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: Betty McCollum
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ *OR* ■ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: March 28, 2025 Return: March 30, 2025
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ *OR* ■ None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Isle of Palms, SC Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): See attached agenda
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: Betty McCollum

Date: 4/8/25

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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.

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF)
2. Travel Destination(s): Isle of Palms, SC
3. Date of Departure: March 28, 2025 Date of Return: March 30, 2025
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Betty McCollum

   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	$969.70	$556.74	$434.81	$178.81 Hotel Fees $25 Avian Conservation Center Admission
Accompanying Family Member				

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

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

Signature: _____ **Date:** April 4, 2025

Name: John B. Gantt **Title:** President

Organization: International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF)

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

Address: 1200 Potomac St. NW, Washington, DC 20007

Telephone: 202-471-4222 **Email:** johngantt@iccfoundation.us

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: Betty McCollum
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Isle of Palms, SC
4. a. Date of Departure: March 28, 2025 Date of Return: March 30, 2025

   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.**

   As a co-chair of the International Conservation Caucus, this trip will be used to hear fro mand work with ICCF leadership, outside experts, business leaders, and local organizations. These briefings, site visits, and events will inform the Congresswoman of ICCF's current work.
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: Betty McCollum **Date:** 3/20/25

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:

   International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF)

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): See addendum.

5. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: March 28, 2025 Date of Return: March 30, 2025
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC; Houston, TX
   b. Destination(s): Isle of Palms, SC
   c. City of return: Washington, DC
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): $120
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Available conference facilities, reasonable accommodations, and convenience to airport and site visits.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
   Hotel Name: Boardwalk Inn/Sweetgrass Inn City: Isle of Palms, SC Cost Per Night: $239
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Available conference facilities, reasonable accommodations, and convenience airport and site visits.
   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:**

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total **Transportation** Expenses per Participant	Total **Lodging** Expenses per Participant	Total **Meal** Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	$850	$478	$360
For each Accompanying Family Member	$850		$360

	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	$142 (Hotel Fees) $25 (Conservation Center Fee)	Hotel fees include amenities fee, service charges, destination fee, and beach nourishment fee.
For each Accompanying Family Member	$142 (Hotel Fees) $25 (Conservation Center Fee)	Hotel fees include amenities fee, service charges, destination fee, and beach nourishment fee.

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: 02/25/2025

Name: John Gantt Title: President

Organization: International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF)

Address: 1200 Potomac St. NW, Washington, DC 20007

Email: johngantt@iccfoundation.us; rhowell@iccfoundation.us Telephone: 202-471-4222

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

Addendum to Primary Trip Sponsor Form

4. Representatives David Joyce, Guy Reschenthaler, Betty McCollum, Henry Cuellar, Julia Letlow, Celeste Maloy, Harold Rogers, Michael McCaul, Earl "Buddy" Carter, James Panetta, and Andrew Garbarino.

Each individual was invited to participate in a comprehensive discussion of natural resource management challenges faced around the world. Representatives Joyce, Reschenthaler, Cuellar, and McCollum are Co-Chairs of the House International Conservation Caucus (ICC). Representatives Letlow, Maloy, Rogers, McCaul, Carter, Panetta, and Garbarino are members of the International Conservation Caucus. As leaders of the International Conservation Caucus, participants are invited to identify and discuss issues of international conservation.

12. The International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF) educates U.S. policymakers and other global political and business leaders on the vital links between good natural resource management, sustainable economic development, conflict avoidance, and regional security. ICCF organized the logistics of lodging and travel for the trip and identified topics and expert speakers.

Michael Guest, Mississippi
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March 24, 2025

The Honorable Betty McCollum
U.S. House of Representatives
2426 Rayburn 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 Isle of Palms, South Carolina, scheduled for March 28 to 30, 2025, sponsored by International Conservation Caucus Foundation.

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

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

MG/MD:tn

INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

March 28-30, 2025

Isle of Palms, SC

Friday, March 28th – Arrival & Context Setting

13:00 - 17:00	Participants arrive throughout the afternoon at Charleston International Airport (Shuttle service provided to Isle of Palms)
12:10	Rep. Cuellar departs Houston, TX (IAH)
12:30	Rep. Joyce departs Washington, DC (DCA)
13:40	Rep. McCollum and Rep. Maloy depart Washington, DC (DCA)
14:20	Rep. Joyce arrives in Charleston, SC (CHS)
15:31	Rep. McCollum and Rep. Maloy arrive in Charleston, SC (CHS)
15:38	Rep. Cuellar arrives in Charleston, SC (CHS)
18:00 - 20:00	**Welcome Reception: International Conservation and U.S. Economic Security**

Hosted by ICCF, featuring representatives from the **Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina** and **South Carolina-based international business leaders**, this welcome reception will establish the overarching framework for the conference and explore the economic importance of sustainability, innovation, and circularity as drivers of American jobs and sustainable supply chains.

