

# 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](mailto: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: Chuck Edwards
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 2.1.2024 Return: 2.4.2024  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Washington DC Destination: Las Vegas Return City: Washington DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Republican Main Street Partership
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Please see ammendum

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: \_\_\_\_\_

2/12/2024

# 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: Republican Main Street Partnership

2. Travel Destination(s): Las Vegas, NV

3. Date of Departure: February 1, 2024 Date of Return: February 4, 2024

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Charles "Chuck" Edwards

*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	\$727.80	\$507	\$250	\$60 (coach bus)
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: 2/8/2024

Name: Sarah Chamberlain Title: President & CEO

Organization: Republican Main Street Partnership

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

Address: 411 New Jersey Ave SE, Washington D.C. 20003

Telephone: 202-288-1141 Email: david@rmsp.org

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

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

# 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](mailto: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: Chuck Edwards

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

Jessie Frank

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): \_\_\_\_\_

Congressman Chuck Edwards

Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_

1505 Longworth House Office Building

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

202-225-6401

Email Address of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

jessie.frank@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.

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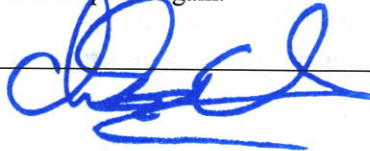
## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Chuck Edwards
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Republican Main Street Partnership
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Las Vegas, Nevada
4. a. Date of Departure: 2/1/2024 Date of Return: 2/4/2024  
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, 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.**  
Rep. Chuck Edwards has been invited to partake in a Republican Main Street Partnership trip to Las Vegas due to his invaluable role in advocating for economic growth and workforce development within his district. As a staunch supporter of vocational education and job creation initiatives, Edwards' commitment to bolstering skilled labor aligns perfectly with the itinerary of this trip. Visiting the Carpenters Union Training Facility highlights his dedication to nurturing trade skills essential for the workforce, while touring the Amazon Sorting Warehouse emphasizes his interest in understanding modern logistics and distribution networks. Additionally, exploring the CalPortland Black Pearlite mine underscores his focus on the importance of the mining industry and its impact on the economy of his district. Rep. Edwards' participation demonstrates his proactive approach in gaining insights into diverse industries, fostering economic prosperity, and ensuring his district remains at the forefront of innovation and job opportunities.
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: \_\_\_\_\_

1/2/2024

# 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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): 2/1: \$15-20: sandwiches upon arrival  
2/2: \$150 (breakfast included w/ room, boxed lunch, buffet dinner.)2/3: \$70: brunch at Pioneer Saloon). 2/4: N/A
  - 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 <b>Transportation</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Lodging</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Meal</b> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee			
For each Accompanying Family Member			


	<b>Other</b> 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: December 11, 2023  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Agenda:**

### RMSP Las Vegas Trip SCHEDULE February 1-4, 2023

#### **Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

Late Evening: attendees arrive to Harry Reid International Airport

#### **Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00 AM: Grab and go breakfast.

9:00 AM: Board Buses, head to United Brotherhood of Carpenters Training Facility

9:30 AM: Arrive, representatives from the Carpenters' Union will present on tour safety and outline agenda for attendees.

10:00 AM: Begin Tour:

- Main building with cafeteria, dorms, ballroom
- North shop with interior and exterior systems training, floor covering, ICRA
- West building with ballrooms and breakouts, the UBC We Build museum exhibit.
- South shop with concrete, solar, underwater welding, scaffolding training
- Turbine shop with gas and steam turbines, conveyors and general millwright training

12:00 PM: Working Lunch at Carpenters Facility

Presentations from:

- Randy Eppard, Executive Director of the UBC Department of Education and Training – leadership development, collaborative leadership, UBC member leadership training.
- Bob Jacobson, Executive Director of the Carpenters International Training Fund – member skills training, curriculum development and delivery.

