

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: Eric Sorensen
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: April 25, 2024 Return: April 27, 2024
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Cedar Rapids, IA Destination: Phoenix, AZ Return City: Cedar Rapids, IA
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): meetings and working meals with academics, elected officials, government stakeholders, and social service providers regarding their work and experiences at the US Southern Border; tour of Customs and Border Protection facility in Nogales, AZ. Further details are available in the attached finalized itinerary
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the Member or officer; **and**
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature: 

Date: 5-6-2024

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Bipartisan Policy Center

2. Travel Destination(s): Phoenix, AZ; Tucson, AZ

3. Date of Departure: April 25, 2024 Date of Return: April 27, 2024

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Eric Sorensen

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	Plane: \$587.20 Rental Car: \$607.50	\$502.27 (inc. taxes and fees)	\$84.21	N/A
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. *Signify statement is true by checking box.*

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

Signature: Lisel Loy Date: May 1, 2024

Name: Lisel Loy Title: COO

Organization: Bipartisan Policy Center

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

Address: 1225 I Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone: 202-240-2400 Email: lloy@bipartisanpolicy.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

1. Name of Traveler: Eric Sorensen
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Tucson, AZ, Casa Grande, AZ
4. a. Date of Departure: April 25, 2024 Date of Return: April 27, 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. Sorensen is a member of the Democrats for Border Security and of the New Democrats Coalition, which states that its "primary goal is to find workable solutions to the most pressing issues facing our nation." Immigration and border security are critical matters for Congress to address and for Congressman Sorensen to have a working knowledge of.

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: _____

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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:

Bipartisan Policy Center

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): _____
Rep. Eric Sorenson; (see addendum)

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

6. Date of Departure: April 25, 2024 Date of Return: April 27, 2024

7. a. City of departure: Cedar Rapids, Iowa

b. Destination(s): Phoenix; Tucson, Arizona

c. City of return: Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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 addendum

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): \$70.00

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

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

Hotel Name: SpringHill Suites City: Tucson Cost Per Night: \$227.00

Reason(s) for Selecting: proximity to events

Hotel Name: Best Western Plus City: Casa Grande Cost Per Night: \$316.00

Reason(s) for Selecting: proximity to events

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	\$225.26 (car rental), \$587.20 (flights)	\$543.00	\$140.00
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

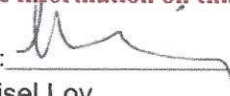
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	N/A	N/A
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A

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: 3/21/24

Name: Lisel Loy _____ Title: Chief Operating Officer

Organization: Bipartisan Policy Center _____

Address: 1225 I St. NW #1000 Washington, D.C. _____

Email: LLoy@bipartisanpolicy.org _____ Telephone: 202-240-2400

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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April 22, 2024

The Honorable Eric Sorensen
U.S. House of Representatives
1205 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Tucson and Casa Grande, Arizona, scheduled for April 25 to 27, 2024, sponsored by Bipartisan Policy Center.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

MG/SW:amr

Thur., April 25

8:00 a.m.

Rep. Eric Sorensen departs CID

9:18 a.m.

Arr. PHX

11:30-12:00

Drive to Arizona State University Old Main Basha Library, 400 E. Tyler Mall, Tempe. Park in Fulton Center Parking Garage (any floor), then proceed to College Ave. on the west side of the garage and walk south across University Dr. to Old Main. Parking validation will be provided. Contact: Whitney Riggs, Executive Director, Federal Relations, ASU

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Working lunch meeting led by Lisa Magana and Francisco Lara-Valencia, Professors, ASU School of Transborder Studies; Enrique Davis-Mazlum, AZ State Director; Enrique Sanchez, Regional Director; Rebecca Shi, Executive Director; American Business Immigration Coalition; Sandra Watson, President & CEO, Arizona Commerce Authority; Grace Appelbe, AZ COC, Nicholas Montella, Director, Global Affairs, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing. The entirety of the lunch is an officially connected activity.