Location: South Lawn, Boardwalk Inn

Participating businesses: Michelin, Atlantic Packaging, Milliken & Co., Sonoco

In addition to congressional participants and ICCF staff, other invited participants include: Mark Green, Woodrow Wilson Center/ICCF Group Board of Directors; Barry Gold, Earth Resilience Group; Alexandra Kennaugh, Wild5; Fmr. Rep. Jack Kingston; Rob McCanna, Dallas Safari

Club; Bill Stiers, ICCF Group Board of Directors; Taylor Schmitz, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation; Fmr. Rep. Mark Sanford.

Discussions on sustainable supply chains and circularity as drivers of U.S. economic security will inform congressional participants' work as members of the International Conservation Caucus.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be available to participants during the reception.

Accommodations: *Boardwalk Inn / Sweetgrass Inn*

Saturday, March 29th – U.S. Foreign Policy and International Conservation

08:30 Breakfast available in the Boardwalk Inn Clubroom

09:00 - 09:30 **Breakfast Briefing: The Role of ICCF & Congressional Caucuses**

John Gantt, President of ICCF and CEO of the ICCF Group, will provide an overview of congressional conservation leadership (the International Conservation and Oceans Caucuses). He will also describe the expansion of the caucus model around the world, including in the UK, Africa, Asia, and Latin America, and the opportunities for dialogue between parliamentary conservation caucuses in 20+ countries.

Location: Boardwalk Inn Clubroom

Participants will understand past successes and identify challenges and opportunities for 21st Century international conservation, which will inform their work as members of the International Conservation Caucus.

09:30 - 10:00 **Briefing: The U.S. Foundation for International Conservation (USFIC)**

ICCF staff will provide an update on the U.S. Foundation for International Conservation.

The Secretary of State is tasked by Congress with establishing the new, nonprofit U.S. Foundation for International Conservation (USFIC) by July 1, 2025. The USFIC will provide federal grants to match private and nonfederal investments in public-private partnerships supporting "responsible management of designated priority primarily protected and conserved areas in eligible countries."

Mismanaged protected areas, especially in Africa, Latin America, and Southeast Asia, can be a haven for not only poaching and habitat destruction, but also gangs, drug cartels, and terrorist networks that foster regional violence and instability. By funding effective management of protected and conserved areas over the next decade, driving good

governance and inclusive development, the USFIC can serve as a vital tool for the U.S. to repel the influence of malign actors in the developing world.

Location: Boardwalk Inn Clubroom

Participants will gain an understanding of the status of the creation of the USFIC, informing their work as members of the International Conservation Caucus.

10:00 - 10:15 Coffee break

10:15 - 11:45 Roundtable: The Future of International Conservation - Principles and Priorities for U.S. Investment

Conference participants will take part in a roundtable discussion on the role that foreign assistance for international conservation can play in making the United States more secure, stable, and prosperous. As part of this conversation, ICCF staff will provide an overview of historical and recent U.S. investment in conservation through mechanisms such as the Department of State, the Development Finance Corporation (DFC), the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF), among others; opportunities for 21st Century conservation; and how these investments support U.S. national and economic security.

Location: Boardwalk Inn Clubroom

In addition to congressional participants and ICCF staff, other invited participants include: Mark Green, Woodrow Wilson Center/ICCF Group Board of Directors; Barry Gold, Earth Resilience Group; Alexandra Kennaugh, Wild5; Fmr. Rep. Jack Kingston; Rob McCanna, Dallas Safari Club; Bill Stiers, ICCF Group Board of Directors; Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Global Environment Facility; Taylor Schmitz, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation; Jeremy Clare, Safari Club International; Frm. Rep. Allen Boyd, ICCF Board of Directors; Andy Spicer, University of South Carolina.

Participants will discuss U.S. conservation investment, which will inform their work as members of the International Conservation Caucus.

11:45 - 13:15 Break before lunch and afternoon site visit.

13:15 - 13:45 Reconvene and transfer to Center for Birds of Prey. Boxed lunches available en route.

14:00 - 16:00 Site Visit: Center for Birds of Prey and Avian Medical Clinic

Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about key avian species as they follow natural paths accentuated with subtle interpretive signage and aviaries housing nearly 50 species of eagles, falcons, hawks, owls, kites, vultures, and other birds of prey from all parts of the world.

The Avian Medical Clinic operates 365 days a year and currently admits between 800-1000 patients each year, representing a variety of birds of prey and shorebird species with injuries ranging from minor to critical.

Constructed with a grant from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, the Center's combined-use Avian Medical Center / SC Oiled Bird Treatment Facility was completed in October 2007 and is the only permanent avian treatment center of its kind on the Eastern seaboard.

