

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: _____
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** ☐ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: _____ Return: _____
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** ☐ None
4. Departure City: _____ Destination: _____ Return City: _____
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: _____
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): _____

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: 7 9/5/2023

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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: _____

2. Travel Destination(s): _____

3. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): _____

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				
Accompanying Family Member				

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: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

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

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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: Joaquin Castro

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): Julia Dreher

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Office of Congressman Joaquin Castro

Office Address: 2241 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515

Telephone Number: 2025317651

Email Address of Contact Person: Julia.Dreher@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: Joaquin Castro
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Center for Economic and Policy Research
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Brasilia, Brazil; Santiago, Chile; Bogota, Colombia
4. a. Date of Departure: August 13, 2023 Date of Return: August 21, 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: _____
(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.
As the ranking member of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, and a powerful voice on Latin America policy in Congress, Congressman Castro has a vested interest in strengthening ties to vital US partners that could support his legislative efforts. This itinerary would provide him the opportunity to do just that, in addition to learning about the issues firsthand.
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's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

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. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip: _____

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, services, or in-kind assistance 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): _____

5. Yes ☐ No ☐ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____

7. a. City of departure: _____

b. Destination(s): _____

c. City of return: _____

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 the statement is true by clicking the 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:

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 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: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

17. ☐ I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input 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			
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	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		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

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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. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: Center for Economic and Policy Research
2. Name of your organization: Foundation to Promote Open Society
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: _____ on Date: _____
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: Alex Sadler  Digitally signed by Alex Sadler
Date: 2023.07.28 08:56:37 -04'00' Date: 7-28-23

Name: Alex Sadler Title: Senior Policy Advisor

Organization: Foundation to Promote Open Society

Address: 1730 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Telephone: 929-496-6795 Email: alex.sadler@opensocietyfoundations.org

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


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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.**

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1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: Center for Economic and Policy Research
2. Name of your organization: Foundation to Promote Open Society
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: _____ on Date: _____
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: Alex Sadler  Digitally signed by Alex Sadler
Date: 2023.07.28 08:56:37 -04'00' Date: 7-28-23

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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.

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1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Center for Economic and Policy Research
2. Name of your organization: Open Society Institute
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:
 - X** ☐ 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**
 - ☐ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
Destination: _____ on Date: _____
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
 - X** ☒ 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:  Date: 06/26/2023

Name: Alex Sadler Title: Senior Policy Advisor

Organization: Open Society Institute

Address: 1730 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, 7th Floor, Washington, DC, 20006

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August 9, 2023

The Honorable Joaquin Castro
U.S. House of Representatives
2241 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 Chile and Colombia,¹ scheduled for August 16 to 21, 2023, sponsored by Center for Economic and Policy Research and Foundation to Promote Open Society.

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 stylized, with a loop that extends over the first few letters.

Michael Guest
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Wild". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "S" being particularly large and looping.

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

MG/SW:tn

Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR)
Latin America Delegation
August 2023

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.

Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez - As a voice of the Latino community and a key legislator of US-Latin American policy in Congress; to support learning and education about the history of South America; to build bridges to key US partners in the hemisphere in her first Congressional visit to Brazil, Chile, and Colombia.

Aya Saed - As Counsel and Legislative Director to Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez; to provide support for the Representative as she conducts meetings with key partners in the region; to help the delegation translate lessons learned upon return to Congress.

Gerardo Bonilla Chavez - As the key aide of Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez; to provide support for the Representative in the execution of the delegation; to maintain the relationships to key partners on return to the United States.

Representative Nydia Velázquez - As a veteran of US-Latin American affairs in the House of Representatives; to share lessons and provide insights to other members of the delegation; to strengthen diplomatic ties with key US partners in support of legislative activities in the House.

Renata Beca-Barragan: As the Legislative Director of Representative Nydia Velázquez; to provide support to the Representative during her meetings and provide analysis of the delegation upon return to Congress.

Representative Joaquín Castro - As the ranking member of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee and a powerful voice on Latin America policy in Congress; to support him in these legislative efforts by strengthening his ties to vital US partners in the region; to provide education about each of their present conditions.