Also, joining will be AZ Chamber business leaders to discuss their positions on Legal, Labor & Regulatory Affairs as it relates to workforce, DACA issues, higher-ed, talent supply, and competitiveness; The focus of the discussion will be on how immigration can positively help address U.S. worker shortages in certain industries. Other possible topics include: semi-conductor industry and colleges in Mexico.

1:30 p.m.

Visit ends.

1:30-3:15

Drive to James Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona, 1201 E. Speedway Blvd., Sullivan Room, 2nd Floor, Tucson. Three parking spots reserved next to Rountree Hall, which is next to and due north of the main law school building. One vehicle will need to park in the Park Avenue garage (Park Ave and Helen, entry via Park Ave) and there will be a reserved a spot.

3:15-4:30

Led by policy experts from the James E. Rogers College of Law – Immigration Law & Policy program, including Professor Lynn Marcus, Co-Director of Law College Immigration Law Clinic; board of Asylum Program of Arizona. Also, Matt Green & Jesse Evans-Schroeder, Green Evans-Schroeder Immigration Law.

The Members will learn about and discuss the Law Clinic's mission is to foster binational collaboration to produce and share social science research on how the implementation and enforcement of immigration policies affect the health, education, economic progress, and constitutional, civil, and human rights of communities, regardless of citizenship or national origin. They will also meet with the head of the Law Clinic which serves the community by providing high quality legal services to indigent refugees and immigrants who would otherwise lack access to counsel.

4:30 p.m. Visit ends.
2:40 p.m. Rep. Young Kim departs LAX
4:07 p.m. Arr. TUC

4:30-4:45 Drive to Casa Alitas, 1150 W. Drexel Rd., Tucson
Contact: Teresa Cavendish, COO; Diego Pina Lopez, Executive Director

4:45-6:00 Led by Teresa Cavendish, COO, Casa Alitas, the Members will meet with the team of Casa Alitas, to discuss the social services they provide to migrants. These organizations are coordinated by Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona.

Casa Alitas is a program of [Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona](#). The Casa Alitas Leadership Team and Volunteer Service Coordinators support a network of paid staff, volunteers, and interns to create a safe, just, and compassionate refuge for the migrant families transiting through our Southern Arizona border communities.

The Members will learn how the Casa Alitas program is sustained by an inter-denominational network of faith collaborators and inter-organizational partnerships with federal, state, and municipal government agencies; universities and colleges; and other non-governmental organizations. The humanitarian aid project is committed to helping legally processed asylum-seekers in Tucson, Arizona. Migrant families arrive at the shelter after recent release from ICE and Border Patrol detention. Volunteers offer hospitality; housing, food, clothing, toiletries, advocacy, and travel assistance. Casa Alitas provides comfort and safety while guests await their journey, and prepare to reunite with loved ones across the country.

6:00 p.m. Visit ends.

6:00-6:45 Drive to El Charro Café, 7725 N. Oracle, Oro Valley

6:45-8:45 Working Dinner with several stakeholders in the Tucson area to discuss issues of security, economic development, trade, and strain on health services, including fentanyl addiction. The entirety of the dinner is an officially connected activity.

Guests include: Univ. of Arizona President Dr. Robert Robbins; Julia Strange, V.P., External Affairs & Brand, Tucson Medical Center; Jean Fitterer Lance, EVP, Chief Legal & General Counsel, Banner Health; Joe Snell, President & CEO, Sun Corridor (economic development); Dr. Dolores Duran-Cerda, Interim Chancellor, Pima Community College; Pima County Sheriff Chris Nanos; David Higuera, chief-of-staff, Pima County District #2 Supervisor Matt Heinz; Felipe Garcia, President & CEO, Visit Tucson; and Michael Guymon, President & CEO, Tucson Chamber of Commerce

8:45 p.m. Dinner ends.

8:45-9:15 Drive to SpringHill Suites by Marriott Tucson at The Bridges, 1705 E Tucson Marketplace Blvd, Tucson for check-in.

