

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: Ami B

Date: _____

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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.

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC);
The Korea Society

2. Travel Destination(s): Seoul and Busan, South Korea

3. Date of Departure: March 23, 2024 Date of Return: March 29, 2024

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Ami Bera and Sydra Bera

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	\$12,192.51	\$585.09	\$767.20	\$901.37 (Interpreter, Meeting Room Rental, Guide)
Accompanying Family Member	\$12,042.21	\$585.09	\$591.78	\$818.82 (Interpreter, Meeting Room Rental, Guide)

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: Sabine Schleidt Date: April 12, 2024

Name: Sabine Schleidt Title: Chief Operating Officer

Organization: FMC

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

Address: 1401 K Street NW Ste 901, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone: 202-222-0972 Email: sschleidt@usafmc.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.

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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 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: Amerish Bera

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: 172 Cannon

Telephone Number: 202-225-5716

Email Address of Contact Person: aishamae.mughal@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.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Amerish Bera
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Seoul and Busan, South Korea
4. a. Date of Departure: Saturday, March 23, 2024 Date of Return: Friday, March 29, 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: Sydra Bera
 - (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.**

Representative Bera is invited on this trip to learn more about foreign policy in South Korea, pertinent to his role as the Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Indo-Pacific.

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: 02-21-2024

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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:

U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)

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: The Korea Society

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): See Attached

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

6. Date of Departure: See Attached Date of Return: See Attached

7. a. City of departure: See Attached

b. Destination(s): Seoul and Busan, South Korea

c. City of return: See Attached

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:

See Attached

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**

- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: Chartered Van)
- 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): \$130 (Good Faith Estimate)

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

See Attached

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

Hotel Name: The Shilla Hotel City: Seoul Cost Per Night: \$222.12

Reason(s) for Selecting: Convenient location for meeting partners

Hotel Name: Lotte Hotel Busan City: Busan Cost Per Night: \$164.54

Reason(s) for Selecting: Convenient location for meeting partners

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

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	See Attached	See Attached	\$779.50
For each Accompanying Family Member	See Attached	See Attached	\$779.50

	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	\$1,535.51	Translators, Guide, Room Fees
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$1,535.51	Translators, Guide, Room Fees

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: Sabine Schleidt Date: 3/13/2024
 Name: Sabine Schleidt Title: Chief Operating Officer
 Organization: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress
 Address: 1401 K Street NW, Suite 901, Washington, DC 20005
 Email: SSchleidt@usafmc.org Telephone: (202) 507-4849

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.**

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: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)
2. Name of your organization: The Korea 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: _____

Thomas Byrne

Date: _____

6 February 2024

Title: _____

President & CEO

Organization: _____

The Korea Society

Address: _____

350 Madison Avenue, 24th Floor, New York, NY 10017

Telephone: _____

(212) 759-7708

Email: _____

thomas.byrne@koreasociety.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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2024 U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour to South Korea
Saturday, March 23 – Friday, March 29, 2024 | Seoul and Busan, South Korea

Final agenda as travelled | All schedules off the record
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Agenda

Saturday, March 23, 2024 – USA (Varying Time Zones) <Casual> **TRAVEL DAY**

Times Vary	<p>Departures from USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrick Egenhofer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UA 277 IAD-SFO, 6:15 AM ET-9:25 AM PT ○ UA 893 SFO-ICN, 10:35 AM PT-3:20 PM KST • Rep. Chrissy Houlahan and Bart Houlahan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KE 7000 PHL-ATL, 8:05 AM ET-10:23 AM ET ○ KE 036 ATL-ICN, 12:30 PM ET-5:25 PM KST • Rep. Deborah Ross and Stephen Wrinn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KE 7104 RDU-ATL, 8:20 AM ET-9:54 AM ET ○ KE 036 ATL-ICN, 12:30 PM ET-5:25 PM KST • Rep. Dan Newhouse and Joan Galvin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AC 8783 DCA-YYZ, 9:40 AM ET-11:19 AM ET ○ AC 61 YYZ-ICN, 1:35 PM ET-5:55 PM KST • Rep. Ami Bera, Sydra Bera & Olivia Truesdale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KE 094 IAD-ICN, 12:55 PM ET-5:50 PM KST • Rep. Young Kim, Charles Kim, Rep. Raul Ruiz & Monica Ruiz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KE 018 LAX-ICN, 11:50 AM PT-5:40 PM KST
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Sunday, March 24, 2024 – Seoul (KST) <Casual> **TRAVEL DAY**

Afternoon	<p>Arrivals at Incheon International Airport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UA 893 SFO-ICN, 3:20 PM KST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Patrick Egenhofer • KE 036 ATL-ICN, 5:25 PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rep. Chrissy Houlahan and Bart Houlahan ○ Rep. Deborah Ross and Stephen Wrinn • KE 018 LAX-ICN, 5:40 PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rep. Young Kim and Charles Kim ○ Rep. Raul Ruiz and Monica Ruiz • KE 094 IAD-ICN-5:50 PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Olivia Truesdale ○ Rep. Ami Bera and Sydra Bera • AC 61 YYZ-ICN, 5:55 PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rep. Dan Newhouse and Joan Galvin
Afternoon	<p>Arrive at Hotel <i>The Shilla Hotel, 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i></p>
Evening	<p>Room Service Dinner <i>The Shilla Hotel, 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i></p>

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Monday, March 25, 2024 – Seoul (KST) <Business>

8:00-9:15 AM	<p>Covering Korea: Journalists' Perspectives on Current Events in South Korea <i>The Shilla Hotel, 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i></p> <p>Breakfast roundtable discussion with journalists covering the Korean Peninsula and regional affairs to help understand the bilateral relationship between the United States and South Korea.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christian DAVIES, Financial Times• Tim MARTIN, Wall Street Journal• Yoonjung SEO, CNN
9:15-10:00 AM	<p>Travel to the Ministry of Unification</p>
10:00-10:45 AM	<p>North-South Relations: The Future of the Korean Peninsula <i>209 Sejong-daero, Jongno-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i></p> <p>Roundtable conversation with Minister of Unification Kim YungHo about changes in the North Korea-South Korea relationship, humanitarian and security concerns, and the future of relations with North Korea.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• KIM YungHo, Minister of Unification
10:45-11:00 AM	<p>Travel to Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>
11:00-11:45 AM	<p>Discussion on Foreign Relations of South Korea <i>60, 8-gil, Sajik-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul, 03172, South Korea</i></p> <p>Discussion with Foreign Minister Cho Tae-yul on South Korea's diplomatic relations with the United States, its relations with other neighbors such as Japan and China, as well as its multilateral partnerships.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cho Tae-yul, Minister of Foreign Affairs
11:45-12:15	<p>Travel to Seoul Dragon City Restaurant for Lunch</p>