Sid Ravishankar - As the Staff Director for Ranking Member Joaquin Castro on the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee; to build ties with diplomatic partners across the region; to provide support to all members of the delegation as they translate the lessons of the delegation on the Hill.

Representative Greg Casar: As a freshman member of Congress with an emerging interest in US-Latin American relations; to provide education about the history of the region and its relationship to the United States; to make introductions to relevant US partners in areas such as climate, energy, and democracy.

Stephanie Trinh: As the Chief of Staff for freshman Member Greg Casar; to support all the members on the delegation in their diplomatic efforts in the region; to maintain the relationships with key partners upon return to the United States.

Representative Maxwell Frost: As a freshman member of Congress with an emerging interest in US-Latin American relations; to provide education about the history of the region and its relationship to the United States; to make introductions to relevant US partners in areas such as climate, energy, and democracy.

Samantha Ramirez: As the Communications Director for freshman Member Maxwell Frost; to provide support to the Representative during the trip and all members as they translate the lessons of the delegation on the Hill.

Misty Rebik: As the Chief of Staff to veteran Senator Bernie Sanders; to learn from US partners in the region about areas related to climate, energy and democracy; to make introductions with US partners and support legislative activities in the Senate.

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June 27, 2023

Dear Representative Castro,

The Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR) cordially invites you to participate in a high-level Congressional delegation (NODEL) to three countries across Latin America: Brazil, Chile, and Colombia. The dates for the delegation are set for 13–21 August 2023.

Recent years have seen a new generation of leaders flourish in Congress with a commitment to transform US–Latin American relations — just as a new set of governments have been elected in countries like Colombia, Brazil, and Chile with similar objectives with regard to relations with the US. The motivation of this delegation is to take advantage of this unprecedented alignment to address shared priorities and advance shared aims.

Coinciding with the August recess, the delegation will introduce US Members to heads of state, key government ministers, parliamentary peers, as well as civil society organizations at the frontline of peace negotiations, ecological transitions, and democratic transformations in each country. The goal is to forge a new diplomatic relationship between the United States and Latin America beyond and below the executive level.

CEPR is an independent think tank based in Washington, DC that specializes in economic and foreign policy issues. On behalf of CEPR, I wish to express my keen interest in your participation in the delegation. We would be honored to travel with you.

The delegation complies fully with the ethics rules enacted by Congress regarding privately sponsored travel. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to write to me at main@cepr.net.

I look forward to hearing from you very soon,

Alex Main
Director of International Policy
Center for Economic and Policy Research



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Final Agenda for Representative Joaquin Castro¹

Wednesday, August 16

3.30 pm, Departure

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4.45am, Arrival

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8.30 am - 9.30 am, Making Sense of the US-Chile Relationship

Briefing with the US Embassy Country Team

US Embassy

Members will meet with the U.S. Embassy team to receive updates on the most recent developments in the U.S.-Chile bilateral relationship. The U.S. Embassy will provide updates on how it's exploring options to direct U.S. foreign investment to Chile via the Inflation Reduction Act, how it's engaging with the Chilean government to commemorate the 50-year anniversary of the coup against President Salvador Allende in September of this year, and on how it's supporting the Chilean lithium industry as the government moves forward with plans for public ownership of the resource, among other bilateral issues.

10.00 am - 11.30 am, The City of the Island Hills

Meeting & Discussion with Santiago Mayor Irací Hassler

Municipalidad de Santiago

Iraci Hassler is a Chilean activist and politician who has served as Mayor of Santiago since 2021. Hassler is a rising star in Chilean politics and has played an important role in shaping Chilean policy with regard to climate change and women's rights. Members will also meet with Hassler to learn more about her policies to address food insecurity and discrimination against migrants in Santiago.

