

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 Stauber
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Luke Staber **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: Sunday 12/10/2023 Return: Monday 12/11/2023
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Minneapolis, MN Destination: Chicago, IL Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
This trip was comprised of several visits related to issues that impact both MN-08 and IL-5. These visits covered topics such as rail industry, small business, air travel, and housing. The full detail of these visits is attached in the itinerary.
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: _____

Pete Stauber

Date: _____

1/29/2024

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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: Lisel Loy 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.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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 submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or 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 Stauber

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

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

Signature: _____



Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

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

Office Address: 145 Cannon House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-6211

Email Address of Contact Person: carolyn.lowrance@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 email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

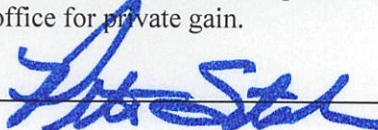
1. Name of Traveler: Pete Stauber
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Chicago, IL
4. a. Date of Departure: Sunday, December 10, 2023 Date of Return: Monday, December 11, 2023
b. Yes No 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: Luke Stauber
 - (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, invitation, 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 will help expand the Congressman's knowledge of districts that share similar interests to his own.
This trip will discuss issues related to the Congressman's work on the Transportation & Infrastructure
committee, as well as improve his relationship with Hockey Caucus Co Chair, Rep. Quigley.
9. **Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in 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: _____

11/13/2023

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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. _____
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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 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: L. Loy Date: _____
 Name: _____ Title: _____
 Organization: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____ Telephone: _____

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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November 22, 2023

The Honorable Pete Stauber
U.S. House of Representatives
145 Cannon 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 child's proposed trip to Chicago, Illinois, scheduled for December 10 to 11, 2023, sponsored by Bipartisan Policy Center.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

MG/SW:mc

Addendum – Primary Trip Sponsor Form

Item 4

Congressman Pete Stauber is a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and the following subcommittees: Aviation, Highways and Transit, and Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials. He also serves on the Small Business Committee. Rep. Mike Quigley, whose district Rep. Stauber is visiting, serves on the Appropriations Committee, including the Subcommittees on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development; Energy and Water Development; and Legislative Branch.

This trip will afford Rep. Stauber the opportunity to see a district that shares some mutual concerns such as rail transportation, air service, and affordable housing. But also, a district that differs in significant ways but pertain to his service particularly on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Visits will include a meeting in a transit-oriented neighborhood with traditional retail, restaurant, and service small businesses who are challenged by big box and online shopping. He will also have an opportunity to ride a commuter train with the regional rail transit agency to discuss new efficient electric locomotives and the sharing of right-of-way by passenger and freight interests in the only place in the U.S. where all six Class 1 railroads come together along with several other small rail lines.

At Chicago O'Hare Airport, Rep. Stauber will visit the United Airlines Station Operations Center and Ramp Tower to see their busy operation at the airline's largest hub, and to discuss supply chain issues and labor supply and training. Also at the airport, Rep. Stauber will tour one of the control towers and have a conversation about air safety and FAA reauthorization. These meetings relate directly to Rep. Stauber's service on the T&I Committee. Also, Rep. Stauber will meet with housing policy experts and see examples of successful affordable housing projects in Chicago that have utilized federal funding and/or tax credits.

Finally, since both Reps. Stauber and Quigley are co-chairs of the Congressional Hockey Caucus, plans call for them to visit the United Center, the largest hockey arena in the U.S.

American Congressional Exchange Itinerary Pete Stauber (R-MN-8) visiting Mike Quigley (D-IL-5) Dec. 10-11, 2023

Sun., Dec. 10

10:30 a.m.	Rep. Stauber and Luke depart MSP, DL #1501
12:06 p.m.	Arr. ORD
12:15 p.m.	BPC staff picks up Rep. Stauber in rental car.
12:15-12:30	Drive to Tony's Italian Deli & Subs, 6708 Northwest Hwy., Edison Park Chicago.