1:30 PM: Depart Carpenter's

2:00pm: Visitors arrive to Amazon Fulfilment Center, VGT1

2:10pm: Welcome and Economic Impact presentation

Speakers: Sam Bailey, Manager, Economic Development, Amazon; Rebecca Butler, Manager, State & Local Policy, Amazon

2:30pm: Overview of site and depart on tour that will discuss topics such as health and safety, innovation, and upskilling.



Speaker tour lead: Katon Bethay, General Manager VGT1, Amazon

3:30pm: Depart Amazon, return to hotel.

Free Time

7:30 PM: Dinner, location TBA, stakeholder briefings

**Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 AM: Grab and Go Breakfast

8:30 AM: Transit to CalPortland facility

10:00 AM: Pioneer Saloon Brunch and Policy Briefing

CalPortland Opening Remarks

Presentation on mining/decarbonization/perlite deposits

Speakers: Kerri Leininger (VP, Government Relations, CalPortland)

Steve Regis (C.O.O., CalPortland)

11:00 AM: ATV ride to the Black Pearl

12:30 PM: Black Pearl site tour

2:00 PM: Leave for the Pioneer Saloon

2:30 PM: Board buses for hotel

3:30 PM: Arrive, hotel. Free time for rest of the evening

**Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

Morning: Depart Las Vegas

#### **4) House Members/Staff and Explanation as to why they are invited**

**Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer (OR-05):** Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer has been extended an invitation to participate in the Republican Main Street Partnership trip to Las Vegas due to her demonstrated commitment to role on the Transportation and Infrastructure and Education and Workforce Committees. Her presence signifies an earnest effort to engage with various stakeholders, including the Carpenters Union Training Facility, symbolizing her interest in the concerns of the labor force and their contributions to the economy. Moreover, the visit to the Amazon Sorting Warehouse reflects her eagerness to comprehend the dynamics of modern commerce and employment practices. Additionally, her visit to the CalPortland Black pearlite mine underscores her dedication to understanding and supporting the industrial sector, showcasing her interest in the mining industry and its significance in both local and national economies.

**Jihun Han (Chief of Staff, Rep. Chavez-DeRemer):** Jihun Han, as Chief of Staff to Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer, has been invited to participate in the Republican Main Street Partnership trip to Las Vegas due to his extensive expertise in legislative affairs and knowledge of the Transportation and Infrastructure and Education and Workforce Committees. His background in working closely with Rep. Chavez-DeRemer in crafting policies that support job growth, workforce development, and economic opportunities makes him an invaluable asset for understanding the significance of visiting key locations like the Carpenters Union Training Facility, Amazon Sorting Warehouse, and CalPortland Black pearlite mine. Given his involvement in shaping legislation that promotes skilled labor, commerce, and sustainable resource management, Han's insights and knowledge will greatly benefit the trip's discussions on how to foster economic growth, strengthen labor partnerships, and address pertinent issues within these industries.

**Patrick Mocete (Chief of Staff, Rep. Young Kim):** Patrick Mocete, Chief of Staff to Rep. Young Kim, has been invited to attend a Republican Main Street Partnership trip to Las Vegas due to his influential role and expertise in policymaking as well as his boss' role on the Financial Services Committee. His presence on this trip holds significance as it aligns with the partnership's aim to bridge the gap between government, businesses, and communities. This trip serves as a platform for Patrick Mocete to gather pertinent information, engage in dialogue, and potentially contribute to informed policy discussions that can positively impact Rep. Young Kim's constituents and the broader community.

**Mark Dreiling (Chief of Staff, Rep. Don Bacon):** Mark Dreiling, as the Chief of Staff to Rep. Don Bacon, has been extended an invitation to join the Republican Main Street Partnership trip to Las Vegas due to his significant role in aiding Rep. Bacon's legislative initiatives and his comprehensive understanding of critical policy areas. His expertise and insight into the congressman's agenda make his presence invaluable during this trip, particularly in engaging with various stakeholders such as the Carpenters Union Training Facility, Amazon Sorting Warehouse, and CalPortland Black pearlite mine. Dreiling's involvement ensures a well-informed representation of Rep. Bacon's priorities and facilitates meaningful discussions on

crucial topics like workforce development, labor relations, economic growth, and industry-specific concerns within these sectors.

