

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at [gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov](mailto:gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov), within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

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

1. Name of Traveler: Amerish Bera
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Janine Bera **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: July 25, 2024 Return: July 27, 2024  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Little Rocok, AR Return City: Sacramento, CA
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_  
Rep. Bera is participating in this congressional exchange with Rep. French Hill to learn about the transportation, workforce, and healthcare issues facing his district. Through this trip, Rep. Bera aims to promote bipartisanship and understand how him and Rep. Hill can work together to provide solutions to the issues facing both their communities.
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: 08-08-2024

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original  Amendment

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

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

2. Travel Destination(s): Little Rock, AR

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

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Ami Bera, Dr. Janine 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	Plane: 746.73 Rental Car/Fuel: 762.84 Total: 1,509.57	300.30	62.20	N/A
Accompanying Family Member	Plane: 675.50 (shared rental car with Rep. Bera)	Lodging shared with Rep. Bera	62.20	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:  Date: 8-6-24

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, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone: 202-204-2500 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.

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

**Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date.** Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Amerish Bera

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

Signature: Amerish Bera

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](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

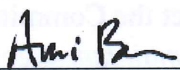
# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Amerish Bera
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: Little Rock, Arkansas
4. a. Date of Departure: July 25, 2024 Date of Return: July 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: Janine 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.**  
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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: 06-25-2024

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.**

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip: \_\_\_\_\_

2.  I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

a.  The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**

b.  The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**

c.  The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

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

6. Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Return: \_\_\_\_\_

7. a. City of departure: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Destination(s): \_\_\_\_\_

c. City of return: \_\_\_\_\_

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

a.  The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**

b.  The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**

c.  The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**
- a.  I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
  - b.  I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
  - c.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
  - d.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. \_\_\_\_\_
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10.  Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**

- a.  I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
  - b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

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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:

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14.  I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

- a.  The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b.  The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

19. **Check only one:**

- a.  I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
- b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ *Lisel Loy* \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **Addendum – Primary Trip Sponsor Form**

### **Item 4**

The trip to AR-2 will be focused on several areas that will be of interest to Rep. Bera and directly connected to his official responsibilities and the interests of his constituents: workforce, artificial intelligence, and health. On multiple levels these issues are interrelated, and additionally AI in particular is of relevance to Rep. Bera's work on the House Foreign Affairs and Intelligence committees, and to his membership on the House AI Task Force (along with Rep. French Hill, whose district he is visiting).

Opportunities and challenges related to workforce issues relate to local job growth and bolstering small businesses in Rep. Bera's home district, CA-6, and a working dinner focused on these matters will provide him with additional insights and opportunities to compare and contrast what is being done in Arkansas.

Additional meetings and tours outlined below relate to Rep. Bera's interest in health care issues (particularly as a physician himself), exports, and trade.

### **Item 7(b):**

## **American Congressional Exchange Itinerary Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA-6) visiting Rep. French Hill (R-AR-2) July 25-27, 2024**

### **Thur., July 25**

8:45 a.m.	Dr. Janine Bera departs SMF, UA #2285
12:11 p.m.	Arr. DEN
1:40 p.m.	Dep. DEN, UA #5760
4:54 p.m.	Arr. LIT
5:00	BPC staff picks up Dr. Bera and drives her to Homewood Suites by Hilton Little Rock Downtown, 400 River Market Ave.
5:15	Hotel check-in.
6:15	BPC staff drives Dr. Bera to Salon Dinner at William J. Clinton Presidential Library & Museum, 1200 President Clinton Ave., Little Rock
1:55 p.m.	Reps. Ami Bera and French Hill depart DCA, DL #737
3:50 p.m.	Arr. ATL
5:43 p.m.	Dep. ATL, DL #3025
6:16 p.m.	Arr. LIT
6:30-6:45	Drive to Salon Dinner at Clinton Presidential Library & Museum.
6:45-9:00	Salon Dinner focusing on workforce strategies. Led by Cody Waits, Director, AR Department of Commerce Workforce Connection Division. The working dinner will focus on the <a href="#">Arkansas Workforce Strategy</a> , released earlier this year, which is centered around aligning

training and career development with emerging markets in the US. Cody Waits, other state officials, educational leaders, and local employers will discuss that Strategy and its implementation. Included will be presentations about ensuring families have the proper support (childcare, paid family leave, etc.) so Arkansans can stay heavily invested in participating in a growing workforce. Other invited participants include: Pulaski Technical College Chancellor Dr. Summer DeProw, Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce, Kimberly-Clark, Maybelline-L'Oreal, Dillard's Inc., Tyson, and JB Hunt. The entirety of the dinner is an officially connected activity.