- 12:30-1:00 Eat lunch and meet with Vito & Maria Dalmazio, owners. The entirety of the lunch will be officially connected content.
- Rep. Stauber will discuss with the Dalmazio's the increased costs of food and the challenges of finding service workers. They will also talk about the availability of quality kitchen equipment and machinery. The visit relates directly to Rep. Stauber's service on the Rural Development, Energy & Supply Chains Small Business Subcommittee.
- 1:00-1:45 Rep. Stauber will meet with the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce, led by Executive Director Amanda Harres, which is housed in the Edison Park Metra Station at 6730 N. Olmsted Ave. As the advocate for local small businesses in this thriving Chicago neighborhood, Rep. Stauber will meet with a group of business owners to discuss regulatory matters, financial aid, and the role of the Small Business Administration.
- 1:45-2:00 Drive to O'Hare Metra Transfer Station, 10300 Zemke Rd., Chicago.
- 2:00-3:15 Led by Janice Thomas, Metra Dep. Executive Director, External Affairs; James Derwinski, CEO. Metra is the 4th busiest commuter rail system in the U.S. The present system was created in 1974 with the establishment of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and Metra currently operates 11 routes, some of which are operated by freight companies like BNSF and Union Pacific while others are operated by the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Rail Corporation.
- Rep. Stauber will ride the North Central Service (NCS) over about 14 miles to the Western Ave. Station, stopping frequently to see important rail infrastructure including bridges, signaling, and rail maintenance yards. The NCS route includes 40 miles owned by Canadian National (CN) and 12 miles using Metra's own Milwaukee District. Today, CN and Metra maintain their respective tracks, signals, and rights-of-way, while Metra owns and operates the NCS trains and commuter yards.
- Among the topics to be discussed during this tour will be the introduction of electric battery locomotives, congestion mitigation funding, Build Back Better Act programs for rail transit, and federal incentives for regional planning cooperation among communities.
- This visit is directly related to Rep. Stauber's assignment on the Transportation and Infrastructure Railroads Subcommittee. Also, Rep. Stauber has great interest in the development of new rail service between Duluth and the Twin Cities, the Northern Lights Express project.
- 3:15-3:25 Disembark train at Western Ave. Station, 420 N. Artesian. BPC staff will pick-up Rep. Stauber and drive to 1336 W. Taylor St.
- Affordable Housing visit. Led by Erica Poethig, Executive Vice President for Strategy and Planning, Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago; and Nick Brunick, Attorney, Applegate & Thorne-Thomsen.

The tour and discussion relate directly to Rep. Stauber's service on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

The need for affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization is a key focus in Chicago. Failed public housing projects of the past are being demolished or rehabilitated with new designs that take a comprehensive approach to housing. The effort stems from a series of court remedies compelling the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) to end racial discrimination public housing; end the construction of new high-rise public housing developments; and enable public housing residents to access neighborhoods of opportunity. What were once under-resourced neighborhoods have been transformed into mixed-income, economically diverse areas that promote long-term racial desegregation.

3:25-3:50

Rep. Stauber will first tour the Taylor Street Apartments in the Roosevelt Sq./Little Italy neighborhood. This unique development, opened in 2019, combines a public library with 73 apartments. The seven-story structure has a 15,000-square-foot library at ground level and housing above. Of the 73 total units, 46 are one-bedroom apartments and 27 are two-bedroom apartments. The sale of noncompetitive low-income housing tax credits (LIHTCs) generated nearly \$10 million in equity that supported the construction of 29 affordable units. The CHA contributed \$17 million to construct 37 units. Both the CHA- and LIHTC-funded units rent to households whose income does not exceed 60 percent of the area median income, with rent subsidies for lower-income households occupying the CHA units. The remaining seven units rent at market rates.

3:50-4:10

Drive to Lathrop Homes, 2000 W. Diversey Pkwy.

4:10-4:40

Lathrop Homes visit. Originally public housing built by the U.S. Public Works Administration during the Depression (1938), the 20 low-rise structures on 34-acres on the Chicago River with 925 units eventually fell into neglect for decades under the CHA. Despite a long and complicated process to determine what Lathrop Homes could evolve to be and how it could be financed, the private/public development team was able to arrive at a design that offers a combination of public housing, affordable, and market-rate units. The projects use several federal housing programs and tax credits that include Low-Income, Historic, and HOME funds.

The result is a community rooted in a rich cultural past, which infuses the historic architecture of the original neighborhood with the modern touches of today's lifestyle, along with significant green and open space. To honor the legacy of the original homes, many of Lathrop Homes' existing structures have been historically preserved and restored. The apartments feature thoughtfully redesigned floorplans with brand new finishes and contemporary conveniences. In addition, the lush green and open space—originally designed by legendary landscape architect Jens Jensen—has been restored including the iconic Great Lawn.

4:40-5:00

Drive to United Center, 1901 West Madison.

5:00-6:00 Led by Lyndsey Stroope, Chicago Blackhawks Director of Marketing & Communications, and Annie Davis-Koreic, Director of Community Partnerships & Investments. Rep. Stauber will meet with Chicago Blackhawks front office executives to learn about the arena's operation and modernization, including security measures; its impact on local tourism; and the significant private neighborhood investment that has been made by the Blackhawks organization spurring affordable housing and recreational facilities to an area that had been seriously underserved. The United Center will host the 2024 Democratic National Convention. This stop relates directly to Rep. Stauber's co-chairing of the Congressional Hockey Caucus.