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12:15-1:45 PM	<p>Fostering Korea's Next Generation of Innovation and Technology Industries <i>Seoul Dragon City, 95, 20-gil, Cheongpa-ro, Yongsang-gu, Seoul</i></p> <p>Discussion with Hanyang University ERICA campus leadership about their research in technological advancements and encouraging student development in high-growth STEM fields.</p> <p>Featuring Hanyang University Leadership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LEE Ki-jeong, President, Hanyang University (HYU)• CHUNG Hyunchul, Vice President, HYU• AHN Jinho, Executive Vice President for Research, HYU• CHOI Joong-sub, Dean of Office of External Relations & Development, HYU• KIM Hansung, Vice President for International Affairs, HYU• YOO Bongyoung, Vice President for International Affairs, HYU ERICA Campus• SHIN Hyun Sang, Director of Impact Science Research Center, HYU• RYU Hokyoung, Dean of Graduate School of Technology & Technology Management, HYU• KIM Younkyoo, Dean of Division of International Studies, HYU
1:45-2:30 PM	<p>Travel to Ministry of National Defense</p>
2:30-3:15 PM	<p>U.S.-Korea Security Relations and South Korea's Defense Challenges <i>22, Itaewon-ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i></p> <p>Conversation with Minister of Defense Shin Won Sik to provide an update on U.S.-ROK military alliance and the areas of cooperation for the two allies to deter security threats from North Korea, China, and other regional actors.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SHIN Won Sik, Minister of National Defense
3:15-3:40 PM	<p>Travel to the President's Office</p>
3:40-4:40 PM	<p>Meeting with President Yoon Suk Yeol <i>President's Office, 22, Itaewon-ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i></p> <p>President Yoon will discuss, from the perspective of the South Korean executive branch, where U.S.-ROK relations stand and how it intends to maintain a strong alliance moving into the future.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• YOON Suk Yeol, President of the Republic of Korea
4:40-6:45 PM	<p>Travel to Hotel, Executive Time, Travel to Dinner</p>
6:45 PM	<p>(OPTIONAL) Informal Dinner <i>The Maple Leaf, 211 Itaewon-ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul, Korea</i></p>

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Tuesday, March 26, 2024 – Seoul (KST) <Business>

8:00-9:30 AM	<p>U.S.-Korea Business Outlook <i>The Shilla Hotel, 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i></p> <p>Breakfast roundtable discussion with representatives from Korean companies on the role of Korean Foreign Direct Investment in the United States, the Yoon Administration's approach to FDI, and the current state of US-ROK trade relations.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pious JUNG, CEO, CJ America• KIM Gihyun, Vice President, International Affairs Group, KITA• KIM Kyung-Han, Senior Executive Vice President, Head of International Trade Office, POSCO Group• Simon LEE, Vice President, LG Global Strategy Center• Andy PARK, Vice President, Head of Americas Public Affairs, Hyundai Motor Company• Ki Deok (KD) PARK, President, Korea Zinc• Seunghyun (Sean) SHIN, Vice President for Business Support Operations, Qcells
9:30-10:30 AM	<p>Travel to U.S. Embassy</p>
10:30-11:15 AM	<p>Overview of South Korea's Security, Politics, and Economy <i>U.S. Embassy – Seoul, 188 Sejong-daero, Jongno-gu, Seoul</i></p> <p>Senior U.S. embassy officials will provide a country team briefing for an overview of South Korean security, politics, and economy to help prepare the delegation for their upcoming official meetings with South Korean meeting partners (current events update, discussion topics to expect, etc.).</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ambassador Philip S. GOLDBERG• Senior U.S. Embassy officials
11:15 AM-12:00 PM	<p>Travel to Four Seasons Hotel</p>
12:00 PM-1:30 PM	<p>Lunch Roundtable with Korea Foundation and Experts <i>Four Seasons Hotel, 97 Saemunan-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i></p> <p>Luncheon discussion with Korea Foundation President Kim Gheewhan and scholars on the state South Korea's public diplomacy and how it impacts Korea's position on the international stage.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• KIM Gheewhan, President, Korea Foundation• Chung Min LEE, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace• NAM Ki Tae, Professor, Seoul National University
1:30-2:15 PM	<p>Travel to LG Science Park</p>

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2:15-3:30 PM	<p>Korea's Future Technologies Industry <i>LG Science Park, 30, Magok, Jungang 10-ro, Gangseo-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i></p> <p>Luncheon Discussion with LG executives and visit to LG's Innovation Gallery that showcases up-and-coming technologies meant to advance the practical use of technology in day-to-day life as well as in industry, such as artificial intelligence, biotechnologies, and 5G integration.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I.P. PARK, President, LG Science Park• Simon LEE, Vice President, LG Global Strategy Center
3:30-4:15 PM	<p>Travel to American Chamber of Commerce</p>
4:15-5:15 PM	<p>American Business and Investment in South Korea <i>15th Floor, Two IFC, 10, Gukjegeumyung-ro, Yeongdeungpo-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i></p> <p>Lunch discussion with representatives from the American Chamber of Commerce in Korea on the unique challenges and opportunities for American businesses operating in Korea, including coercive actions by Chinese state-related entities, workforce issues, and local regulations.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• James KIM, Chairman & CEO, AMCHAM• Henry AN, Senior Partner, PwC• Hector VILLARREAL, President & CEO, GM Korea• Vaughn M. HALL, International Vice President & General Manager, Corning• Jin Soo HUR, President of Global Business & Chief Strategy Officer, SPC Group• Walter CHO, Chairman & CEO, Korean Air
5:15-7:30 PM	<p>Travel to Hotel & to Informal Dinner</p>
7:30 PM	<p>(OPTIONAL) Informal Dinner <i>25 Olympic-ro, Songpa-gu, Seoul</i></p>

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Wednesday, March 27, 2024 – Seoul, Paju, Pohang, and Busan (KST) <Business Casual>