Fri., April 26

7:15-8:05 a.m. Check-out of hotel and drive to Dos Cabezas WineWorks, 3248 Hwy. 82, Sonoita. Contact: Todd & Kelly Bostock

8:05-9:15 Working breakfast meeting about border and interior lands security led by several officials from Cochise County officials. The entirety of the breakfast is an officially connected activity.

Invited guests are: Cochise County Officials including Sheriff Mark Dannels; Brian McIntire, Cochise County Attorney; Clea McCaa, Sierra Vista Mayor; Ann English, Cochise County Board of Supervisors (District #2 Chairwoman); Joe Konrad, Benson Mayor; Art DelCueto, National Border Patrol Council V.P. and Border Patrol Agent; Hector Andujo, President, Local 2544-Tucson, National Border Patrol Council Don Huish, Douglas Mayor; John Ladd, Cochise County Rancher; Bruce Backer, Vice Chair for District 3; Jesus Valdez, Santa Cruz County Manager. Adam Knight, Border Patrol, Sonoita Station.

This discussion will focus on the impacts of migration in very rural areas and how small communities, even those many miles from the border in Arizona, deal with the costs and externalities of migration. The Members will hear from local mayors, law enforcement officials, ranchers, and border patrol agents about their experiences and ideas for handling the issues of enforcement and humanitarian needs.

9:15 a.m. Visit ends.

9:15-10:00 Drive to Customs & Border Protection (CBP) at Mariposa Port of Entry, 210 N. Mariposa Rd., Nogales.

10:00-1:30 Led by Daniel Schroeder, Deputy Director | Border, Air & Marine Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Congressional Affairs. Rep. D'Esposito will visit with leading administrators at CBP, both Mariposa and Dennis DeConcini Ports of Entry, plus The Morley Gate, which is one of only four pedestrian-only U.S./Mexican border crossings.

They will tour the customs operations for commerce, pedestrian and vehicle crossing (workers, tourists, business) and other issues concerning safety, security, and staffing levels at this important border point.

The Members will also visit a processing facility, led by Directors of Field Operations and Command Staff. This includes:

- Passenger Processing Operations (SENTRI, Multi-Layered Enforcement, Active Lane Management, Consolidated Secondary Inspection System – CSIS)
- Non-Intrusive Inspections (Gemini, Buster, Z-Portal)

- Queue Management Point
- Pedestrian Processing (Biometrics, Bus arrivals/processing, Baggage X-Ray System, Agriculture Inspections)
- Admissibility Processing (UAC, Credible Fear, Family Units, Infrastructure Challenges, Transports, Medical Clearance)

Besides briefings and a facilities tour, The Members will go on “Ridealong” with Border Patrol including visits to processing facilities, and certain border perimeter control. They will see first-hand the encounters and interactions they have with migrants entering the U.S.

- 1:30 p.m. Visit ends.
- 1:30-1:45 Drive to DeConcini Port of Entry, 9 North Grand Ave., Nogales.
- 1:45-2:00 p.m. Meet Drew Warner (American Citizen Services Chief) and Deb McFarland (Consular Chief) at DeConcini pedestrian area. Visitors to be escorted through security and into Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. In Mexico, the group will be met by consulate staff who will escort them into consular vehicles and to the Consul General Michelle Ward’s house (the POR, Principal Officer Residence) for a working lunch.

The group will meet with: Government of Mexico, Captain Paulo Lavin, Sonora Representative for the National Institute of Migration (INM); Government of Sonora, Bernardeth Ruiz, Sonora Office for Migrants’ Assistance; USCG Nogales: Deb McFarland, Consular Chief; Eric Frederick, Management Officer; Ciara Farquar, Regional Security Officer; Drew Warner, American Citizen Services Chief; Alonso Martinez, Public Diplomacy Coordinator; and Mari Valdez, Political-Economic Specialist.

The Members will meet with the Consul General to discuss bilateral actions being taken by the U.S. and Mexico to stop international drug trade and human trafficking networks. They will also learn more about the poor economic conditions, violence and instability in migrants’ home countries that often push them to leave, and appeal for a better life in the U.S. Finally, The Members will have talks with U.S. Consul staff about the prospects for greater cooperation by Mexico to align their immigrations and border policies more closely with those of the U.S.