6:00-6:30 Drive to Hotel Lincoln, 1816 N. Clark St.

Mon., Dec. 11

7:30-7:35 a.m. Drive to Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St.

7:35-8:50 Chicago Business & Civic Leaders Breakfast. Led by the Bipartisan Policy Center. The entirety of the breakfast will be officially connected content.

The two members will participate in a discussion with local business executives, foundation leaders, and nonprofit directors about current state and challenges of Congress and the opportunities they see for legislative bipartisanship.

8:50-9:45 Drive to Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD).

9:45-10:40 United Airlines Station Operation Center (SOC) and Ramp Tower Visit. Led by Erik Prince, Director of Congressional Affairs, United Airlines.

The SOC is the nerve center of United's entire airside presence at ORD. It's where the airline is run from, including managing real time operational changes, diversions, medical emergencies, collaboration between departments, etc. Rep. Stauber will learn about advances in new technology, equipment, training, and coordination that allow United's aircraft, crew, and maintenance personnel to move around safely at airport gates and during other ground operations. Notably, United will discuss its ability to adapt to weather conditions, delays, and other events.

After the SOC, Rep. Stauber will visit the Ramp Tower where United's fleet of aircraft are managed while on the ground. This team works closely with the FAA control tower, which Rep. Stauber will visit next.

The visit relates directly to Rep. Stauber's service on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Aviation Subcommittee.

10:40-10:55	Transfer to O'Hare Control Tower.
10:55-11:45	O'Hare Control Tower Tour and Discussion. Led by Tony Hauck, National Air Traffic Controllers Association Facility Representative.
	Rep. Stauber will visit the central air traffic control tower at the airport. He will learn about its technical operations, security systems, emergency backup designs, and the responsibilities of the trained men and women who guide the takeoffs, landings, and movement of aircraft. Among the issues to be discussed are FAA reauthorization, advances in air safety systems, and the impact of climate change on weather patterns affecting airports.
	The visit relates directly to Rep. Stauber's service on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Aviation Subcommittee.
11:45-11:55	Walk to flight check-in, United Terminal 1.
11:55-12:05	Flight Check-in.
12:40 pm. 3:28 p.m.	Rep. Stauber departs ORD, UA #2417 Arr. DCA
12:45 p.m. 2:30 p.m.	Luke Stauber departs ORD, UA #5533 Arr. DLH

Content Time on Dec. 10: 4.5 hrs.
Content Time on Dec. 11: 3 hrs.

Item 12: *Bipartisan Policy Center*: The Bipartisan Policy Center is a non-profit organization that combines the best ideas from both parties to promote health, security, and opportunity for all Americans. BPC drives principled and politically viable policy solutions through the power of rigorous analysis and painstaking negotiation.

As a Washington, D.C.-based think tank that actively promotes bipartisanship, BPC works to address the key challenges facing the nation. Our policy solutions are the product of informed deliberations by former elected and appointed officials, business and labor leaders, and academics and advocates who represent both ends of the political spectrum. We are currently focused on such issues as health, energy, national security, the economy, financial regulatory reform, housing, immigration, infrastructure, and governance.

While a healthy, civil debate among those with differing viewpoints is an essential component of our democracy, the current partisan tone in government is impeding progress. BPC is focused on how to overcome political divides and help make our government work better. Regardless of deep policy disagreements, Congress must operate with mutual respect, decency, and civility which are foundational to forging collaborative solutions. While there are

disparities and regional differences, as elected officials, members of Congress all have a responsibility to address challenges confronting their constituents and the nation, as well as strengthen the institution itself.

The American Congressional Exchange (ACE) Program is a systematic approach to building better relationships and bipartisanship in Congress. ACE is focused on members of the U.S. House of Representatives and is built upon three precepts:

- To develop trust, Members of Congress must listen to one another to understand what it is that motivates them and concerns them.
- Once they listen to each other, they often learn they actually have more in common than meets the eye – and if they can see each other in that vein, impactful legislation can be achieved.
- A shared experience based on close interaction can be what brings Members of Congress together to take action on behalf of the American people.

The central goal of ACE is to build connections and trust, which will create conditions for intentional negotiation and compromise on issues of importance to the participants' constituencies as well as the nation. The trips will increase mutual understandings, and further collaboration on policy matters and legislation. Additionally, as a result, Congress will operate more effectively. BPC representative will accompany traveler on the trip to provide logistics and coordinate functioning of meetings, events, and site visits.