7:00-7:45 AM	Breakfast (Individual) & Checkout of Hotel <i>The Shilla Hotel, 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i>
7:45-9:00 AM	Travel to the DMZ
9:00-10:45 AM	Discussion with Camp Bonifas Personnel followed by Tour of DMZ and the Joint Security Area (JSA) <i>Paju, South Korea</i> The discussion and tour of the DMZ and Join Security Area will focus on the history of the Korean War, the division of Korea, and the evolution of U.S.-North Korea relations. Discussion will inform Members' understanding of the Korean Peninsula security situation vis a vis the close-range threat of North Korea, helping understand the importance of sanctions against North Korea enacted by Congress in ROK security. Featuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Major General John WEIDNER, Chief of Staff, United Nations Command and United States Forces Korea• United Nations Command Representatives• U.S. Armed Services Members
10:45 AM-12:15 PM	Travel to Seoul Station
10:45-11:45 AM	Reflection Discussion about DMZ Conversation on the security situation the delegation saw at the DMZ and how it impacts Members' perspectives on ROK-North Korea relations, as well as the international community's role. Discussion led by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patrick Egenhofer, FMC & The Congressional Study Groups
12:57-3:33 PM	KTX Train to Pohang (Lunch on Train)
3:45-4:15 PM	Bus to POSCO Steel Plant & Briefing on Bus While en route, discussion on Members will have discussion of upcoming meetings in Busan and be provided critical background on the role of Korea's second largest city in domestic and international politics. The briefing will also provide an overview of the POSCO site visit and meeting roles and will broadly preview historical background about major Korean industries and their role in shaping the ROK economy in the post-Korean War era. Several of these companies, including POSCO, have foreign direct investment (FDI) in the United States, and this will help contextualize their background and investment in the United States. Discussion led by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Olivia Truesdale, FMC & The Congressional Study Groups

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4:15-5:45 PM	<p>Korean Steel Industry and FDI to the United States <i>Pohang, South Korea</i></p> <p>Discussion with POSCO representatives and overview of steel production and its role in shaping Korea's Post-War economic growth, as well as a tour of the steel production floor, as well as the role of steel in critical supply chains for electric vehicles and other products of a strategic nature. The visit will give additional context to challenges faced by Korean companies as they invest in the United States, and how current legislation may relate to challenges.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patrick YEOU, Head of Operations for POSCO America Corporation
5:45-7:30 PM	<p>Bus to Busan</p>
7:30-9:00 PM	<p>Welcome to Busan – Group Dinner and Discussion <i>Lotte Hotel Busan, 772 Gaya-daero, Busanjin-gu, Busan, South Korea</i></p> <p>Members will discuss key takeaways from their Seoul meetings and how they plan to apply the information to their work in Congress and their Committee assignments, as well as what they hope to learn from the Busan meetings.</p> <p>Discussion led by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patrick Egenhofer, FMC & The Congressional Study Groups

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Thursday, March 28, 2024 – Busan (KST) <Business Casual>

8:00-9:00 AM	<p>More than Seoul: U.S. Interests in the Southern Provinces – Breakfast Discussion with U.S. Consulate in Busan <i>Lotte Hotel Busan, 772 Gaya-daero, Busanjin-gu, Busan, South Korea</i></p> <p>Roundtable breakfast discussion with U.S. Consulate Principal Officer Nolan Barkhouse on U.S. trade, security, and other interests in the southernmost part of the Korean Peninsula.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nolan BARKHOUSE, Principal Officer of the U.S. Consulate in Busan
9:00-9:30 AM	<p>Travel to the Port of Busan</p>
10:00-10:30 AM	<p>Busan’s International Trade Infrastructure & Port Tour <i>Port of Busan</i></p> <p>Discussion and tour of Port of Busan, the largest port in South Korea and a major point of entry for imports and exports, and its significance in Korea’s trade infrastructure. The tour purpose is to better understand Busan’s role in South Korea’s economy, as it is the largest port in the country, and a major destination of regional trade. This will help better clarify key information on U.S.-ROK trade and role in global supply chains and supply chain security in a geopolitical framework.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representative of the Port of Busan as discussant and guide for Port Tour
10:30-11:00 AM	<p>Travel to City Hall</p>
11:00-11:45 AM	<p>Busan’s Role on the World Stage <i>1001, Jungang-daero, Yeonje-gu, Busan</i></p> <p>Conversation with Mayor of Busan Park Heong-joon on Busan’s position as an international port city.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PARK Heong-joon, Mayor of Busan
11:45 AM-12:30 PM	<p>Travel to Pusan National University</p>

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12:30-1:45 PM	<p>Lunch Discussion with Pusan National University Leadership <i>2, Busandaehak-ro 63beon-gil, Geumjeong-gu, Busan</i></p> <p>Pusan National University expanding into a global university, and with PNU leaders, Members will discuss the current status of exchanges with both the U.S. and ROK universities and future cooperation plans. Foreign professors will discuss their perspectives on academic and cultural exchanges, friendship and development plans between the U.S. and Korea.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jeong-in CHA, President, Pusan National University (PNU)• Chung-Hwan (Steve) JEON, Vice President, PNU• Durk Hyun CHANG, Dean of the Office of Strategic Planning, PNU• Moonsuk YI, Dean of the Office of International Affairs, PNU• Yong-Kyun BAE, Dean of the College of Economics and International Trade, PNU• Niv FARAGO, Chair of the Department of Global Studies, PNU• Mathew Crippen, Professor in the Department of Global Studies, PNU
1:45-3:00 PM	<p>Transpacific Town Hall with Pusan National University Students <i>2, Busandaehak-ro 63beon-gil, Geumjeong-gu, Busan</i></p> <p>Members will engage in breakout discussion sessions with 60 college students from Pusan National University's School of Economics and Trade to discuss and communicate various topics related to Korea-U.S. relations, the U.S. government's foreign policy, as well as university and student exchanges.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students from Pusan National University
3:00-3:40 PM	<p>Travel to Hotel</p>
3:45-6:30 PM	<p>Executive Time</p>
6:30-7:00 PM	<p>Travel to Debrief Dinner</p>
7:00-9:00 PM	<p>Debrief and Lessons Learned Dinner <i>29, Minnak Subyeon-ro, Suyeong-gu, Busan</i></p> <p>A roundtable debriefing discussion over dinner on the lessons learned during the duration of the delegation's travel and reflection on dimensions of the U.S.-ROK relationship.</p> <p>Discussion led by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patrick Egenhofer, FMC & The Congressional Study Groups• Rep. Ami Bera• Rep. Young Kim

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Friday, March 29, 2024 – Busan (KST) <Casual>