The working dinner relates directly to Rep. Bera's work in Congress on advancing legislation that strengthens local job growth and grows small businesses.

9:00

Event ends.

9:00-9:15

Drive to hotel for check-in.

### **Fri., July 26**

7:25-7:40 a.m.

Drive to Little Rock Regional Chamber, One Chamber Plaza, 200 E. Markham St.

7:40-9:00

Working breakfast focused on: introduction to the Little Rock regional economy, social & cultural makeup; and discussion of FinTech/Banking sector, led by Little Rock Regional COC, Jay Chessir and Rajesh Chokhani, President, BOND.AI and Immediate Past Chairman of the LR Regional COC.

Other participants will be representatives from First Horizon Bank, Arvest Bank, Centennial Bank, Simmons Bank, Bank OZK, Bank of Little Rock; and Little Rock COC Chairman-Elect Nat Lea, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette; and board members Laura Landreaux, Entergy Arkansas; and Chris Heitzman, Caterpillar, Inc. The entirety of the breakfast is an officially connected activity.

The discussion will focus on the following Key Questions for Financial Firms Participating:

- Has your firm adopted AI systems?
- How are you using them?
- What are the biggest opportunities you see with AI in financial services?
- What are the biggest risks you see with AI in financial services?
- What are policies that you think should be changed pertaining to the use of AI in financial services?

This meeting relates directly to high-tech jobs that are being developed in Rep. Bera's Sacramento metro district, including a major Intel campus in Folsom with over 1.5M sq. Ft. of office, test floor, and lab space. Both Reps. Bera and Hill are on the new House AI Task Force.

9:00 Visit ends.

9:00-9:20 Drive to Port of Little Rock, 10600 Industrial Harbor Dr.

9:20-10:45 Tour and meeting led by Bryan Day, Executive Director, Port of Little Rock.

Other participants include Col. Damon Knarr, Little Rock District Army Corps of Engineers, and representative users including Drew Tessier, Sr. Director, Public Affairs, Union Pacific; Michael Garriga, Executive Director, Public Affairs, (Southern U.S.), BSNF; SSA Marine, and the Arkansas Waterways Commission. The focus of the discussion will be workforce challenges and technology, including security of the port.

The Port of Little Rock is part of the McClellan-Kerr Navigational System on the Arkansas River stretching over 400 miles from Tulsa to the Mississippi River, leading to the Gulf of Mexico, which then connects Arkansas with rest of the world. The Port has three terminals, a 20-mile short line railroad, and easy access to Interstate 40. An industrial park provides jobs for 4,500 employees in 40 businesses working in such commodities as advanced food products, chemical manufacturing, machinery manufacturing, and primary metals.

This visit relates to Rep. Bera's interest in inland waterways as the Sacramento River (California's largest river) and its port runs through the congressman's district and handles bulk cargo for agriculture and industrial customers.

10:45 Visit ends.

10:45-11:00 Drive to Dassault Falcon Jet, 3801 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Bill & Hillary Clinton National Airport.

11:00-12:30 Led by Jeff Griffin, Vice President, Dassault Falcon Jet.

Rep. Bera will tour and meet with Dassault leadership and staff. The focus of the visit will be on workforce training, and the use of AI and other technologies in aviation engineering and manufacturing.

Since the early 1980's, Dassault's Service Center in Little Rock, Arkansas has earned a reputation for their expertise on all Falcon models. The expansive facility in Little Rock, Arkansas, is the site of two strategic Falcon operations: the main Completion Center for all Falcon jets worldwide, and the company-owned Service Center, which is dedicated solely to Falcon customers. In total, about 2,000 employees are on the site, making it one of Little Rock's largest employers.

Current production model Falcons are manufactured in France, then flown in "green" condition to the Completion Center where optional avionics and custom interiors are installed, and exteriors are painted. Dassault Falcon

Jet Little Rock Service Center operates a “one-stop-shop” for all inspection, maintenance, modification, completion and repair needs, and is 100% dedicated to supporting only the Falcon product line.

The visit is related to Rep. Bera’s service of the Foreign Affairs Committee which has jurisdiction over exports, licensing, and trade matters.

12:30 p.m.

Visit ends.