15. b. 2

As noted above, the congressional district of Illinois-5 affords Rep. Quigley a variety of learning opportunities relevant to his home district and his committee assignments.

Particularly as a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee as well as the Small Business Committee, he has responsibilities pertaining to a wide variety of issues and areas that impact regions of the country not including his own. The visit to this district will afford the opportunity to draw commonalities with needs and challenges in his own district as well as learn about those in an area with which he is less familiar, even as his own work in Congress will have an impact in such places.

American Congressional Exchange Itinerary
Pete Stauber (R-MN-8) visiting Mike Quigley (D-IL-5)
Dec. 10-11, 2023

Sun., Dec. 10

10:30 a.m. Rep. Stauber and Luke depart MSP, DL #1501

12:06 p.m. Arr. ORD

12:15 p.m. BPC staff picks up Rep. Stauber in rental car.

[[Due to late plane arrival, the following was not completed:

12:15-12:30 Drive to Tony's Italian Deli & Subs, 6708 Northwest Hwy., Edison Park Chicago.

12:30-1:00 Eat lunch and meet with Vito & Maria Dalmazio, owners. The entirety of the lunch will be officially connected content.

Rep. Stauber will discuss with the Dalmazio's the increased costs of food and the challenges of finding service workers. They will also talk about the availability of quality kitchen equipment and machinery. The visit relates directly to Rep. Stauber's service on the Rural Development, Energy & Supply Chains Small Business Subcommittee.

1:00-1:45 Rep. Stauber will meet with the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce, led by COC President, George McCarthy, which is housed in the Edison Park Metra Station at 6730 N. Olmsted Ave. As the advocate for local small businesses in this thriving Chicago neighborhood, Rep. Stauber will meet with a group of business owners to discuss regulatory matters, financial aid, and the role of the Small Business Administration. Other business leaders include Michelle Martin, owner, Pennybird; and Dennis Gancarz, owner, Edison Park Inn – both of which Rep. Stauber will get to see.]]

1:45-2:00 Drive to O'Hare Metra Transfer Station, 10300 Zemke Rd., Chicago.

2:00-3:15 Led by Janice Thomas, Metra Dep. Executive Director, External Affairs; James Derwinski, CEO. Metra is the 4th busiest commuter rail system in the U.S. The present system was created in 1974 with the establishment of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and Metra currently operates 11 routes, some of which are operated by freight companies like BNSF and Union Pacific while others are operated by the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Rail Corporation.

Rep. Stauber will ride the North Central Service (NCS) over about 14 miles to the Western Ave. Station, stopping frequently to see important rail infrastructure including bridges, signaling, and rail maintenance yards. The NCS route includes 40 miles owned by Canadian National (CN) and

12 miles using Metra's own Milwaukee District. Today, CN and Metra maintain their respective tracks, signals, and rights-of-way, while Metra owns and operates the NCS trains and commuter yards.

Among the topics to be discussed during this tour will be the introduction of electric battery locomotives, congestion mitigation funding, Build Back Better Act programs for rail transit, and federal incentives for regional planning cooperation among communities.

This visit is directly related to Rep. Stauber's assignment on the Transportation and Infrastructure Railroads Subcommittee. Also, Rep. Stauber has great interest in the development of new rail service between Duluth and the Twin Cities, the Northern Lights Express project.

3:15-3:25

Disembark train at Western Ave. Station, 420 N. Artesian. BPC staff will pick-up Rep. Stauber and drive to 1336 W. Taylor St.

Affordable Housing visit. Led by Erica Poethig, Executive Vice President for Strategy and Planning, Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago; and Nick Brunick, Attorney, Applegate & Thorne-Thomsen. Also presenting will be: Allison Clements, Executive Director, Illinois Housing Council, and Sarah Wick, Senior V.P., Affordable Housing, Related Midwest. The tour and discussion relate directly to Rep. Stauber's service on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

The need for affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization is a key focus in Chicago. Failed public housing projects of the past are being demolished or rehabilitated with new designs that take a comprehensive approach to housing. The effort stems from a series of court remedies compelling the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) to end racial discrimination public housing; end the construction of new high-rise public housing developments; and enable public housing residents to access neighborhoods of opportunity. What were once under-resourced neighborhoods have been transformed into mixed-income, economically diverse areas that promote long-term racial desegregation.