TRAVEL DAY

Morning	Breakfast at Hotel (Individual) & Check Out <i>Lotte Hotel Busan, 772 Gaya-daero, Busanjin-gu, Busan</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5:00 AM Departure for PUS<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Sydra Bera</i>○ <i>Rep. Chrissy Houlahan and Bart Houlahan</i>○ <i>Rep. Deborah Ross and Stephen Wrinn</i>• 8:30 AM Departure for PUS<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Rep. Ami Bera</i>• 10:30 AM Departure for PUS<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Rep. Dan Newhouse and Joan Galvin</i>○ <i>Patrick Egenhofer</i>• 1:30 PM Departure for PUS<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Rep. Raul Ruiz and Monica Ruiz</i>○ <i>Rep. Young Kim and Charles Kim</i>
All Day	Departures to Seoul <ul style="list-style-type: none">• KE 1406 PUS-ICN, 7:00 AM KST-8:10 AM KST<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Sydra Bera</i>○ <i>Rep. Chrissy Houlahan and Bart Houlahan</i>○ <i>Rep. Deborah Ross and Stephen Wrinn</i>• KE 1416 PUS-ICN, 11:00 AM KST-12:15 PM KST<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Rep. Ami Bera</i>• KE 1810 PUS-GMP, 12:10 PM KST-1:20 PM KST & Ground Transportation GMP-ICN<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Rep. Dan Newhouse and Joan Galvin</i>○ <i>Patrick Egenhofer</i>• KE 1422 PUS-ICN, 4:10 PM KST-5:20 PM KST<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Rep. Raul Ruiz and Monica Ruiz</i>○ <i>Rep. Young Kim and Charles Kim</i>
All Day	Departures to USA & Final Destinations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rep. Deborah Ross and Stephen Wrinn<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>KE 091 ICN-BOS, 9:30 AM KST-10:00 AM ET</i>○ <i>KE 3976 BOS-RDU, 1:59 PM ET-4:07 PM ET</i>• Rep. Chrissy Houlahan and Bart Houlahan<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>KE 091 ICN-BOS, 9:30 AM KST-10:00 AM ET</i>○ <i>KE 3317 BOS-PHL, 2:40 PM ET-4:15 PM ET</i>• Sydra Bera<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>KE 093 ICN-IAD, 10:15 AM KST-10:50 AM ET</i>• Rep. Ami Bera<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>KE 017 ICN-LAX, 2:30 PM KST-9:30 AM PT</i>○ <i>KE 7471 LAX-SMF, 11:55 AM PT-1:20 PM PT</i>• Patrick Egenhofer<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>UA 892 ICN-SFO, 4:50 PM KT-11:30 AM PT</i>○ <i>UA 1738 SFP-IAD, 1:00 PM PT-9:02 PM ET</i>• Rep. Dan Newhouse and Joan Galvin<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>AC 64 ICN-YVR, 5:50 PM KST- 11:30 AM PT</i>○ <i>AS 2403 YVR-SEA, 1:41 PM PT-2:41 PM PT</i>○ <i>AS 2157 SEA-PSC, 4:50 PM PT-5:50 PM PT</i>• Rep. Young Kim and Charles Kim<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>KE 011 ICN-LAX, 7:40 PM KST-2:40 PM ET</i>• Rep. Raul Ruiz and Monica Ruiz<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>KE 011 ICN-LAX, 7:40 PM KST-2:40 PM ET</i>



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Addendum

4. This study tour is intended for current Members of the United States Congress; FMC invited Members of the House of Representatives who have previously expressed interest in Korea and U.S.-ROK relations – in particular, security, energy, trade, and social issues – and serve on committees relevant to the trip’s issue areas. Please find enclosed a list of all participants.

6.

- **Rep. Ami Bera & Sydra Bera:**
 - Depart: March 23, 2024
 - Return: March 29, 2024
- **Rep. Young Kim & Charles Kim:**
 - Depart: March 23, 2024
 - Return: March 29, 2024
- **Rep. Chrissy Houlahan & Mr. Bart Houlahan**
 - Depart: March 23, 2024
 - Return: March 29, 2024
- **Rep. Dan Newhouse and Joan Galvin**
 - Depart: March 23, 2024
 - Return: March 29, 2024
- **Rep. Deborah Ross & Stephen Wrinn:**
 - Depart: March 23, 2024
 - Return: March 29, 2024
- **Rep. Raul Ruiz & Monica Ruiz:**
 - Depart: March 23, 2024
 - Return: March 29, 2024

7A.

- **Rep. Ami Bera & Sydra Bera:** Washington, DC, USA (Dulles International Airport)
- **Rep. Young Kim & Charles Kim:** Los Angeles, CA, USA (Los Angeles International Airport)
- **Rep. Chrissy Houlahan & Mr. Bart Houlahan:** Philadelphia, PA, USA (Philadelphia International Airport)
- **Dan Newhouse and Joan Galvin:** Washington, DC, USA (Reagan National Airport)
- **Rep. Deborah Ross & Stephen Wrinn:** Raleigh, NC, USA (Raleigh-Durham International Airport)
- **Rep. Raul Ruiz & Monica Ruiz:** Los Angeles, CA, USA (Los Angeles International Airport)

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- **Rep. Ami Bera:** Sacramento, CA, USA (Sacramento International Airport)
- **Sydra Bera:** Washington, DC, USA (Dulles International Airport)
- **Rep. Young Kim & Charles Kim:** Los Angeles, CA, USA (Los Angeles International Airport)
- **Rep. Chrissy Houlahan & Mr. Bart Houlahan:** Philadelphia, PA, USA (Philadelphia International Airport)
- **Dan Newhouse and Joan Galvin:** Pasco, WA, USA (Tri-Cities Airport)



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- **Rep. Deborah Ross & Stephen Wrinn:** Raleigh, NC, USA (Raleigh-Durham International Airport)
- **Rep. Raul Ruiz & Monica Ruiz:** Los Angeles, CA, USA (Los Angeles International Airport)

12. The Congressional Study Group on Korea (CSGK), established in 2018, is one of four legislative exchange programs conducted by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC). CSGK aims to create constant channels of communication and dialogue between U.S. legislators and their counterparts in South Korea through year-round roundtables in Washington, in addition to annual study tours. It offers both Members of Congress and senior congressional staff a unique educational forum to examine issues such as the U.S.-ROK military alliance, energy policy, bilateral and multilateral trade agreements, and social issues ranging from gender equality to demographic change. CSGK is responsible for organizing seminars, arranging meetings, and inviting experts during the study tour. FMC is solely responsible for all invitations and communications with study tour participants, as well as managing the study tour budget.