- 3:15 p.m. Visit ends.
- 3:15-3:40 Drive to Belden Industrial Manufacturing Plant (Maquiladora).
- 3:40-4:40 Belden Maquiladora tour led by Rodolfo Enriquez, along with Nadia Renteria & Fabian Villela, Manufacturing Directors. Maquiladoras are a good production strategy for some companies, particularly as the wages in China continue to rise and the cost-competitiveness of Mexico as a production location improves. The factories in Mexico benefit from duty-free and tariff-free imports of raw materials, machinery, and equipment to

be used in the manufacturing process. Maquilas leverage the tax advantages offered by Mexico along with possible lower production costs.

The Members will tour the operations of Belden which makes appliances and electronics. They will discuss the trade implications of maquiladoras and consider how U.S. border/immigration policy impacts U.S.-Mexico trade relationships. Belden is headquartered in St. Louis and is a global, publicly traded company specializing in the design, manufacture, and distribution of end-to-end networking, security and connectivity products and solutions. The company serves the Industrial Automation Solutions, Smart Buildings and Broadband & 5G markets.

- 4:40 Visit ends.
- 4:40-5:15 Drive back to U.S. border. Consulate vehicles (along with the police escort) will transport group to the DeConcini pedestrian lane, where customs and Border Patrol Agents will be waiting. Drew Warner and Deb McFarland will escort group, by foot, into the United States.
- 5:15-5:45 Drive to Wisdom's Cafe, 1921 I-19 Frontage Rd., Tumacacori-Carmen
- 5:45-7:45 Dinner with Nogales Civic/Business leaders. The entirety of the dinner is an officially connected activity.
- Invited guests include: Manuel Ruiz, Chairman, Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors; Nogales Mayor Jorge Maldonado; Olivia Ainza-Kramer, President & CEO, Nogales-Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce; David Hathaway, County Sheriff; Jaime Chamberlain, Nogales Santa Cruz County Economic Development Foundation. Also, Allison Moore, EVP, Fresh Produce Association of Americas; and Josh Rubin (representing INDEX Nogales), Greater Nogales Santa Cruz County Port Authority.
- The discussion will focus on economic development, trade, workforce development, migrant services. Also, on the agenda are talks about Mexico's role in protecting the border while also facilitating commerce and labor. For example, more produce and cattle pass through this border crossing than anywhere else in the U.S.
- 7:30-8:15 Rep. Kim drive to SpringHill Suites by Marriott Tucson at The Bridges, 1705 E Tucson Marketplace Blvd,
- 7:30-9:00 Rep. Sorensen drive to Best Western Plus Casa Grande Inn & Suites, 1918 E. Florence Blvd., Casa Grande.

Sat., April 27

- 5:55-6:10 Rep. Kim drive to TUC airport for fly-out.

7:00 a.m.	Rep. Kim departs TUC, Arr. LAX
8:42 a.m.	
6:15-6:40 a.m.	Breakfast at Casa Grande Inn, check-out.
6:40-7:25	Rep. Sorensen drive to Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport for fly-out.
7:25-7:40	Arr. PHX, flight check-in.
8:47 a.m.	Rep. Sorensen departs PHX, Arr. CID
1:54 p.m.	

Addendum – Primary Trip Sponsor Form

Item 4

Congressman Eric Sorensen represents IL-17 which, like most districts, is impacted by border and immigration issues. Mr. Sorensen is also a member of the New Democrat Coalition, which states that its “primary goal is to find workable solutions to the most pressing issues facing our nation.” Immigration and border security are critical matters for Congress and the nation to address.

Item 7(b):

American Congressional Exchange Immigration/Border Trip Rep. Eric Sorensen (D-IL-17) visiting Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ-6) and Greg Stanton (D-AZ-4) with other New Dems & RG2 Members, April 25-27, 2024

Thur., April 25

8:00 a.m.

Dep. CID, AA #3633

9:18 a.m.

