

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: Derrick Van Orden
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Sara Van Orden **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: April 11, 2025 Return: April 19, 2025
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: DC Destination: Greece Return City: Madison, WI
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Republican Main Street Partnership
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): congressman met w/ Greek ministers, representatives from the Greek military, and w/ representatives of the U.S. military in Greece.
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: 4/29/25

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: Republican Main Street Partnership

2. Travel Destination(s): Crete & Athens, Greece

3. Date of Departure: April 11, 2025 Date of Return: April 18, 2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Please see addendum

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	\$6319	\$1038	\$564	\$75 - Admission Tickets \$70 - Support Staff
Accompanying Family Member	\$6319	0	\$564	\$75 - Admission Tickets \$70 - Support Staff

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 28, 2025

Name: Courtney Jones Title: Chief of Staff

Organization: Republican Main Street Partnership

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

Address: 411 New Jersey Ave SE, Washington DC 20003

Telephone: 303-829-6045 Email: cjones@rmsp.org

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

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

Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form Addendum

Rep. Don Bacon – Attending to study Greek agriculture and the relationship between the American and Greek military, being on the Armed Services Committee.

Rep. Bill Huizenga – Serves on the Financial Services Committee, attending to study U.S.-Greek relations and business development.

Rep. Mike Bost – Chair of Veteran’s Affairs Committee, attending to study military and defense. He also serves on the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, thus attending to study infrastructure preservation.

Rep. Mike Flood - Serves on the Financial Services Committee, attending to study U.S.-Greek relations and business development.

Rep. David Rouzer - Serves on the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, thus attending to study infrastructure preservation.

Rep. Tom Kean - Serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, thus attending to study the US-Greek working relationship.

Rep. Nicole Malliotakis - Serves on the Ways and Means Committee, thus attending to study how the US funding is continuing to help the country.

Rep. Carlos Gimenez - Serves on the Armed Services Committee, attending to study military and defense.

Rep. Andrew Garbarino - Serves on the Financial Services Committee, attending to study U.S.-Greek relations and business development.

Rep. Mike Lawler - Serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, thus attending to study the US-Greek working relationship.

Rep. Cliff Bentz - Serves on the Energy & Commerce Committee, attending to study the environment and environmental protection.

Rep. Juan Ciscomani - Serves on the Armed Services Committee, attending to study military and defense.

Rep. Dan Newhouse - Attending to study how Crete and Athens are spending the money that the U.S. Congress appropriates them.

Rep. Randy Feenstra - Attending to study Greek agriculture and the relationship between American and Greek military

Rep. Buddy Carter - Serves on the Energy & Commerce Committee, attending to study the environment and environmental protection.

Rep. Zack Nunn - Serves on the Financial Services Committee, attending to study U.S.-Greek relations and business development.

Rep. Michelle Fischbach - Serves on the Ways and Means Committee, thus attending to study how the US funding is continuing to help the country.

Rep. Richard Hudson - Serves on the Energy & Commerce Committee, attending to study the environment and environmental protection.

Rep. Dusty Johnson - Serves on the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, thus attending to study infrastructure preservation.

Rep. Nick LaLota - Attending to study how Crete and Athens are spending the money that the U.S. Congress appropriates them.

Rep. Nick Langworthy - Serves on the Energy & Commerce Committee, attending to study the environment and environmental protection.

Rep. Celeste Maloy - Attending to study how Crete and Athens are spending the money that the U.S. Congress appropriates them.

Rep. Nathaniel Moran - Serves on the Ways and Means Committee, thus attending to study how the US funding is continuing to help the country.

Rep. Pete Stauber - Serves on the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, thus attending to study infrastructure preservation.

Rep. Mike Turner - Serves on the Armed Services Committee, attending to study military and defense.

Rep. Derrick Van Orden - Attending to study Greek agriculture and the relationship between American and Greek military

Rep. Troy Downing - Serves on the Financial Services Committee, attending to study U.S.-Greek relations and business development.

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.

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: _____

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

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

Signature:  _____

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): _____

Office Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address of Contact Person: _____

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.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: _____
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: _____

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: _____
4. a. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____
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.**

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: _____

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:

Republican Main Street Partnership

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): _____

Please see addendum.

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

6. Date of Departure: April 11, 2025 Date of Return: April 18, 2025

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC or Congressional District

b. Destination(s): Crete & Athens, Greece

c. City of return: Washington, DC or Congressional District

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:
 Please see addendum. _____
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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): _____
 Please see addendum.
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____
 Please see addendum.
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Greotel Luxme White Palace City: Heraklion Cost Per Night: \$160
 Reason(s) for Selecting: Competitive cost, convenience of location, supporting Greek business
- Hotel Name: Grande Bretagne Marriott in Athens City: Athens Cost Per Night: \$199
 Reason(s) for Selecting: Competitive cost, convenience of location
- 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	\$6,319	\$1,038	\$564
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$6,319	\$0	\$564


	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	\$145	Admission Tickets, Tour Guide
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$145	Admission Tickets, Tour Guide

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: March 6, 2025
 Name: Sarah Chamberlain Title: President/CEO
 Organization: Republican Main Street Partnership
 Address: 411 New Jersey Ave SE, Washington, D.C. 20003
 Email: cjones@rmsp.org Telephone: (303) 829-6045

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RMSP Delegation to Greece 2025 - Crete/Athens

Itinerary/Inclusions

Friday, April 11th:

Depart from US to Island of Crete, Greece

Location: Heraklion International Airport "Nikos Kazantzakis" - Heraklion 716 01, Greece (HER)

Crete, Greece: 4/12 - 4/16

Saturday, April 12th:

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Arrive in Crete <i>Location: Grecotel LUXME White Palace - Rethymnon 74100 Crete, Greece</i>
7:00 - 7:30 pm	History of Island Briefing/Cocktail Reception <i>Location: Hotel - Main Level</i>
7:30 - 8:30 pm	Welcome Dinner <i>Location: Hotel - Downstairs</i>
Sunday, April 13th	7:00 - 8:30 am - Breakfast on own in hotel (included) 8:30 am - 1:00 pm - Donor briefings in hotel 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Free Time <i>*options for outings and activities will be available through concierge</i> 6:30 - 7:30 pm - Cocktail reception at bar in hotel at sunset 7:30 - 8:30 pm - Dinner in hotel

Sunday, April 13th:

7:00 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast on own <i>Location: Breakfast buffet in hotel</i>
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8:30 am - 1:30 pm	Stakeholder Presentations <i>Location: Conference room in the hotel</i>
1:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Free Time
6:30 - 7:30 pm	Cocktail reception at bar in hotel at sunset <i>Location: Rooftop bar in hotel</i>
7:30 - 8:30 pm	Dinner/Discussion of Tourism & Economy with Greek Ministers <i>Location: Restaurant in hotel</i>

Monday, April 14th:

7:00 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast on own <i>Location: Breakfast buffet in hotel</i>
8:30 am - 12:30 pm	Stakeholder Presentations <i>Location: Conference room in the hotel</i>
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Lunch on own at hotel/Free time
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Walking tour of town of Rethymnon/Briefing of Culture, Environmental Impacts, and Agriculture
7:00-8:00 pm	Cocktail reception <i>Location: Rooftop bar in hotel</i>
8:00-9:00 pm	Dinner <i>Location: Restaurant in hotel</i>

Tuesday, April 15th:

7:00 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast on own <i>Location: Breakfast buffet in hotel</i>
9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Military briefing, working lunch, tour, meeting with service members <i>Location: Souda Bay Military Base - EO Aerodromiou Soudas 108, Pazinos 731 00, Greece</i>

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Cocktail reception <i>Location: Rooftop bar in hotel</i>
7:00-8:00 pm	Dinner <i>Location: Restaurant in hotel</i>

[Athens, Greece: 4/16 - 4/18](#)

Wednesday, April 16th:

Depart from Crete to Athens, Greece	
<i>Locations:</i>	
<i>Heraklion International Airport "Nikos Kazantzakis" - Heraklion 716 01, Greece (HER)</i>	
<i>Athens International Airport - Attiki Odos, Spata 19019, Greece (ATH)</i>	
6:40 am - leave hotel for the 8:40am flight - Bus A	
7:30 am - leave hotel for 9:30am flight - Bus B	

11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Arrive in Athens <i>Location: Athens International Airport - Attiki Odos, Spata 19019, Greece (ATH)</i> Both groups arrive at the airport and head to the Lounge at Athens airport to attend a welcome briefing from one of the Greek Ministers <i>*Breakfast buffet and coffee will be provided</i>
1:00 pm	Buses loaded together as a group, leave Athens airport for hotel <i>Location: Grande Bretagne Marriott in Athens - 1 Vasileos Georgiou A, Syntagma Square Str, Athina 105 64, Greece</i>
1:30-1:45 pm	Both groups arrive at the hotel <i>Location: Grande Bretagne Marriott in Athens - 1 Vasileos Georgiou A, Syntagma Square Str, Athina 105 64, Greece</i>
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Briefing from Greek Armed Forces and Tour of Hellenic National Defense General Staff <i>Location: Hellenic National Defense General Staff</i>

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Dinner and business discussions on Greek economy, sustainability, and US trade <i>Location: Hotel Ballroom</i>
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Thursday, April 17th:

6:00 am - 7:30 am	Breakfast on own <i>Location: Buffet in hotel</i>
7:30 am	Board buses for Acropolis
8:00 am - 10:00 am	Private tour of the Acropolis of Athens <i>Location: Athens 105 58, Greece</i>
10:00 am -12:00 pm	Webster University Briefing and Reception with students and walking tour of Athens - discussion of education efforts, culture, tourism and infrastructure
7:00 - 10:00 pm	Private tour and dinner at the Acropolis Museum - speaking guest (historian) to discuss US relations and USAID projects <i>Location: Acropolis Museum - Dionysiou Areopagitou 15, Athina 117 42, Greece</i>

Friday, April 18th:

Depart from Athens to US <i>Location: Athens International Airport - Attiki Odos, Spata 19019, Greece (ATH)</i>

Michael Guest, Mississippi
Chairman
Mark DeSaulnier, California
Ranking Member

John H. Rutherford, Florida
Andrew R. Garbarino, New York
Ashley Hinson, Iowa
Nathaniel Moran, Texas

Deborah K. Ross, North Carolina
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April 10, 2025

The Honorable Derrick Van Orden
U.S. House of Representatives
1513 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 and your spouse's proposed trip to Greece,¹ scheduled for April 11 to 18, 2025, sponsored by Republican Main Street Partnership.

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

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$480] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

¹ Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

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

Sincerely,



Michael Guest
Chairman



Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

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