The Korea Society, a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) organization, awards annual grants to fund the year-round programming of the Congressional Study Group on Korea as part of their mission of promoting greater awareness, understanding, and cooperation between the people of the United States and South Korea. For this trip, the Korea Society provided a restricted grant for CSGK to organize this trip.

15. b. 2) Seoul is the political and financial hub of South Korea where the delegation will meet with high-level government officials, corporate representatives, journalists, think tank experts, and university students to discuss issues ranging from South Korea's history and politics to society and the economy. The delegation will also visit the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) to learn about the division of Korea and the history of the Korean conflict, an issue pertinent to U.S. national security. Site visits to multinational companies based in Seoul will also allow the delegation to discuss issues concerning trade, investments, and technology and innovation.

Busan is the largest port in South Korea, a major point of interest for international trade and industry. Nearby and in Busan, the delegation will also visit a major production site for the Korean steel industry, as well as port infrastructure to learn more about the role of international economic ties in the South Korean economy. By visiting Busan, delegation members will better understand the unique political and economic environment of the southeastern provinces, which differ from Seoul.

18.

Total Transportation Expenses per Participant:

- **Rep. Ami Bera:** \$12,640.03
- **Sydra Bera:** \$12,425.03
- **Rep. Young Kim:** \$7,556.18
- **Charles Kim:** \$7,556.18
- **Rep. Chrissy Houlahan:** \$11,553.28
- **Mr. Bart Houlahan:** \$11,553.28
- **Rep. Dan Newhouse:** \$9,253.99
- **Joan Galvin:** \$9,253.99



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- **Rep. Deborah Ross:** \$14,743.53
- **Stephen Wrinn:** \$14,743.53
- **Rep. Raul Ruiz:** \$7,556.18
- **Monica Ruiz:** \$7,556.18

Total Lodging Expenses per Participant:

- **Rep. Ami Bera & Sydra Bera:** \$995.44
- **Rep. Young Kim & Charles Kim:** \$995.44
- **Rep. Chrissy Houlahan & Mr. Bart Houlahan:** \$995.44
- **Dan Newhouse and Joan Galvin:** \$995.44
- **Rep. Deborah Ross & Stephen Wrinn:** \$995.44
- **Rep. Raul Ruiz & Monica Ruiz:** \$995.44



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Saturday, March 23 – Friday, March 29, 2024
Seoul and Busan, South Korea

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Agenda

Saturday, March 23, 2024 – USA (Varying Time Zones)

TRAVEL DAY

<Dress Code: Casual> **<PASSPORT REQUIRED>**

Times Vary	<p>Departures from USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Ami Bera and Sydra Bera <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KE 094 LAD-ICN, 12:55 PM ET-5:50 PM KST • Rep. Young Kim and Charles Kim <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KE 018 LAX-ICN, 11:50 AM PT-5:40 PM KST • Rep. Chrissy Houlahan and Bart Houlahan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KE 7000 PHL-ATL, 8:05 AM ET-10:23 AM ET ○ KE 036 ATL-ICN, 12:30 PM ET-5:25 PM KST • Rep. Dan Newhouse and Joan Galvin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AC 8783 DCA-YYZ, 9:40 AM ET-11:19 AM ET ○ AC 61 YYZ-ICN, 1:35 PM ET-5:55 PM KST • Rep. Deborah Ross and Stephen Wrinn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KE 7104 RDU-ATL, 8:20 AM ET-9:54 AM ET ○ KE 036 ATL-ICN, 12:30 PM ET-5:25 PM KST • Rep. Raul Ruiz and Monica Ruiz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KE 018 LAX-ICN, 11:50 AM PT-5:40 PM KST • Patrick Egenhofer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UA 277 LAD-SFO, 6:15 AM ET-9:25 AM PT ○ UA 893 SFO-ICN, 10:35 AM PT-3:20 PM KST • Olivia Truesdale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KE 094 LAD-ICN, 12:55 PM ET-5:50 PM KST
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Sunday, March 24, 2024 – Seoul (Korea Standard Time)

TRAVEL DAY

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Afternoon	Arrivals at Incheon International Airport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UA 893 SFO-ICN, 3:20 PM KST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Patrick Egenhofer</i> • KE 036 ATL-ICN, 5:25 PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Rep. Chrisy Houlahan and Bart Houlahan</i> ○ <i>Rep. Deborah Ross and Stephen Wrinn</i> • KE 018 LAX-ICN, 5:40 PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Rep. Young Kim and Charles Kim</i> ○ <i>Rep. Raul Ruiz and Monica Ruiz</i> • KE 094 IAD-ICN-5:50 PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Olivia Truesdale</i> ○ <i>Rep. Ami Bera and Sydra Bera</i> • AC 61 YYZ-ICN, 5:55 PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Rep. Dan Newhouse and Joan Galvin</i>
Afternoon	Arrive at Hotel <i>The Shilla Hotel, 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i> Check-in times will vary.
Evening	Room Service Dinner <i>The Shilla Hotel, 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i>



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Monday, March 25, 2024 – Seoul and Paju (Korea Standard Time)
<Dress Code: Business> <PASSPORT REQUIRED> **6.5 HOURS**

<p>8:00-9:15 AM</p> <p>1.25 Hrs.</p>	<p>Covering Korea: Journalists’ Perspectives on Current Events in South Korea <i>The Shilla Hotel, 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i></p> <p>Breakfast roundtable discussion with journalists covering the Korean Peninsula and regional affairs to help understand the bilateral relationship between the United States and South Korea.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian DAVIES, Financial Times • Tim MARTIN, Wall Street Journal • Yoonjung SEO, CNN
<p>9:15-10:00 AM</p>	<p>Travel to the Ministry of Unification</p>
<p>10:00-11:00 AM</p> <p>AM 1.00 Hr.</p>	<p>North-South Relations: The Future of the Korean Peninsula <i>209 Sejong-daero, Jongno-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i></p> <p>Roundtable conversation with Minister of Unification Kim YungHo about changes in the North Korea-South Korea relationship, humanitarian and security concerns, and the future of relations with North Korea.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KIM YungHo, Minister of Unification
<p>11:00-11:45 AM</p>	<p>Travel to American Chamber of Commerce in Korea</p>
<p>11:45 AM-1:45 PM</p> <p>2.00 Hrs.</p>	<p>American Business and Investment in South Korea <i>15th Floor, Two IFC, 10, Gukjegeumyung-ro, Yeongdeungpo-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i></p> <p>Lunch discussion with representatives from the American Chamber of Commerce in Korea on the unique challenges and opportunities for American businesses operating in Korea, including coercive actions by Chinese state-related entities, workforce issues, and local regulations.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Kim, Chairman & CEO of AMCHAM Korea
<p>1:45-2:30 PM</p>	<p>Travel to U.S. Embassy</p>