3:25-3:50

Rep. Stauber will first tour the Taylor Street Apartments in the Roosevelt Sq./Little Italy neighborhood. This unique development, opened in 2019, combines a public library with 73 apartments. The seven-story structure has a 15,000-square-foot library at ground level and housing above. Of the 73 total units, 46 are one-bedroom apartments and 27 are two-bedroom apartments. The sale of noncompetitive low-income housing tax credits (LIHTCs) generated nearly \$10 million in equity that supported the construction of 29 affordable units. The CHA contributed \$17 million to construct 37 units. Both the CHA- and LIHTC-funded units rent to households whose income does not exceed 60 percent of the area median income, with rent subsidies for lower-income households occupying the CHA units. The remaining seven units rent are at market rates.

3:50-4:10

Drive to Lathrop Homes, 2000 W. Diversey Pkwy.

4:10-4:40 Lathrop Homes visit. Originally public housing built by the U.S. Public Works Administration during the Depression (1938), the 20 low-rise structures on 34-acres on the Chicago River with 925 units eventually fell into neglect for decades under the CHA. Despite a long and complicated process to determine what Lathrop Homes could evolve to be and how it could be financed, the private/public development team was able to arrive at a design that offers a combination of public housing, affordable, and market-rate units. The projects use several federal housing programs and tax credits that include Low-Income, Historic, and HOME funds.

The result is a community rooted in a rich cultural past, which infuses the historic architecture of the original neighborhood with the modern touches of today's lifestyle, along with significant green and open space. To honor the legacy of the original homes, many of Lathrop Homes' existing structures have been historically preserved and restored. The apartments feature thoughtfully redesigned floorplans with brand new finishes and contemporary conveniences. In addition, the lush green and open space—originally designed by legendary landscape architect Jens Jensen—has been restored including the iconic Great Lawn.

4:40-5:00 Drive to United Center, 1901 West Madison.

5:00-6:00 Led by Lyndsey Stroope, Chicago Blackhawks Director of Marketing & Communications, and Annie Davis-Koreic, Director of Community Partnerships & Investments. Rep. Stauber will meet with Chicago Blackhawks front office executives to learn about the arena's operation and modernization, including security measures; its impact on local tourism; and the significant private neighborhood investment that has been made by the Blackhawks organization spurring affordable housing and recreational facilities to an area that had been seriously underserved. The United Center will host the 2024 Democratic National Convention. This stop relates directly to Rep. Stauber's co-chairing of the Congressional Hockey Caucus.

Overnight Hotel Lincoln, 1816 N. Clark St.

Mon., Dec. 11

7:30-7:35 a.m. Drive to Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St.

7:35-8:50 Chicago Business & Civic Leaders Breakfast. Led by the Bipartisan Policy Center. The entirety of the breakfast will be officially connected content.

The two members will participate in a discussion with local business executives, foundation leaders, and nonprofit directors about current state and challenges of Congress and the opportunities they see for legislative bipartisanship.

8:50-9:45	Drive to Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD).
9:45-10:40	<p>United Airlines Station Operation Center (SOC) and Ramp Tower Visit. Led by Erik Prince, Director of Congressional Affairs, United Airlines.</p> <p>The SOC is the nerve center of United's entire airside presence at ORD. It's where the airline is run from, including managing real time operational changes, diversions, medical emergencies, collaboration between departments, etc. Rep. Stauber will learn about advances in new technology, equipment, training, and coordination that allow United's aircraft, crew, and maintenance personnel to move around safely at airport gates and during other ground operations. Notably, United will discuss its ability to adapt to weather conditions, delays, and other events.</p> <p>After the SOC, Rep. Stauber will visit the Ramp Tower where United's fleet of aircraft are managed while on the ground. This team works closely with the FAA control tower, which Rep. Stauber will visit next.</p> <p>The visit relates directly to Rep. Stauber's service on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Aviation Subcommittee.</p>
10:40-10:55	Transfer to O'Hare Control Tower.
10:55-11:45	<p>O'Hare Control Tower Tour and Discussion. Led by Tony Hauck, National Air Traffic Controllers Association Facility Representative.</p> <p>Rep. Stauber will visit the central air traffic control tower at the airport. He will learn about its technical operations, security systems, emergency backup designs, and the responsibilities of the trained men and women who guide the takeoffs, landings, and movement of aircraft. Among the issues to be discussed are FAA reauthorization, advances in air safety systems, and the impact of climate change on weather patterns affecting airports.</p> <p>The visit relates directly to Rep. Stauber's service on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Aviation Subcommittee.</p>
11:45-11:55	Walk to flight check-in, United Terminal 1.
11:55-12:05	Flight Check-in.
12:40 p.m. 3:28 p.m.	Rep. Stauber departs ORD, UA #2417 Arr. DCA
12:45 p.m. 2:30 p.m.	Luke Stauber departs ORD, UA #5533 Arr. DLH