12.00 pm - 2.00 pm, Chilean Democracy at a Crossroads

Lunch with Congressional Leaders

Restaurant Civico-Centro Cultural La Moneda

In continuing with the theme of connecting Members to their parliamentary counterparts in South America, they will meet with young congressional leaders from Chile: Minister Secretary General of Government Camila Vallejo (PCCh), and national deputies Karol Cariola (PCCh), Tomás de Rementería (PS), Ericka Nanco (RD), Diego Ibáñez (CS), Gonzalo Winter (CS), Emilia Schneider (Comunes), and Daniela Serrano (PCCh). Members will meet with their counterparts to discuss ways to bring grassroots organizing experience with them into Congress.

2.30 pm - 3.30 pm, Communications in Coalition Government

Meeting & Discussion with Minister Camila Vallejo

La Moneda

Camila Vallejo is Minister General Secretariat of Government and former member of the Chamber of Deputies. Members will have the opportunity to learn from Minister Vallejo about her role in the student movement, the lessons that she now brings into government, and the strategies for political communication in the age of disinformation.

4.00 pm - 5.30 pm, The History of Democracy in Chile

Briefing with Minister of Justice and Human Rights Luis Cordero Vega

Museum of Memory and Human Rights

September 11, 2023 will mark the fifty-year anniversary of the assassination and coup of Chilean President Salvador Allende. The Chilean government and the international community are leading a wide array of commemorative events in 2023 to mark the anniversary. Members will spend the evening at the Museum of Memory and Human Rights with a briefing led by Chile's Minister of Justice and Human Rights, Luis Cordero Vega.

8.00 pm - 10.00 pm, The Future of the US-Chile Relationship

Dinner with Rumbo Colectivo

Liguria Lastarria

In a traditional restaurant in the historic and patrimonial neighborhood Lastarria in downtown Santiago, this event will give Members an opportunity to reflect on the US-Chile relationship and the first day of programming of the delegation, hosted by Chilean non-profit organization Rumbo Colectivo.

Friday, August 18

8.30 am - 9.30 am, Human Rights in Hemispheric Perspective

Breakfast with Former President Michelle Bachelet

Mandarin Hotel

President Verónica Michelle Bachelet Jeria was the first woman to hold the presidency of Chile — from 2006 to 2010 and again from 2014 to 2018. She later served as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights from 2018 to 2022. Members will have the opportunity to learn from Chile's defense of human rights in the democratic transition, and how President Bachelet has taken these lessons to the global level.

10.00 am - 12.00 pm, A Neighborhood Care System

Visit & Gathering with Minister of Women and Gender Equality Antonia Orellana and Mayor of Santiago Irací Hassler

Casa Igualdad Building

Members will have the opportunity to learn about the new Neighborhood Care System implemented by the Municipality of Santiago, dedicated to address the different problems of people who care for and are cared for in the commune, with a focus on social care, mental health and legal mediation with a gender, inclusion and intercultural approach. Members will be accompanied by Minister of Women and Gender Equality Antonia Orellana, and Mayor of Santiago Irací Hassler.

12.30pm - 2.30pm, 200 years of Diplomatic Relationship and Feminist Foreign Policy

Meeting with Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs, Gloria de la Fuente and Undersecretary of International Economic Relations, Claudia Sanhueza

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Members will meet with both Undersecretaries, in a year where Chile and the US celebrate 200 years of diplomatic relationship, to learn how Chile advances its commitment to human rights and equality, being the first South American country to implement a Feminist Foreign Policy.

3.00 - 4.00 pm, Remembering the Coup & Its Victims

Visit with Senator Isabel Allende and Marcela Ahumada, Executive Director of the Salvador Allende Foundation

House of Salvador Allende

Members will visit the house where Salvador Allende lived before being elected President, which was open to the public for the first time this year in the context of national heritage day. It is a living heritage, as the former president's daughter, Senator Isabel Allende, currently lives there. This visit will be an important opportunity for members to learn more about the life of the President and Chile's approach to defending democracy and upholding the memory of the dictatorship.