12:30-12:45

Drive to University of Arkansas Medical Sciences Orthopaedic & Spine Hospital Institute, 801 Cottage Dr., Little Rock. Contact: Jenna Goldman, Director of Agency & Health System Affairs, 501-287-0464

12:45-2:10

Working lunch led by John Richter, BPC, focused on health care/tech/A.I. with representatives from several health care institutions showcasing the growing use of AI in health care including. The entirety of the lunch is an officially connected activity.

Participants include:

- University of AR Medical Sciences (UAMS), Andy Davis, Vice Chancellor, Institutional Relations; Dr. Michael Birrer, Vice Chancellor and Director; Winthrop Rockefeller Cancer Institute; Dr. Joseph Sanford, Director, Institute for Digital Health & Healthcare Innovation.
- Arkansas Center for Health Improvement (ACHI), Michelle Kitchens (contact), Dr. Joseph Thompson, President & CEO
- Arkansas Pharmacist Assn, Debra Wolfe, Director of Govt. Affairs
- Arkansas Children’s Hospital, Erin Franks (contact), Sheena Olson, V.P., Government Relations
- Baptist Health System, Michael Elley, Chief Information Officer
- Catholic Health System-St. Vincent, Bonnie Ward (contact)
- Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Maxine Greenwood (contact) and Christina Hockaday, V.P. Provider Network Innovation and Strategy
- Centene, Jack Hopkins, Director Government Relations

At the critical intersection of artificial intelligence and health care, there is immense potential for transformative breakthroughs in improving patient care, cost optimization, and alleviating clinical burnout. However, navigating this path requires vigilance regarding potential pitfalls in AI implementation. This dialogue will help to inform Reps. Bera and Hill about how to shape a regulatory framework for the next generation of AI – enabled devices.

The meeting relates directly to Rep. Bera’s legislative and policy interests in the field of medical technology considering his background in internal medicine and the large health industry and delivery system in his district, which includes the Univ. of California-Davis School of Medicine. He and Rep. Hill serve on the new House AI Task Force.

2:10 p.m. Lunch ends.

2:10-3:00 Drive to Unity Health, Specialty Care, 1200 S. Main St., Searcy

3:00-4:25 Meet with leadership of Unity Behavioral Health program including both outpatient and in-patient programs that offer care for adolescents, adults, and seniors. Led by Pam Kelly Purvis, Assistant, V.P. of Behavioral Health for Unity Health, the discussion will focus on BPC's work on behavioral health integration and services by leveraging Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), and strategies for addressing the growing shortage of licensed behavioral health specialists, and sustainable funding mechanisms. Other topics include: crisis/stabilization, outpatient mental health and substance use treatment services for youth. Joining the discussion will be:

- ARcare (FQHC) Behavioral Health Director
- Dana Baker, White County Coordinator, Restore Hope Arkansas
- Elizabeth Pitman, Division of Medical Services Director (Medicaid), Arkansas Dept. Of Human Services
- Loren Miller, Administrator, Advanced Care Hospital of White County (former Assistant V.P. for Behavior Health Services, Unity Health)
- Jennifer Skinner, Director of Marketing & Public Relations, Unity Health

The meeting relates directly to Rep. Bera's service on the House AI Task Force and his work on the House Select Committee on the Coronavirus Pandemic.

4:25 Visit ends.

4:25-4:30 Drive to Walmart Distribution Center 6018, 405 E. Booth Rd., Searcy.

4:30-6:00 Tour and visit Walmart Distribution Center. Led by Robert Housewright, G.M., (501-279-2024) and Sara Decker, Sr. Director, Federal Government Affairs (202-550-2180). The visit will focus on the use of AI, autonomous vehicles, and other technology that is changing the way Walmart and other retailers are transporting and distributing retail products to stores and customers.

The visit relates to Rep. Bera's membership on the Foreign Affairs Committee which has jurisdiction over exports, licensing, and trade matters; and on the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, where he serves on the National Intelligence Enterprise Subcommittee and the National Security Agency and Cyber Subcommittee –both of which have concerns about protecting the supply chain and world-wide transportation systems from cyber-attacks and other disruptions.

6:00 Visit ends.

6:00-7:00 Drive to hotel, with a brief stop outside Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site. Dinner on their own.

## **Sat., July 27**

7:45-8:00 a.m. Rep. & Dr. Bera check out of hotel and drives to Airport.

8:00-8:15 a.m. Check-in for flight.