Throughout the visit, participants will have a chance to discuss the importance of species conservation as a pillar of U.S. foreign policy, which will inform their work as members of the International Conservation Caucus.

16:00 - 16:30 Return to hotel

16:30 - 19:00 Afternoon Break. No activities are planned at this time and participants will have an opportunity to rest before dinner.

19:00 - 20:30 Dinner Briefing: Conservation and National Security

Over dinner, participants will participate in a discussion of the role of good natural resource management and efforts to combat environmental crime in fostering peace and security.

Communities across the globe depend on nature for vital ecosystem services: clean air and clean water, food, energy, medicine, and resilience against extreme weather and disease. The loss of and resulting competition for scarce natural resources often impact vulnerable populations the hardest, producing desperate circumstances that can lead to and exacerbate conflict and insurgency. Competition over critical natural resources has been a constant driver of conflict throughout history. Over the past 60 years, 40 percent of civil wars can be associated with natural resources. Since 2010, violent civil conflict has tripled, and forced emigration has reached a record high, according to the United Nations. In a vicious cycle, conflict also often drives mass displacement, puts added pressure on neighboring regions, and can catalyze international mass migration.

Location: Osprey Terrace, Sweetgrass Inn

In addition to congressional participants and ICCF staff, other invited participants include: Mark Green, Woodrow Wilson Center/ICCF Group Board of Directors; Barry Gold, Earth Resilience Group; Alexandra Kennaugh, Wild5; Fmr. Rep. Jack Kingston; Rob McCanna, Dallas Safari Club; Bill Stiers, ICCF Group Board of Directors; Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Global Environment Facility; Taylor Schmitz, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation; Jeremy Clare, Safari Club International; Andy Spicer, University of South Carolina; Capt. Frank DelRosso, U.S. Coast Guard - Charleston Sector.

Participants will gain in their understanding of the role of conservation in peace and security, which will inform their work as members of the International Conservation Caucus.

Accommodations: *Boardwalk Inn / Sweetgrass Inn*

Sunday, March 30th - Emerging Issues, Takeaways, and Departure

08:30 Breakfast available in the Boardwalk Inn Clubroom

09:00 - 10:30 **Roundtable Breakfast: International Food Security, Deforestation, and U.S. Security Interests**

ICCF staff will lead a discussion of the links between conservation, agriculture and forestry, food security, and global stability. Land degradation includes soil erosion, salinization, pollution, nutrient depletion, and loss of soil fertility, and is often driven by agricultural expansion, deforestation and biodiversity loss, increasing human and livestock populations, and unsustainable use. According to the World Food Programme, up to 50 million people are on the brink of famine, and over 13 million children suffer from severe malnutrition. These dire conditions can lead to mass migration, conflict, and insurgency, requiring international intervention. In a cyclical scenario, war also impacts global food systems. Improved food systems and agricultural practices can help countries become more food independent and less reliant on global food supply chains.

The illegal extraction of resources, including forest products, is not only an environmental issue but often goes hand-in-hand with other illegal activities, including money laundering, human and drug trafficking, labor abuse, and terrorism. Proceeds from this illicit trade can help finance transnational criminal organizations and militant groups, often with ties to U.S. adversaries. Illegally extracted resources also undercut legal markets, competing with companies that abide by widely accepted regulatory frameworks and laws.

Location: Boardwalk Inn Clubroom

ICCF

In addition to congressional participants and ICCF staff, other invited participants include: Mark Green, Woodrow Wilson Center/ICCF Group Board of Directors; Barry Gold, Earth Resilience Group; Alexandra Kennaugh, Wild5; Fmr. Rep. Jack Kingston; Rob McCanna, Dallas Safari Club; Bill Stiers, ICCF Group Board of Directors; Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Global Environment Facility; Taylor Schmitz, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation; Andy Spicer, University of South Carolina.

Participants will discuss addressing deforestation and food security, which will inform their work as members of the International Conservation Caucus.

10:30 - 11:00 — *Coffee break. Check out and store bags until departure.*

11:00 - 12:00 — **Closing Session: Defining Takeaways and Principles**

During the closing session, participants will summarize key takeaways and principles identified during the conference.

Location: Boardwalk Inn Clubroom

12:00 - 17:00 — Depart hotel for return flights throughout the afternoon from Charleston International Airport (Shuttle service provided to airport)

14:51 — Rep. Joyce and Rep. McCollum depart Charleston, SC (CHS)

16:29 — Rep. Joyce and Rep. McCollum arrive in Washington, DC (DCA)

17:19 — Rep. Cuellar and Rep. Maloy depart Charleston, SC (CHS)

18:57 — Rep. Cuellar and Rep. Maloy arrive in Washington, DC (DCA)