4.30 pm - 6.00 pm, A Vision for Chile, 2022-2026

Meeting & Discussion with President Gabriel Boric Font
La Moneda

Gabriel Boric has served as President of Chile since 2022. Boric – a former student leader who played an important role in the 2011 Chilean student protests – served as a Member of the Chamber of Deputies prior to his election as President. Members will have the unique opportunity to meet with President Boric and learn more about his Administration's priorities on climate change, foreign policy, lithium nationalization, treatment of migrants in Chile, and indigenous rights issues. The President will be accompanied by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Alberto Van Klaveren, and the Chilean Ambassador in the US, Juan Gabriel Valdés.

Saturday, August 19**8.40 am – 1.50 pm, Departures and Arrivals, Santiago to Bogota**

Delegates depart Santiago at 8:40 am and arrive in Bogota at 1:50 pm.

3.00 pm - 4.00 pm, 'Vivir Sabroso' (Living Joyfully)

Meeting & Discussion with Vice President Francia Márquez Mina
Casa de Nariño

Francia Márquez Mina is a human-rights lawyer and environmental activist who was elected as Colombia's first black Vice President in 2022. Márquez became famous for her work opposing illegal mining in the Department of Cauca. She also played a key role in the Colombian government's peace negotiation with the FARC where she advocated for the inclusion of ethnic minorities to ensure a long-lasting, sustainable peace agreement. As Vice President of Colombia, Márquez holds the inaugural position of Minister of Equality and Equity. Members will meet with Márquez and learn about the efforts to fully implement the 2016 Peace Agreement, including the Agreement's Ethnic Chapter which is designed to ensure that indigenous and Afro-Colombian organizations are involved in overseeing the implementation process.

6.00 pm - 7.30 pm, Welcome to Colombia

Briefing with CEPR Staff
Hilton Bogota Corferias

Members of Congress will be welcomed to the country with a briefing on Colombia's historical context and present conjuncture, as well as a detailed run-down of the delegation plans for the two days in-country.

8.00 pm - 9.30 pm, The View from Bogotá

Dinner & Discussion with Senator Clara López Obregón and President of the Special Assets Society Daniel Rojas

Restaurant Salvo Patria To provide further orientation to the capital, its institutions, and their current state, the delegation will hear from Senator Clara Eugenia López Obregón, who has previously served as Minister of Labor and Mayor of the capital Bogotá and Daniel Rojas, President of the *Sociedad de Activos Especiales* (SAE), or the Special Assets Society, a public body linked to the Ministry of Finance that manages, administers and democratizes assets from illegal activities.

Sunday, August 20**8.00 am - 9.30 am, Making Sense of the US-Colombian Relationship**

Briefing with US Embassy Country Team
Ambassador's Residence

Members will meet with US Charge d'Affaires Francisco "Paco" Palmieri and his team to learn more about recent developments between the US-Colombia bilateral relationship. Colombia receives more US assistance than any other country in the Western Hemisphere. Members will therefore have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the specific programming the US Embassy in Colombia has prioritized.

10.00 am - 11.30 am, Overcoming Colombia's History of Conflict

Guided Tour of the Center for Memory, Peace, and Reconciliation with Jose Antequera Guzmán and NGO Temblores

Centro de la Memoria, Paz y Reconciliación

Members will have an opportunity to visit the Center for Memory, Peace and Reconciliation (a space for the promotion of collective memory and to honor the victims of the country's decades-long internal armed conflict) and meet with the Center's Director, Jose Antequera Guzmán and leaders from NGO Temblores. Temblores is an advocacy organization that was formed to provide victims of police violence with legal and strategic support. The organization has also created a wide social advocacy network to create an itinerant social justice clinic that provides legal support and resources for those communities who have been historically vulnerable and neglected by the State and justice administration system. Members will meet with Temblores and learn more about their work to hold Colombian security forces accountable for human rights abuses.