Arr. PHX

11:30-12:00

Drive to Arizona State University School of Transborder Studies,
1120 Cady Mall, Tempe

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Working lunch meeting led by Enrique Davis-Mazlum, State Director
American Business Immigration Coalition, Arizona Chapter, and
Sandra Watson, President & CEO, Arizona Commerce Authority. The
entirety of the lunch is an officially connected activity.

Also, joining will be AZ Chamber business leaders to discuss their
positions on Legal, Labor & Regulatory Affairs as it relates to workforce,
DACA issues, higher-ed, talent supply, and competitiveness; The focus of
the discussion will be on how immigration can positively help address
U.S. worker shortages in certain industries. Other possible topics include:
semi-conductor industry and colleges in Mexico.

The visit relates directly to Rep. Sorensen’s service on the Agriculture
Committee because of labor supply issues and bilateral trade relations
with Mexico..

1:30 p.m.

Visit ends.

1:30-3:15

Drive to Binational Migration Institute (BMI), University of Arizona,
1110 James Rogers Way, Tucson.

3:15-4:30

Led by policy experts of BMI plus faculty from the James E. Rogers
College of Law – Immigration Law & Policy program, and National Center

for Border Security and Immigration (a DHS Center of Excellence) including Daniel Martinez and Anna Ochoa O'Leary, BMI Co-Directors; and Professor Lynn Marcus, Co-Director of Law College Immigration Law Clinic.

Rep. Sorensen will learn about and discuss BMI's mission is to foster binational collaboration to produce and share social science research on how the implementation and enforcement of immigration policies affect the health, education, economic progress, and constitutional, civil, and human rights of communities, regardless of citizenship or national origin. He will also meet with the head of the Law Clinic which serves the community by providing high quality legal services to indigent refugees and immigrants who would otherwise lack access to counsel.

The meeting relates directly to Rep. Sorensen's work on the Agriculture Committee so that he will better understand the legal issues concerning border and immigration policy.

4:30 p.m.

Visit ends.

4:30-4:45

Drive to Casa Alitas, 1150 W. Drexel Rd., Tucson
Contact: Teresa Cavendish, COO, teresac@ccs-soaz.org

4:45-6:00

Led by Teresa Cavendish, COO, Casa Alitas, Rep. D'Esposito will meet with the team of Casa Alitas, to discuss the social services they provide to migrants. These organizations are coordinated by Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona.

Casa Alitas is a program of Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona. The Casa Alitas Leadership Team and Volunteer Service Coordinators support a network of paid staff, volunteers, and interns to create a safe, just, and compassionate refuge for the migrant families transiting through our Southern Arizona border communities.

Rep. Kim will learn how the Casa Alitas program is sustained by an inter-denominational network of faith collaborators and inter-organizational partnerships with federal, state, and municipal government agencies; universities and colleges; and other non-governmental organizations. The humanitarian aid project is committed to helping legally processed asylum-seekers in Tucson, Arizona. Migrant families arrive at the shelter after recent release from ICE and Border Patrol detention. Volunteers offer hospitality; housing, food, clothing, toiletries, advocacy, and travel assistance. Casa Alit provides comfort and safety while guests await their journey, and prepare to reunite with loved ones across the country.

The visit relates directly to Rep. Sorensen's work on the Agriculture Committee with respect to finding an adequate labor supply in North and Western IL.

6:00 p.m.

Visit ends.

- 6:00-6:15 Drive to El Charro Café, 311 Court St.
- 6:15-8:15 Working Dinner with several stakeholders in the Tucson area to discuss issues of security, economic development, trade, and strain on health services, including fentanyl addiction. The entirety of the dinner is an officially connected activity.
- Guests include: Tucson Mayor Regina Romero, Univ. of Arizona President Dr. Robert Robbins, and representatives from Tucson Medical Center, Banner University Medical Center; Joe Snell, President & CEO, Sun Corridor (economic development); Dr. Dolores Duran-Cerda, Interim Chancellor, Pima Community College; Adelita Grijalva, Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors; Kenneth Silverman, President, Pima County Industrial Development Authority, Pima County Sheriff Chris Nanos; Hector Andujo, President, Local 2544-Tucson, National Border Patrol Council.
- The dinner relates directly to Rep. Sorensen's service on the Agriculture Committee with regard to trade relations with Mexico.
- 8:15 p.m. Dinner ends.
- 8:15-8:30 Drive to SpringHill Suites by Marriott Tucson at The Bridges, 1705 E Tucson Marketplace Blvd, Tucson for check-in.

