". The first letter "M" is large and loops around the start of the name.

Michael Guest
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Wild". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

MG/SW:emw

June 26, 2023

The Honorable Pete Sessions
2204 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515-4317

Dear Congressman Sessions,

I am pleased and honored to invite you and your spouse to participate in a Congressional Delegation to Northern Cyprus, scheduled for July 29 – August 3, 2023. The trip is under the auspices of the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce (TCCC).

The focus of this trip will be to engage in a fact-finding mission to Northern Cyprus. Given the strategic importance of the island and region, we hope to highlight the potential of U.S.-Turkish Cypriot relations, in the fields of trade/economy, security, energy, to name a few. With this goal in mind, the delegation will have meetings with Turkish Cypriot business community members, senior officials, and academics. The delegation will visit several cities in Northern Cyprus to hold contacts with relevant Turkish Cypriot officials and business leaders. The TCCC will pay all the costs associated with both legs of this trip.

Logistics for the delegation will be arranged by the TCCC, which was established in Nicosia in 1958, and is internationally recognized through its membership at the International Chamber of Commerce. The TCCC strives to protect the economic, commercial, industrial, touristic and agricultural interests of the Turkish Cypriots, while also aspiring to forge relations with international counterparts. In this spirit, it plays a pertinent role in coordinating with partners to illustrate the situation on the ground in Northern Cyprus.

Departure from Washington DC will be on Saturday, July 29, 2023 and return to Washington DC on Thursday, August 3, 2023, as indicated in the attached draft program. Please RSVP to mustafaerguven@ktto.net.

Kind regards,



Turgay DENİZ

President

adres / address	KIBRIS / CYPRUS 90 Bedrettin Demirel Cad. Lefkoşa - North Cyprus	BRÜKSEL / BRUSSELS Rond-Point Schuman 6, Box 5 1040 Brussels	ANKARA / TÜRKİYE Kazım Özalp Mah. Rabat Sok. 27/3 06700 Gaziosmanpaşa, Ankara - Türkiye	LONDRA / LONDON 34 & 35 D' Arblay Street, First Floor, London W1F 8EX - UK
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Attachment:

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 Pete Sessions:

Member of the Congressional Caucus on U.S.-Turkish Relations and Turkish Americans

Highly interested in regional issues and Cyprus

Has met with Turkish Cypriot officials in Washington D.C.

Member of House Financial Services Committee with oversight of sanctions

Congressman Dan Newhouse:

Senior Member of House Appropriations Committee and Subcommittee on Agriculture

Has a business and agricultural background

Bio emphasizes interest in agricultural and economic issues

Congressman Buchanan:

Member of House Committee of Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade

Bio emphasizes background in business

Congressional visit to Northern Cyprus and Istanbul
Organized by the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce
(29 July- 4 August 2023)
(Draft Itinerary)

Saturday, July 29, 2023

16:40 Departure from Washington DC

Sunday, July 30, 2023

14:55 Arrive at Ercan Airport
16:00 Depart Ercan Airport for the hotel
17:00 Check-in to the hotel
19:30 Dinner

Monday, July 31, 2023

09:15 Depart from the hotel
10:00 Meeting with Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce (TCCC)
11:00 Meeting with President Ersin Tatar
12:00 Meeting with Speaker of Parliament Zorlu Töre
13:00 Lunch hosted by the TCCC
15:30 Meeting with Prime Minister Ünal Üstel
16:30 Meeting with Minister of Foreign Affairs Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu
17:30 Return to hotel
18:30 Dinner

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

09:00 Depart from the hotel for Gazimağusa
10:00 Visit to Mass Grave Memorials in Muratağa, Atlılar and Sandallar
11:30 Meeting with the President of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU)
12:30 Lunch hosted by EMU
15:30 Excursion in Gazimağusa (Othello Castle- restored by United Nations-facilitated Two-Party Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage, Lala Mustafa Pasha Mosque)
16:45 Break at Palm Beach Hotel
17:30 Maraş/Varosha
18:30 Return to hotel
19:30 Dinner

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

10:00 Departure from hotel to Lefkoşa
11:00 Speaking engagement at Ministry of Foreign Affairs
13:00 Lunch
15:00 Lefkoşa fact-finding excursion
16:00 Meeting with US Embassy officials
17:30 Fact-finding excursion in Girne (Çıkarma Monument and Memorial, Girne Castle)
19:00 Depart for Bellapais Abbey
19:30 Dinner at Kybele (Bellapais)