8:45 a.m. Rep. & Dr. Bera departs LIT, UA #5260

10:17 a.m. Arr. DEN

11:25 a.m. Dep. DEN, UA #1415

12:57 p.m. Arr. SMF

**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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Again, as outlined above under Item 4 and in the itinerary in Item 7(b), the trip to AR-2 will be focused on several areas that will be of interest to Rep. Bera and directly connected to his official responsibilities and the interests of his constituents: workforce, artificial intelligence, and health.

Specifically, AR-2 provides a number of opportunities to explore these issues in a region that is significantly different from CA-6 geographically and politically, but also shares interests in providing quality health care access and employment, as well as economic competitiveness. Rep. Bera should be able to derive lessons from seeing contrasting approaches, as well as potentially confirmation of the value of practices that are being similarly (and effectively) applied in both regions.

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July 10, 2024

The Honorable Ami Bera  
U.S. House of Representatives  
172 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves you and your spouse's proposed trip to Little Rock, Arkansas, scheduled for July 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  
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**American Congressional Exchange Itinerary**  
**Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA) visiting Rep. French Hill (R-AR)**  
**July 25-27, 2024**

**Thur., July 25**

8:45 a.m.	Dr. Janine Bera departs SMF, UA #2285
12:11 p.m.	Arr. DEN
1:40 p.m.	Dep. DEN, UA #5760
4:54 p.m.	Arr. LIT
5:00 p.m.	BPC staff picks up Dr. Bera and drives her to Homewood Suites by Hilton Little Rock Downtown, 400 River Market Ave.
5:15	Hotel check-in.
6:15	BPC staff drives Dr. Bera to Salon Dinner at William J. Clinton Presidential Library & Museum, 1200 President Clinton Ave., Little Rock
1:55 p.m.	Reps. Ami Bera and French Hill depart DCA, DL #737
3:50 p.m.	Arr. ATL
5:43 p.m.	Dep. ATL, DL #3025
6:16 p.m.	Arr. LIT
6:30-6:45	Drive to Salon Dinner at Clinton Presidential Library & Museum
6:45-9:00	BPC Salon Dinner

The working dinner will focus on the [Arkansas Workforce Strategy](#), released earlier this year, which is centered around aligning training and career development with emerging markets in the US. Cody Waits, other state officials, educational leaders, and local employers will discuss that Strategy and its implementation. Included will be presentations about ensuring families have the proper support (childcare, paid family leave, etc.) so Arkansans can stay heavily invested in participating in a growing workforce.

Led by

- Cody Waits, Director, AR Department of Commerce Workforce Connection Division.
  
- Participants:
  - Pulaski Technical College Chancellor Dr. Summer DeProw
  - Randy Zook, Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce
  - Chancellor Cam Patterson, UAMS

- Kristi Barr, Director of Workforce Development & Education, Little Rock Chamber

The working dinner relates directly to Rep. Bera's work in Congress on advancing legislation that strengthens local job growth and grows small businesses.

9:00

Event ends.

9:00-9:15

Drive to hotel for check-in.

### **Fri., July 26**

7:25-7:40 a.m.

Drive to Little Rock Regional Chamber, One Chamber Plaza, 200 E. Markham St.

Park in back lot, which is only accessible from the eastbound lane of La Harpe Blvd. and is unmarked. From the intersection of State and La Harpe head east. You'll go under the Marriott ballroom and past the rear loading dock of the Convention Center, then under the Main St. Bridge. The parking lot entrance is immediately past the Bridge on the right. There's a yellow pedestrian crossing sign immediately past the entrance.

7:40-9:00

Little Rock Chamber of Commerce Visit:

Working breakfast focused on the Little Rock regional economy, social & cultural makeup, and discussion of FinTech/Banking sector. The entirety of the breakfast is an officially connected activity.

- Led by
  - Buckley O'Mell, V.P., Advocacy, Little Rock COC
  - Rajesh Chokhani, President, BOND.AI and Immediate Past Chairman of the LR Regional Chamber
  - Uday Akkaraju, Chairman & CEO, BOND.AI.
- Participants include:
  - Ron Witherspoon, Local President & CEO, Arvest Bank
  - Arthur Orduna, Executive Director, The Venture Center
  - Cathy Owen, Chairman, Eagle Bank & Trust
  - Larry Wilson, Chairman & CEO, First Arkansas Bank & Trust
  - Darrin Williams, CEO, Southern Bancorp, Inc.