Total Content Time: 6 hrs.

Fri., April 26

- 7:15-8:05 a.m. Check-out of hotel and drive to U.S. Border Patrol 3225 AZ-82, Sonoita.
- 8:05-9:15 Working breakfast meeting about border and interior lands security led by several officials from Cochise County officials. The entirety of the breakfast is an officially connected activity.
- Invited guests are: Cochise County Officials including Sheriff Mark Daniels; Brian McIntire, Cochise County Attorney; Clea McCaa, Sierra Vista Mayor; Ann English, Cochise County Board of Supervisors (retired); Joe Konrad, Benson Mayor; Art DelCueto, National Border Patrol Council V.P. and Border Patrol Agent; Don Huish, Douglas Mayor; John Ladd, Cochise County Rancher; Bruce Backer, Vice Chair for District 3; Jesus Valadez, Santa Cruz County Manager.
- This discussion will focus on the impacts of migration in very rural areas and how small communities, even those many miles from the border in Arizona, deal with the costs and externalities of migration. Rep. D'Esposito will hear from local mayors, law enforcement officials, ranchers, and border patrol agents about their experiences and ideas for handling the issues of enforcement and humanitarian needs.

The meeting is directly related to Rep. Sorensen's concern in his district about illicit drug trafficking.

9:15 a.m.

Visit ends.

9:15-10:00

Drive to Customs & Border Protection (CBP) at Mariposa Port of Entry, 210 N. Mariposa Rd., Nogales.

10:00-1:00

Led by Daniel Schroeder, Deputy Director | Border, Air & Marine Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Congressional Affairs. Rep. Kim will visit with leading administrators at CBP, both Mariposa and Dennis DeConcini Ports of Entry, plus The Morley Gate, which is one of only four pedestrian-only U.S./Mexican border crossings. He will tour the customs operations for commerce, pedestrian and vehicle crossing (workers, tourists, business) and other issues concerning safety, security, and staffing levels at this important border point.

Rep. Kim will also visit a processing facility, led by Directors of Field Operations and Command Staff. This includes:

- Passenger Processing Operations (SENTRI, Multi-Layered Enforcement, Active Lane Management, Consolidated Secondary Inspection System – CSIS)
- Non-Intrusive Inspections (Gemini, Buster, Z-Portal)
- Queue Management Point
- Pedestrian Processing (Biometrics, Bus arrivals/processing, Baggage X-Ray System, Agriculture Inspections)
- Admissibility Processing (UAC, Credible Fear, Family Units, Infrastructure Challenges, Transports, Medical Clearance)

Besides briefings and a facilities tour, Rep. Sorensen will go on "Ridealong" with Border Patrol including visits to processing facilities, and certain border perimeter control. He will see first-hand the encounters and interactions they have with migrants entering the U.S.

The visit ends with a working lunch. The entirety of the lunch is an officially connected activity. Discussions include operations for commerce, safety, pedestrians, vehicles, tourism, drug trafficking, security; border policy.

The visit relates directly to Rep. Sorensen's service on the Agriculture Committee with regard to products grown in his district and sold to Mexico and raw materials coming into IL-17 from Mexico.

1:00 p.m.

Visit ends.

1:00-1:30 p.m.

Drive across border into Mexico to U.S. Consulate Nogales, Mexico, Calle Alejandria S/N, Los Alamos, 84065 Heroica, Nogales.

1:30-2:30

Led by Michelle Ward, U.S. Consul General Nogales and her staff.