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<p>2:30-3:15 PM</p> <p>0.75 Hr.</p>	<p>Overview of South Korea’s Security, Politics, and Economy <i>U.S. Embassy – Seoul, 188 Sejong-daero, Jongno-gu, Seoul</i></p> <p>Senior U.S. embassy officials will provide a country team briefing for an overview of South Korean security, politics, and economy to help prepare the delegation for their upcoming official meetings with South Korean meeting partners (current events update, discussion topics to expect, etc.).</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Philip S. GOLDBERG • Senior U.S. Embassy officials
<p>3:15-4:00 PM</p> <p>4:00-5:00 PM</p> <p>1.00 Hr.</p>	<p>Travel to Ministry of National Defense</p> <p>U.S.-Korea Security Relations and South Korea’s Defense Challenges <i>22, Itaewon-ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i></p> <p>Conversation with Minister of Defense Shin Won Sik to provide an update on U.S.-ROK military alliance and the areas of cooperation for the two allies to deter security threats from North Korea, China, and other regional actors.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHIN Won Sik, Minister of National Defense
<p>5:00-5:15 PM</p>	<p>Travel to the President’s Office</p>
<p>5:15-5:45 PM</p> <p>0.50 Hr.</p>	<p>Meeting with President Yoon Suk Yeol <i>President’s Office, 22, Itaewon-ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i></p> <p>President Yoon will discuss, from the perspective of the South Korean executive branch, where U.S.-ROK relations stand and how it intends to maintain a strong alliance moving into the future.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YOON Suk Yeol, President of the Republic of Korea
<p>5:45-7:00 PM</p>	<p>Travel to Hotel, Executive Time, Travel to Dinner</p>
<p>7:00 PM</p>	<p>Informal Dinner <i>The Maple Leaf, 211 Itaewon-ro, Yongsan-gu, Seoul, Korea</i></p>



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Tuesday, March 26, 2024 – Seoul (Korea Standard Time)

<Dress Code: Business> <PASSPORT REQUIRED>

6.25 HOURS

<p>8:00-9:15 AM</p> <p>1.25 Hrs.</p>	<p>U.S.-Korea Business Outlook <i>The Shilla Hotel, 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i></p> <p>Breakfast roundtable discussion with representatives from Korean companies on the role of Korean Foreign Direct Investment in the United States, the Yoon Administration’s approach to FDI, and the current state of US-ROK trade relations.</p> <p>Featuring CSGK Business Advisory Council Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KIM Gihyun, KITA • KIM Ilbum, Hyundai Motor Company • KIM Kyung-Han, POSCO Group • Rami PARK, CJ America • YOON Chang-ryul, LG
<p>9:15-10:00 AM</p>	<p>Travel to Hanyang University Seoul Campus</p>
<p>10:00-11:15 AM</p> <p>1.25 Hrs.</p>	<p>Fostering Korea’s Next Generation of Innovation and Technology Industries <i>Hanyang University Seoul Campus, 222 Wangsimni-ro, Seongdong-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i></p> <p>Discussion with Hanyang University ERICA campus leadership about their research in technological advancements and encouraging student development in high-growth STEM fields.</p> <p>Featuring Hanyang University Leadership</p>
<p>11:15 AM-12:00 PM</p>	<p>Travel to Four Seasons Hotel</p>
<p>12:00 PM-1:30 PM</p> <p>1.5 Hrs.</p>	<p>Lunch Roundtable with Korea Foundation and Experts <i>Four Seasons Hotel, 97 Saemunan-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i></p> <p>Luncheon discussion with Korea Foundation President Kim Gheewhan and scholars on the state South Korea’s public diplomacy and how it impacts Korea’s position on the international stage.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KIM Gheewhan, President, Korea Foundation
<p>1:30-2:15 PM</p>	<p>Travel to LG Science Park</p>



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<p>2:15-3:30 PM</p> <p>1.25 Hrs.</p>	<p>Korea's Future Technologies Industry <i>LG Science Park, 30, Magok, Jungang 10-ro, Gangseo-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i></p> <p>Luncheon Discussion with LG executives and visit to LG's Innovation Gallery that showcases up-and-coming technologies meant to advance the practical use of technology in day-to-day life as well as in industry, such as artificial intelligence, biotechnologies, and 5G integration</p> <p>Featuring Science Park Executives</p>
<p>3:30-4:15 PM</p>	<p>Travel to Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>
<p>4:15-5:15 PM</p> <p>1.00 Hr.</p>	<p>Discussion on Foreign Relations of South Korea <i>60, 8-gil, Sajik-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul, 03172, South Korea</i></p> <p>Discussion with Foreign Minister Cho Tae-yul on South Korea's diplomatic relations with the United States, its relations with other neighbors such as Japan and China, as well as its multilateral partnerships.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cho Tae-yul, Minister of Foreign Affairs
<p>5:15-6:00 PM</p>	<p>Travel to Hotel</p>
<p>6:00-7:00 PM</p>	<p>Informal Dinner <i>The Shilla Hotel, 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i></p>
<p>7:00-9:00</p>	<p>Executive Time</p>
<p>9:00-10:00 PM</p>	<p>Load Large Luggage onto Busses</p>



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Wednesday, March 27, 2024 – Seoul, Pohang, Ulsan, and Busan (Korea Standard Time)