12.00 pm - 2.00 pm, The Promise of Peace

Lunch & Discussion with Representatives of the Peace Processes

United States Institute of Peace (USIP)

María José Pizarro is a Colombian senator who serves as a key facilitator to support peace negotiations between the Colombian government and the ELN. In the summer of 2023, it was announced that the Colombian government and the ELN would agree to an initial six-month ceasefire that would limit armed conflict while negotiations are ongoing. It is expected that negotiations will not be resolved until at least 2025. Members will have an important opportunity to meet with Sen. Pizarro and discuss ways in which the United States can be a more helpful and supportive ally to Colombia as it continues these peace negotiations. Members will have the chance to hear from negotiators from three additional peace processes: Fmr Health Minister and INDEPAZ director, Camilo Gonzalez Posso, coordinator of the peace process with the EMC-FARC; Lucía Gonzalez, coordinator of the Medellín gang peace process; and Gloria Cuartas, director of implementation of the 2016 FARC peace accord.

4.00 pm - 6.00 pm, Indigenous and Afro-Colombian Struggles for Justice

Gathering & Discussion with Representatives from Afro and Indigenous Movement

ONIC Headquarters

Members will meet with leaders from several social movements and organizations representing Indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities. From the Afro-Colombian perspective, the Black Communities' Process (Proceso de Comunidades Negras - PCN) is a national organization that links more than 100 Black social movements as well as grassroots organizations, including palenquera and Caribbean raizal communities. Additionally, *Soy Porque Somos* (I Am Because We Are) — founded by Vice President Francia Márquez Mina — is an Afro-feminist political movement working for social justice and represents one movement within the Historic Pact coalition. From the Indigenous perspective, Members will also meet leaders from the National Indigenous Organization of Colombia (*Organización Nacional Indígena de Colombia* - ONIC). Founded on the principles of unity, land, culture, and autonomy, ONIC combines dozens of Indigenous confederations and local organizations from many of Colombia's Indigenous peoples and nations. Born from within ONIC, the Indigenous and Social Alternative Movement (*Movimiento Alternativo Indígena y Social* - MAIS) represents a vehicle for Indigenous electoral representation and also forms part of the Historic Pact. We will be joined by PCN Director Jose Santos, ONIC Secretary General Gerardo Jumi, *Soy Porque Somos* Coordinator Ariel Palacios, and MAIS Secretary General Yamila Santos.

6.30 pm - 9.30 pm, The Meaning of the Historic Pact

Dinner with Young Ministers and Members of Colombia's Congress

Casa Kilele

In continuing with the theme of the delegation, Members will have the opportunity to connect with young Colombian parliamentarians and ministers from the 'Historic Pact' coalition — Sen. María José Pizarro, Rep. David Racero, Rep. María Fernanda Carrascal, Minister of Mines and Energy Omar Andrés Camacho, and Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development Susana Muhamad — to learn more about the important policy-building that is being done in the Colombian legislature. Members will learn more about the successes these leaders had in working to pass tax reform as well as some of the challenges faced in failing to move important legislation that would have reformed the Colombian healthcare system. Members will also be able to engage with their Colombian counterparts to tell them about how the US Congress legislates and how it has approached the vital US-Colombia bilateral relationship.

Monday, August 21

7.30 am, Departure

Delegate departs Bogota at 7:30 am and arrives in the US at 3:30 pm.

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The Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR) is responsible for the organization and execution of the delegation. Organizational tasks include: (i) selecting delegates from US Congress and staff to join the delegation, (ii) briefing delegates with background materials, and (iii) developing the itinerary for the delegation. Execution refers to: (i) arranging all logistics for the delegation, (ii) contracting drivers, translators, and photographers, and (iii) coordinating all relevant meetings with government officials, parliamentary representatives, and civil society organizations.

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CEPR has invited three members of the Foundation to attend dinners and meetings throughout the delegation: Senior Policy Advisor, Alex Sadler, Senior Program Analyst for Advocacy, Sabrina Stein and Deputy Director of U.S Foreign Policy, Alex T. Johnson.

15(b)(2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip.

The Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR) selected three capital cities across Latin America as the destinations for the delegation — (i) Brasilia, Brazil, (ii) Santiago, Chile, and (iii) Bogota, Colombia — in order to maximize the possibilities for Member engagement with host countries' democratic institutions and civil society organizations based in each respective capital.

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