Thursday, August 3, 2023

09:10 Depart for Istanbul
12:00 Meeting with Turkish Cypriot Consul-General
13:00 Lunch hosted by Consul-General
15:30 Check-in at hotel
17:30 Meeting with Istanbul Chamber of Commerce (ICOC)
18:30 Dinner hosted by ICOC

Friday, August 4, 2023

11:00 Departure from hotel to Airport
15:15 Departure from Istanbul to Washington DC

Congressional visit to Northern Cyprus and Istanbul
Organized by the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce
(29 July – 4 August 2023)
(Draft Itinerary for Congressman Pete Sessions)

Saturday, July 29, 2023

16:40 Departure from Washington DC

Sunday, 30 July, 2023

14:55 Arrive at Ercan Airport

16:00 Depart Ercan Airport

17:00 Check-in to the Hotel

19:30 Dinner at the hotel

Monday, July 31, 2023

09:15 Depart from the hotel

10:00 – 10:50 Meeting with Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce (TCCC)
(Welcoming by the President of the TCCC and a brief information about the activities of the TCCC)

11:00 – 11:50 Meeting with President Ersin Tatar
(Briefing by the President on the recent political developments on the Island of Cyprus)

12:00 – 12:50 Meeting with Speaker of Parliament Zorlu Töre
(Exchange of views regarding the recent political developments)

13:00 – 14:20 Lunch hosted by the TCCC

15:30 - 16:20 Meeting with Prime Minister Ünal Üstel
(Briefing by the Prime Minister regarding the current developments in Northern Cyprus)

16:30 - 17:20 Meeting with Minister of Foreign Affairs Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu
(Briefing by the Foreign Affairs Minister regarding the current developments in Northern Cyprus, on the island and in the region)

17:30 Return to hotel

18:30 Dinner at the hotel with TCCC representatives
(evaluation of contacts held throughout the day)

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

- 09:00 Depart from the hotel for Gazimağusa
- 10:00 Visit to Mass Grave Memorials in Muratağa, Atlılar and Sandallar
(Memorial of the Turkish Cypriots who lost their lives in 1963)
- 11:30 – 12: 20 Meeting with the President of the Eastern Mediterranean University
(EMU)

(Briefing by the President of the University about the campus, student life and faculties)
- 12:30 - 15:10 Lunch hosted by EMU
- 15:30 - 16:30 Excursion in Gazimağusa (Othello castle- restored by United Nations facilitated Two-party Technical Committee on Cultural Heritage, Lala Mustafa Pasha Mosque)

(Visit to historic places)
- 16:45 - 17:15 Break at Palm Beach Hotel
- 17:30 – 18:15 Maraş/Varosha

(Observation of the developments in the region)
- 18:30 Return to hotel
- 19:30 Dinner at the hotel with TCCC representatives

(evaluation of contacts held throughout the day)

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

- 10:00 Departure from hotel to Lefkoşa
- 11:00 – 12:30 Speaking engagement at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

(Exchange of views regarding the experiences of the guests)
- 13:00 – 14:40 Lunch with TCCC representatives
- 15:00 - 15:40 Lefkoşa fact-finding excursion

(Visit to historic sites)
- 16:00 – 17:15 Meeting with US Embassy officials

(Visit to be arranged in case requested by the guests)
- 17:30 – 18:40 Fact-finding excursion in Girne (Çıkarma Monument and Memorial, Girne Castle)

(Visit to historic sites)

19:00 Depart for Bellapais Abbey
19:30 Dinner at Kybele (Bellapais) with TCCC representatives
(evaluation of contacts held throughout the day)

Thursday, August 3, 2023

09:10 Depart for Istanbul
12:00 – 12:45 Meeting with Turkish Cypriot Consul-General
(Briefing about the activities of the Consulate-General in Istanbul)
13:00 - 15:00 Lunch hosted by Consul-General
15:30 Check-in at the hotel
17:30 - 18:30 Meeting with Istanbul Chamber of Commerce (ICOC)
(Briefing by the Commerce regarding their activities)
18:30 Dinner hosted by ICOC
(Continuation of discussion on areas of mutual concern)

Friday, August 4, 2023

11:00 Departure from hotel to airport
15:15 Departure from Istanbul to Washington DC