The discussion will focus on the following Key Questions for Financial Firms Participating:

- Has your firm adopted AI systems?
- How are you using them?
- What are the biggest opportunities you see with AI in financial services?
- What are the biggest risks you see with AI in financial services?

- What are policies that you think should be changed pertaining to the use of AI in financial services?

This meeting relates directly to high-tech jobs that are being developed in Rep. Bera's Sacramento metro district, including a major Intel campus in Folsom with over 1.5M sq. Ft. of office, test floor, and lab space. Both Reps. Bera and Hill are on the new House AI Task Force.

9:00 Visit ends.

9:00-9:20 Drive to Port of Little Rock, 10600 Industrial Harbor Dr.

9:20-10:45 Port of Little Rock visit:

The focus of the discussion will be workforce challenges and technology, including security of the port. The port is part of the McClellan-Kerr Navigational System on the Arkansas River stretching over 400 miles from Tulsa to the Mississippi River, leading to the Gulf of Mexico, which then connects Arkansas with rest of the world. The Port has three terminals, a 20-mile short line railroad, and easy access to Interstate 40. An industrial park provides jobs for 4,500 employees in 40 businesses working in such commodities as advanced food products, chemical manufacturing, machinery manufacturing, and primary metals.

The members and guests will first have a discussion at the Port HQ and then board a van for an interactive tour of the facilities.

This visit relates to Rep. Bera's interest in inland waterways as the Sacramento River (California's largest river) and its port runs through the congressman's district and handles bulk cargo for agriculture and industrial customers.

Led by:

- Bryan Day, Executive Director, Port of Little Rock

Participants include:

- Cassandra Caldwell, Executive Director, Arkansas Waterways Commission
- Fred Long, Vice President, Logistics Services, Inc.
- Heath Helton, Police Chief, City of Little Rock
- Stan Hastings, CEO Moon Distributors, Inc; Vice-Chair, Little Rock Port Authority Board of Directors
- Tamika Edwards, Special Advisor to Central Arkansas Water on DEI; Little Rock Port Authority Board of Directors
- Andrew Steinkamp, General Manager Little Rock, Union Pacific
- Dan Veoni, General Director of External Relations, Union Pacific

10:45 Visit ends.

10:45-11:00 Drive to Dassault Falcon Jet, 3801 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Bill & Hillary Clinton National Airport. Upon arrival, go straight through roundabout with an

airplane in the middle of it and proceed to guard shack. From there, go forward about two blocks and take a right. You will see flag poles in front of you after making the turn. Security personnel will direct you where to park. Enter the building under the portico.

11:00-12:30

Led by:

- Jeff Griffin, V.P., Finance, Dassault
- Mark Bremer, V.P., Industrial Operations

Rep. Bera will tour and meet with Dassault leadership and staff. The focus of the visit will be on workforce training, and the use of AI and other technologies in aviation engineering and manufacturing.

Since the early 1980's, Dassault's Service Center in Little Rock, Arkansas has earned a reputation for their expertise on all Falcon models. The expansive facility in Little Rock, Arkansas, is the site of two strategic Falcon operations: the main Completion Center for all Falcon jets worldwide, and the company-owned Service Center, which is dedicated solely to Falcon customers. In total, about 2,000 employees are on the site, making it one of Little Rock's largest employers.

Current production model Falcons are manufactured in France, then flown in "green" condition to the Completion Center where optional avionics and custom interiors are installed, and exteriors are painted. Dassault Falcon Jet Little Rock Service Center operates a "one-stop-shop" for all inspection, maintenance, modification, completion and repair needs, and is 100% dedicated to supporting only the Falcon product line.

The visit is related to Rep. Bera's service of the Foreign Affairs Committee which has jurisdiction over exports, licensing, and trade matters.

12:30 p.m.

Visit ends.

12:30-12:45

Drive to University of Arkansas Medical Sciences Orthopaedic & Spine Hospital, 801 Cottage Dr., Room 4205, Little Rock.

12:45-2:10

UAMS Visit:

Working lunch with representatives from several health care institutions showcasing the growing use of AI in health care. The entirety of the lunch is an officially connected activity.