Rep. Sorensen will meet with the Consul General to discuss bilateral actions being taken by the U.S. and Mexico to stop international drug trade and human trafficking networks. He will also learn more about the poor economic conditions, violence and instability in migrants' home countries that often push them to leave, and appeal for a better life in the U.S. Finally, Rep. Sorensen will have talks with U.S. Consul staff about the prospects for greater cooperation by Mexico to align their immigrations and border policies more closely with those of the U.S.

The meeting is directly related to Rep. Sorensen's interest in bilateral relations with Mexico with regard to labor, economic development, and trade.

- 2:30 p.m. Visit ends.
- 2:30-2:50 Drive to Kimberly-Clark maquiladora, Calz. Industrial de las Maquiladoras 87, Nueva Nogales.
- 2:50-3:45 Maquiladora tour led by Carlos Villa, Sr. Operations Manager, Kimberly-Clark Nogales. Maquiladoras are a good production strategy for some companies, particularly as the wages in China continue to rise and the cost-competitiveness of Mexico as a production location improves. The factories in Mexico benefit from duty-free and tariff-free imports of raw materials, machinery, and equipment to be used in the manufacturing process. Maquilas leverage the tax advantages offered by Mexico along with possible lower production costs.
- Rep. Sorensen will tour the operations of Kimberly-Clark which makes personal and home goods including napkins, toilet paper, and diapers. He will discuss the trade implications of maquiladoras and consider how U.S. border/immigration policy impacts U.S.-Mexico trade relationships.
- The tour and discussion relate directly to Rep. Sorensen's interest in trade relations and its impact on IL-17.
- 3:45 Visit ends.
- 3:45-4:15 Drive back to U.S. border.
- 4:15-4:45 Press briefing in Nogales.
- 4:45-5:00 Drive to La Cabana, 840 N. Grand Ave., Nogales.
- 5:00-7:00 Dinner with Nogales Civic/Business leaders. The entirety of the dinner is an officially connected activity.

Invited guests include: Manuel Ruiz, Chairman, County Board of Supervisors; Nogales Mayor Jorge Maldonado; Olivia Ainza-Kramer, President & CEO, and Jessy Fontes, Board Chairman, Nogales-Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce; Manuel Ruiz, Santa Cruz County Supervisor; David Hathaway, County Sheriff; Jaime Chamberlain,

Nogales Santa Cruz County Economic Development Foundation. Also, representatives from the Fresh Produce Association of Americas and Greater Nogales Santa Cruz County Port Authority.

The discussion will focus on economic development, trade, workforce development, migrant services. Also, on the agenda are talks about Mexico's role in protecting the border while also facilitating commerce and labor. For example, more produce and cattle pass through this border crossing than anywhere else in the U.S. Also invited are representatives from the Tohono O'Odham Nation to communicate their concerns about movement of migrants through their culturally-sensitive lands.

The dinner meeting is directly related to Rep. Sorensen's service on the Agriculture Committee.

7:00-9:00 Drive to Best Western Plus Casa Grande Inn & Suites,
1918 E. Florence Blvd., Casa Grande.

Total Content Time: 8 hrs.

Sat., April 27

6:30-6:55 a.m.	Breakfast at hotel, check-out.
6:55-7:45	Drive to PHX Airport for fly-out.
7:45-8:00	Arr. PHX, flight check-in.
8:47 a.m.	Dep. PHX, AA #3273
1:54 p.m.	Arr. CID

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

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

security, the economy, financial regulatory reform, housing, immigration, infrastructure, and governance.

While a healthy, civil debate among those with differing viewpoints is an essential component of our democracy, the current partisan tone in government is impeding progress. BPC is focused on how to overcome political divides and help make our government work better.

Regardless of deep policy disagreements, Congress must operate with mutual respect, decency, and civility which are foundational to forging collaborative solutions. While there are disparities and regional differences, as elected officials, members of Congress all have a responsibility to address challenges confronting their constituents and the nation, as well as strengthen the institution itself.

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

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

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

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The U.S. border in Arizona is a key area for security and immigration issues. This region and the spectrum of visits planned will afford the member a first-hand look at the range of challenges, complexities, and opportunities in addressing related policies critical for the nation.