**Jeff Bishop (Chief of Staff, Rep. Marc Molinaro):** Jeff Bishop, Chief of Staff to Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY), has been extended an invitation to participate in the Republican Main Street Partnership trip to Las Vegas, particularly to visit the Carpenters Union Training Facility. This invitation underscores the pivotal role of labor issues within Molinaro's district. Jeff Bishop can gain valuable insights into the labor landscape, enabling Molinaro's office to craft informed policies that support the workforce, promote job growth, and strengthen the local economy.

**Micah Ketchel (Chief of Staff, Rep. Mike Waltz):** Micah Ketchel, Chief of Staff to Rep. Mike Waltz, has been invited to partake in the Republican Main Street Partnership trip to Las Vegas due to his extensive expertise in policy areas that directly intersect with the industries and facilities on the itinerary. With a profound understanding of labor relations, infrastructure, and economic development, Ketchel's insights are invaluable during visits to crucial sites like the Carpenters Union Training Facility, where his knowledge of labor issues can foster meaningful discussions. Additionally, his background in legislative affairs and understanding of trade and commerce make him an ideal participant for exploring the Amazon Sorting Warehouse and CalPortland Black pearlite mine, where discussions about logistics, trade, and the mining industry are expected to occur. Ketchel's multifaceted expertise and strategic insights make him an instrumental addition to the delegation, poised to contribute significantly to discussions that directly impact the nation's economic landscape.

**Deena Tauster (Chief of Staff, Rep. Andrew Garbarino)** Deena Tauster, Chief of Staff to Rep. Andrew Garbarino, has been invited to participate in the Republican Main Street Partnership trip to Las Vegas due to her extensive expertise and leadership in understanding the intricate intersections of policy, labor, and industry. Her comprehensive insights into the legislative process, particularly concerning issues pertinent to the Carpenters Union Training Facility, Amazon Sorting Warehouse, and CalPortland Black pearlite mine, make her an invaluable asset on this trip. Given her commitment to bridging the gap between government and private sector interests, her presence ensures a meaningful exchange of ideas, fostering productive dialogues between Republican officials and key stakeholders within these vital industries. Tauster's strategic vision and ability to navigate complex issues make her an ideal participant in this venture, promising constructive discussions and potential pathways for collaborative policy advancements.

**Jason Galanes (Chief of Staff, Rep. Mike Turner)** Jason Galanes, Chief of Staff to Rep. Mike Turner, has been invited to attend a Republican Main Street Partnership trip to Las Vegas due to his crucial role in representing the interests and concerns of the district. His presence on this trip is integral as it offers an opportunity to gain valuable insights into various facets of the local economy and workforce development. Visiting the Carpenters Union Training Facility allows him to understand the skill-building initiatives crucial for the district's labor force. Exploring the

Amazon Sorting Warehouse provides a glimpse into the evolving landscape of e-commerce and its impact on local employment. Moreover, the visit to the CalPortland Black pearlite mine offers insights into the mining sector, an industry of significance to the district's economy. Jason Galanes's attendance on this trip serves to better inform Rep. Mike Turner's policy decisions by offering firsthand knowledge of key industries vital to their constituency's prosperity and development.

**Rep. Chuck Edwards (NC-11)** Rep. Chuck Edwards has been invited to partake in a Republican Main Street Partnership trip to Las Vegas due to his invaluable role in advocating for economic growth and workforce development within his district. As a staunch supporter of vocational education and job creation initiatives, Edwards' commitment to bolstering skilled labor aligns perfectly with the itinerary of this trip. Visiting the Carpenters Union Training Facility highlights his dedication to nurturing trade skills essential for the workforce, while touring the Amazon Sorting Warehouse emphasizes his interest in understanding modern logistics and distribution networks. Additionally, exploring the CalPortland Black pearlite mine underscores his focus on the importance of the mining industry and its impact on the economy of his district. Rep. Edwards' participation demonstrates his proactive approach in gaining insights into diverse industries, fostering economic prosperity, and ensuring his district remains at the forefront of innovation and job opportunities.