<Dress Code: Business Casual> <PASSPORT REQUIRED> **6.25 HOURS**

7:00-8:00 AM	Breakfast (Individual) & Checkout of Hotel <i>The Shilla Hotel, 249 Dongho-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, South Korea</i>
8:00-9:00 AM	Travel to the DMZ
9:00-10:30 AM 1.50 Hrs.	Discussion with Camp Bonifas Personnel followed by Tour of DMZ and the Joint Security Area (JSA) <i>Paju, South Korea</i> The discussion and tour of the DMZ and Join Security Area will focus on the history of the Korean War, the division of Korea, and the evolution of U.S.-North Korea relations. Discussion will inform Members’ understanding of the Korean Peninsula security situation vis a vis the close-range threat of North Korea, helping understand the importance of sanctions against North Korea enacted by Congress in ROK security. Featuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Nations Command Representatives • U.S. Armed Services Members
10:30 AM-12:15 PM	Travel to Seoul Station
10:45-11:30 AM 0.75 Hr.	Reflection Discussion about DMZ Conversation on the security situation the delegation saw at the DMZ and how it impacts Members’ perspectives on ROK-North Korea relations, as well as the international community’s role. Discussion led by Patrick Egenhofer & Olivia Truesdale, FMC & The Congressional Study Groups
12:57-3:33 PM	KTX Train to Pohang (Lunch on Train)
1:30-2:00 PM 0.50 Hr.	Busan Agenda Preview While en route, discussion on Members will have discussion of upcoming meetings in Busan and be provided critical background on the role of Korea’s second largest city in domestic and international politics. Discussion led by Patrick Egenhofer & Olivia Truesdale, FMC & The Congressional Study Groups



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<p>3:45-4:15 PM</p> <p>0.50 Hr.</p>	<p>Bus to POSCO Steel Plant & Briefing on Bus</p> <p>The briefing will provide an overview of the site visit and meeting roles and will broadly preview historical background about major Korean industries and their role in shaping the ROK economy in the post-Korean War era. Several of these companies, including POSCO, have foreign direct investment (FDI) in the United States, and this will help contextualize their background and investment in the United States.</p> <p>Discussion led by Patrick Egenhofer & Olivia Truesdale, FMC & The Congressional Study Groups</p>
<p>4:15-5:45 PM</p> <p>1.50 Hrs.</p>	<p>Korean Steel Industry and FDI to the United States <i>Pohang, South Korea</i></p> <p>Discussion with POSCO representatives and overview of steel production and its role in shaping Korea's Post-War economic growth, as well as a tour of the steel production floor, as well as the role of steel in critical supply chains for electric vehicles and other products of a strategic nature. The visit will give additional context to challenges faced by Korean companies as they invest in the United States, and how current legislation may relate to challenges.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patrick YEOU, Head of Operations for POSCO America Corporation
<p>5:45-7:30 PM</p>	<p>Bus to Busan</p>
<p>7:30-9:00 PM</p> <p>1.50 Hrs.</p>	<p>Welcome to Busan – Group Dinner and Discussion <i>Lotte Hotel Busan, 772 Gaya-daero, Busanjin-gu, Busan, South Korea</i></p> <p>Members will discuss key takeaways from their Seoul meetings and how they plan to apply the information to their work in Congress and their Committee assignments, as well as what they hope to learn from the Busan meetings.</p> <p>Discussion led by Patrick Egenhofer and Olivia Truesdale, FMC & The Congressional Study Groups</p>



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Thursday, March 28, 2024 – Busan (Korea Standard Time)

<Dress Code: Business Casual> **<PASSPORT REQUIRED>** **6.25 HOURS**

<p>8:00-9:00 AM</p> <p>1.00 Hr.</p>	<p>More than Seoul: U.S. Interests in the Southern Provinces – Breakfast Discussion with U.S. Consulate in Busan <i>Lotte Hotel Busan, 772 Gaya-daero, Busanjin-gu, Busan, South Korea</i></p> <p>Roundtable breakfast discussion with U.S. Consulate Principal Officer Nolan Barkhouse on U.S. trade, security, and other interests in the southernmost part of the Korean Peninsula.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nolan BARKHOUSE, Principal Officer of the U.S. Consulate in Busan
<p>9:00-9:30 AM</p>	<p>Travel to the Port of Busan</p>
<p>9:30-10:30 AM</p> <p>1.00 Hr.</p>	<p>Busan’s International Trade Infrastructure & Port Tour <i>Port of Busan</i></p> <p>Discussion and tour of Port of Busan, the largest port in South Korea and a major point of entry for imports and exports, and its significance in Korea’s trade infrastructure. The tour purpose is to better understand Busan’s role in South Korea’s economy, as it is the largest port in the country, and a major destination of regional trade. This will help better clarify key information on U.S.-ROK trade and role in global supply chains and supply chain security in a geopolitical framework.</p> <p>Featuring Representative of the Port of Busan as discussant and guide for Port Tour</p>
<p>10:30-11:00 AM</p> <p>0.50 Hr.</p>	<p>Travel to City Hall & Background Briefing</p> <p>Background briefing on the Mayor of Busan and city priorities and Busan’s regional and international importance. The briefing will include discussion of Busan’s interest in hosting the World Expo. This background briefing will better prepare Members to discuss issues of importance regarding the international relations of Busan and the U.S., and how the two are connected.</p> <p>Led by Patrick Egenhofer & Olivia Truesdale, FMC & The Congressional Study Groups</p>
<p>11:00-11:45 PM</p> <p>0.75 Hr.</p>	<p>Busan’s Role on the World Stage</p> <p>Conversation with Mayor of Busan Park Heong-joon on Busan’s position as an international port city.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PARK Heong-joon, Mayor of Busan



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11:45 AM-12:00 PM	Travel to Lunch
12:00-1:15 PM	Informal Lunch
1:15-2:00 PM	Travel to UN Memorial Cemetery
2:00-3:00 PM 1.00 Hr.	<p>Korean War Legacy <i>UN Memorial Cemetery, 93, UN Pyeonghwa-ro, Nam-gu, Busan, South Korea</i></p> <p>Members will pay their respects to the fallen UN Command soldiers who sacrificed their lives in defense of a free Korean Peninsula, including many U.S. forces. Members will be able to reflect on the ongoing partnership between the U.S. and ROK and the cost of peace. The guided tour of the cemetery will help Members understand the historical significance of the U.S.-ROK alliance amidst the backdrop of the United States' ongoing military commitment to Korea.</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Bocskay, UN Memorial Cemetery in Korea
3:00-7:00 PM	Executive Time & Travel to Debrief Dinner
7:00-9:00 PM 2.00 Hrs.	<p>Debrief and Lessons Learned Dinner <i>55 Jagalchi Coastal Road, Jung-gu, Busan</i></p> <p>A roundtable debriefing discussion over dinner on the lessons learned during the duration of the delegation's travel and reflection on dimensions of the U.S.-ROK relationship. Discussion led by Patrick Egenhofer & Olivia Truesdale, FMC & The Congressional Study Groups as well as Reps. Ami Bera and Young Kim</p>



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Friday, March 29, 2024 – Busan (Korea Standard Time)