Led by:

- Marilyn Serafini, Executive Director, BPC Health Program
- Dr. Joseph Thompson, President & CEO, Arkansas Center for Health Improvement (ACHI)

Participants include:

- University of AR Medical Sciences (UAMS): Amy Jo Jenkins, Associate Director for Administration, Winthrop Rockefeller Cancer Institute; Dr. Joseph Sanford, Director, Institute for Digital

Health & Healthcare Innovation; Dr. Fred Prior, Professor & Chair of Dept. of Biomedical Informatics

- Dr. Bri Morris, V.P. for Innovation, Arkansas Pharmacist Assn.
- Erin Parker, Sr. V.P. & Chief Information Officer, Arkansas Children's Hospital.
- Chad Aduddell, Market CEO Catholic Health System-St. Vincent,
- Maxine Greenwood, Vice President, Government and Media Relations, Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield
- Doug Weeks, EVP for Strategy & Innovation, Baptist Health
- Jack Hopkins, Director, Government Relations, Centene

At the critical intersection of artificial intelligence and health care, there is immense potential for transformative breakthroughs in improving patient care, cost optimization, and alleviating clinical burnout. However, navigating this path requires vigilance regarding potential pitfalls in AI implementation. This dialogue will help to inform Reps. Bera and Hill about how to shape a regulatory framework for the next generation of AI – enabled devices.

The meeting relates directly to Rep. Bera's legislative and policy interests in the field of medical technology considering his background in internal medicine and the large health industry and delivery system in his district, which includes the Univ. of California-Davis School of Medicine. He and Rep. Hill serve on the new House AI Task Force.

2:10 p.m.

Lunch ends.

2:10-3:00

Drive to Unity Health, Specialty Care, 1200 S. Main St., Searcy

3:00-4:25

Unity Behavior Health Visit:

Meet with leadership of Unity Behavioral Health including both outpatient and in-patient programs that offer care for adolescents, adults, and seniors.

Led by:

- Marilyn Serafini, Executive Director, BPC Health Program
- Pamela Kelly Purvis, Assistant, V.P. of Behavioral Health for Unity Health.

The discussion will focus on BPC's work on behavioral health integration and services by leveraging Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), and strategies for addressing the growing shortage of licensed behavioral health specialists, and sustainable funding mechanisms. Other topics include: crisis/stabilization, outpatient mental health and substance use treatment services for youth. Joining the discussion will be:

Participants include:

- Joey Flowers, Chief Strategy Officer, ARcare (FQHC)
- Dr. Steven Collier, CEO, ARcare
- Dr. Joseph Thompson, President & CEO, AR Center for Health Improvement

- Dana Baker, 100 Families Coordinator, Restore Hope Arkansas
- Paula Stone, Director, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, Arkansas Dept. of Human Services
- Loren Miller, Administrator, Advanced Care Hospital of White County (former Assistant V.P. for Behavior Health Services, Unity Health)
- LaDonna Johnston, Interim CEO, Unity Health
- Dr. David Draney, Psychiatry, Unity Health

The meeting relates directly to Rep. Bera's service on the House AI Task Force and his work on the House Select Committee on the Coronavirus Pandemic.

4:25 Visit ends.

4:25-4:30 Drive to Walmart Distribution Center 6018, 405 E. Booth Rd., Searcy.

4:30-6:00 Walmart Distribution Center. The visit will focus on the use of AI, autonomous vehicles, and other technology that is changing the way Walmart and other retailers are transporting and distributing retail products to stores and customers.

The visit relates to Rep. Bera's membership on the Foreign Affairs Committee which has jurisdiction over exports, licensing, and trade matters; and on the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, where he serves on the National Intelligence Enterprise Subcommittee and the National Security Agency and Cyber Subcommittee –both of which have concerns about protecting the supply chain and world-wide transportation systems from cyber-attacks and other disruptions.

Led by:

- Robert Housewright, General Manager
- Sara Decker, Sr. Director, Federal Government Affairs
- Adam Guidry, Assistant GM
- Chris Richards, Senior Site Engineer
- Randall Thompson, Automation Operations Manager
- Rebecca Jones, Automation Operations Manager

6:00 Visit ends.

6:00-7:00 Drive to hotel, with a brief stop outside Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site. Dinner on their own.

**Sat., July 27**

7:45-8:00 a.m.

Rep. & Dr. Bera check out of hotel and drives to Airport.

8:00-8:15 a.m.

Check-in for flight.

8:45 a.m.

Rep. & Dr. Bera departs LIT, UA #5260

10:17 a.m.

Arr. DEN

11:25 a.m.

Dep. DEN, UA #1415

12:57 p.m.

Arr. SMF