**Rep. Nick Lalota (NY-01):** Rep. Nick LaLota has been extended an invitation to join the Republican Main Street Partnership trip to Las Vegas due to his pivotal role in advocating for the interests of his district. With his steadfast commitment to representing the constituents of his area, his presence on this trip is essential in gaining firsthand insight into various critical industries impacting his district's economy. Visiting the Carpenters Union Training Facility, Amazon Sorting Warehouse, and CalPortland Black pearlite mine allows Rep. LaLota to engage directly with key stakeholders and workers in these sectors. By understanding the operations and challenges faced by these industries, Rep. LaLota can better champion policies and initiatives that support job growth, economic development, and the welfare of his constituents back in New York. This opportunity provides him with valuable knowledge to further his efforts in promoting the prosperity and well-being of his district.

**Lorissa Bounds (Chief of Staff, Rep. Jay Obernolte)** Lorissa Bounds, as Chief of Staff to Rep. Jay Obernolte, has been invited to partake in the Republican Main Street Partnership trip to Las Vegas due to her significant role in overseeing and strategizing on matters vital to the district's interests. Given her influential position within the congressman's team, Bounds brings an insightful perspective on key issues impacting their constituency. The trip's itinerary, including visits to the Carpenters Union Training Facility, Amazon Sorting Warehouse, and CalPortland Black pearlite mine, aligns closely with Obernolte's district concerns—ranging from labor and workforce development represented by the Carpenters Union to economic growth and commerce as seen in the Amazon Sorting Warehouse. Additionally, the exploration of the CalPortland Black pearlite mine underscores the significance of resource industries within the district.



**Rep. Mike Lawler (NY-17)** Representative Mike Lawler has been extended an invitation to join the Republican Main Street Partnership trip to Las Vegas due to his steadfast commitment to understanding and supporting the diverse economic landscape within his district. With a keen focus on economic development and job creation, Lawler's representation has emphasized the importance of engaging with various industries. This trip offers a unique opportunity for him to visit crucial sites such as the Carpenters Union Training Facility, Amazon Sorting Warehouse, and CalPortland Black pearlite mine, allowing him to gain firsthand insights into the operations and challenges faced by these sectors. Lawler's presence underscores his dedication to advocating for policies that bolster job growth and economic vitality within his district, fostering stronger ties between government initiatives and the needs of local businesses and workers.

**Rep. Laurel Lee (FL-15)** Rep. Laurel Lee has been invited to attend the Republican Main Street Partnership trip to Las Vegas due to her dedication to understanding and addressing the diverse economic landscape within her district. Visiting the Carpenters Union Training Facility highlights her support for skilled labor development, while exploring the Amazon Sorting Warehouse demonstrates her interest in understanding modern logistics and distribution channels. Additionally, the visit to the CalPortland Black pearlite mine underscores her commitment to comprehending and supporting the mining sector, a vital contributor to her district's economic vitality.

**Rep. Anthony D'Esposito (NY-04)** Representative Anthony D'Esposito has been invited to participate in a Republican Main Street Partnership trip to Las Vegas due to his pivotal role in advocating for the interests of his district. His consistent support for economic growth and job creation aligns with the objectives of this excursion, which includes visits to significant sites such as the Carpenters Union Training Facility, Amazon Sorting Warehouse, and CalPortland Black pearlite mine. These visits directly relate to the economic landscape of his district, offering valuable insights into workforce development and technological advancements in logistics.