TRAVEL DAY

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Morning	<p>Breakfast (Individual) <i>Lotte Hotel Busan, 772 Gaya-daero, Busanjin-gu, Busan, South Korea</i></p>
Morning	<p>Check Out <i>Lotte Hotel Busan, 772 Gaya-daero, Busanjin-gu, Busan, South Korea</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00 AM Departure for PUS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Sydra Bera</i> ○ <i>Rep. Chrissy Houlahan and Bart Houlahan</i> ○ <i>Rep. Deborah Ross and Stephen Wrinn,</i> • 8:30 AM Departure for PUS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Rep. Ami Bera</i> • 10:00 AM Departure for PUS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Rep. Dan Newhouse and Joan Galvin</i> ○ <i>Patrick Egenhofer</i> • 1:30 PM Departure for PUS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Rep. Raul Ruiz and Monica Ruiz</i> ○ <i>Rep. Young Kim and Charles Kim</i>
All Day	<p>Departures to Seoul</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KE 1406 PUS-ICN, 7:00 AM KST-8:10 AM KST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Sydra Bera</i> ○ <i>Rep. Chrissy Houlahan and Bart Houlahan</i> ○ <i>Rep. Deborah Ross and Stephen Wrinn</i> • KE 1416 PUS-ICN, 11:00 AM KST-12:15 PM KST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Rep. Ami Bera</i> • KE 1810 PUS-GMP, 12:10 PM KST-1:20 PM KST & Ground Transportation GMP-ICN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Rep. Dan Newhouse and Joan Galvin</i> ○ <i>Patrick Egenhofer</i> • KE 1422 PUS-ICN, 4:10 PM KST-5:20 PM KST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Rep. Raul Ruiz and Monica Ruiz</i> ○ <i>Rep. Young Kim and Charles Kim</i>
All Day	<p>Departures to USA & Final Destinations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Deborah Ross and Stephen Wrinn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>KE 091 ICN-BOS, 9:30 AM KST-10:00 AM ET</i> ○ <i>KE 3976 BOS-RDU, 1:59 PM ET-4:07 PM ET</i> • Rep. Chrissy Houlahan and Bart Houlahan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>KE 091 ICN-BOS, 9:30 AM KST-10:00 AM ET</i> ○ <i>KE 3317 BOS-PHL, 2:40 PM ET-4:15 PM ET</i> • Sydra Bera <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>KE 093 ICN-LAD, 10:15 AM KST-10:50 AM ET</i> • Rep. Ami Bera <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>KE 017 ICN-LAX, 2:30 PM KST-9:30 AM PT</i> ○ <i>KE 7471 LAX-SMF, 11:55 AM PT-1:20 PM PT</i>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patrick Egenhofer<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>UA 892 ICN-SFO, 4:50 PM KT-11:30 AM PT</i>○ <i>UA 1738 SFP-LAD, 1:00 PM PT-9:02 PM ET</i>• Rep. Dan Newhouse and Joan Galvin<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>AC 64 ICN-YVR, 5:50 PM KST- 11:30 AM PT</i>○ <i>AS 2403 YVR-SEA, 1:41 PM PT-2:41 PM PT</i>○ <i>AS 2157 SEA-PSC, 4:50 PM PT-5:50 PM PT</i>• Rep. Young Kim and Charles Kim<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>KE 011 ICN-LAX, 7:40 PM KST-2:40 PM ET</i>• Rep. Raul Ruiz and Monica Ruiz<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>KE 011 ICN-LAX, 7:40 PM KST-2:40 PM ET</i>
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February 8, 2024

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Congressional Study Group on Korea (CSGK) and the Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC), it gives us great pleasure to invite you and your spouse to participate in our annual U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour to Korea. **The 2024 Study Tour will take place March 23rd through 30th, pending the finalized Congressional calendar for 2024, and will visit Seoul and a second city.**

Korea remains one of the United States' closest and most important allies in the region. With a rising China, as an economic and military superpower, and the development of North Korean nuclear capabilities, the two countries must work together to ensure a Free and Open Indo-Pacific. Regional and global issues surrounding the Indo-Pacific reflect the policy concerns that Members of Congress must confront in their efforts to further advance U.S. interests in the region. Within this context, our 2024 U.S. Congressional Member Study Tour provides a timely opportunity for U.S. lawmakers, Korean legislators, and other meeting partners to discuss and reflect on issues relating to:

- Security (North Korea, U.S.-Japan-South Korean trilateral cooperation, cybersecurity),
- Regional Relations (China, Russia, North Korea, Taiwan),
- Trade and the Economy (IPEF, FDI, RCEP),
- Global Challenges (wars in Europe and the Middle East),
- Timely Topics (demographic change, climate/energy policy)

Since our inaugural Study Tour in 2018, The Congressional Study Group on Korea has taken approximately two dozen Members of Congress to South Korea. Each delegation had the pleasure of experiencing South Korean politics and society, and we will continue our tradition of meeting with Cabinet Ministers, municipal governors, and leaders from business and academic communities, as well as university students, leading cultural figures, and civil society members. Please find the itinerary of our most recent delegation enclosed for your reference.

Business-class airfare, lodging, ground transportation, and scheduled meal costs will be paid for by FMC, a congressionally chartered, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, in partnership with the Korea Society. We have funding for eight Members and a limited number of spouses but please understand that no congressional staff/assistants are permitted to participate in this trip. While participants are allowed to arrive early or extend their visit at their own expense, they are expected to attend all official meetings/programs throughout the duration of the Study Tour. Please note that participation is available on a first-come, first-served basis for a diverse, bipartisan delegation. This privately sponsored travel will be reported to the House Ethics Committee and is not part of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act (MECEA).

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As noted above, the dates proposed are tentative, pending the 2024 Congressional Calendar, and should a Study Tour during the selected week be deemed inopportune or unfeasible, we will explore other possible dates later in the year.

We hope that you will join us for the continuation of this vital transpacific dialogue. Should you have any questions, please have your staff contact Ms. Olivia Truesdale, Program Officer, at 202-222-0976 or otruesdale@usafmc.org. Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Best wishes,

The Hon. L.F. Payne (D-VA, 1988-1997)
President, FMC

The Hon. Donna Edwards (D-MD, 2008-2017)
Vice President of Programming, FMC

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Saturday, March 23 – Friday, March 29, 2024
Seoul and Busan, South Korea

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March 19, 2024

The Honorable Ami Bera
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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 South Korea,¹ scheduled for March 23 to 29, 2024, sponsored by United States Association of Former Members of Congress and the Korea 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 signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Michael Guest
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Wild". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

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