**Robert Gies (Chief of Staff, Rep. Anthony D'Esposito):** Robert Gies, as the Chief of Staff for Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, has been invited to join the Republican Main Street Partnership trip to Las Vegas due to his pivotal role in understanding and advocating for the needs of their district. His presence on this trip holds significance as it offers an invaluable opportunity to witness and comprehend the workings of diverse industries crucial to their district's economy. Visiting the Carpenters Union Training Facility, Amazon Sorting Warehouse, and CalPortland Black pearlite mine allows Gies to gain firsthand knowledge about the labor force, infrastructure, and resources impacting their district. This experience enables him to better support policies and initiatives that positively influence the district's economic growth, job creation, and overall welfare.

**Rep. Max Miller:** Rep. Max Miller has been invited to join the Republican Main Street Partnership trip to Las Vegas due to his commitment to understanding and supporting the diverse economic landscape of his district. With his district encompassing a range of industries, including manufacturing, logistics, and construction, Rep. Miller's presence on this trip is vital in gaining firsthand knowledge of key facilities like the Carpenters Union Training Facility, Amazon

Sorting Warehouse, and CalPortland Black perlite mine. His participation underscores his dedication to advocating for policies that promote job growth, economic prosperity, and the well-being of workers within his district.

**Andrew Christianson (Chief of Staff, Rep. Dusty Johnson):** Andrew Christianson, Chief of Staff to Rep. Dusty Johnson, has been extended an invitation to join the Republican Main Street Partnership trip to Las Vegas due to his pivotal role in representing the interests and concerns of South Dakota's constituents. His presence on this trip holds immense value as it provides an opportunity to witness and engage firsthand with diverse industries, such as the Carpenters Union Training Facility, Amazon Sorting Warehouse, and CalPortland Black perlite mine. By participating, Christianson can gain insights into these sectors crucial to his district, fostering a deeper understanding of their operations, challenges, and potential opportunities for collaboration and growth.

**Jazmine Kemp (Executive Director, Main Street Caucus)** Jazmine Kemp, as Executive Director of the Main Street Caucus, has been invited to participate in the Republican Main Street Partnership trip to Las Vegas due to her integral role in connecting the Caucus' role with key industries and stakeholders. Her presence on this trip holds significant value in fostering relationships and understanding firsthand the operations at critical sites such as the Carpenters Union Training Facility, Amazon Sorting Warehouse, and CalPortland Black perlite mine. Through her involvement, Kemp aims to gain insights that directly impact the Caucus, fostering partnerships, and advocating for policies that support economic growth, workforce development, and infrastructure.

**Joe Ellis (Chief of Staff, Rep. Max Miller)** Joe Ellis, Chief of Staff to Rep. Max Miller, has been invited to join the Republican Main Street Partnership trip to Las Vegas due to his integral role in understanding the diverse needs of their district. Given his position and close collaboration with Representative Miller, Ellis possesses a keen insight into the local priorities and interests of their constituents. The visit to the Carpenters Union Training Facility, Amazon Sorting Warehouse, and CalPortland Black perlite mine aligns perfectly with Ellis's responsibilities as it allows him to gain firsthand knowledge about various industries crucial to their district's economy. This trip enables him to better advocate for policies that support Ohio.

**12) describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:**

The Republican Main Street Partnership is a coalition of conservatives who get things done. This March, we are excited to be sending a coalition of Members and Chiefs of Staff to Las Vegas to visit a variety of crucial industries. As one of the largest cities in the Southwest, Las Vegas is home to the Carpenters Union International Training Facility, state of the art Amazon logistics centers, and a Black Pearlite mine just outside of the city. Sending Members of Congress ensures that our elected officials get firsthand knowledge about the latest technology and innovation in the workforce, infrastructure, and energy sectors. RMSP planned the whole trip - we organized flights, the hotel, and meals.

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The Honorable Chuck Edwards  
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Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, scheduled for February 1 to 4, 2024, sponsored by Republican Main Street Partnership.

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  
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