

# 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: John Moolenaar
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Amy Moolenaar **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: April 21, 2025 Return: April 28, 2025  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Detroit, Michigan Destination: Nairobi, Kenya Return City: Washington DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation and Eleanor Crook Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):  
Itinerary attached  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
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: May 15, 2025

# 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, Eleanor Crook Foundation

2. Travel Destination(s): Nairobi, Kenya; Maasai Mara, Kenya

3. Date of Departure: April 21, 2025 Date of Return: April 28, 2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): John Moolenaar

*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	\$8740.76	\$1617	\$123	\$550 (\$390 conservancy fee, \$110 tips, \$30 visa fee, \$20 emergency)
Accompanying Family Member	\$8740.76	\$1077	\$123	\$550 (\$390 conservancy fee, \$110 tips, \$30 visa fee, \$20 emergency)

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: 5/12/2025

Name: John Basil Gantt Title: President

Organization: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

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

Address: 1200 Potomac St NW Washington, DC

Telephone: 202-471-4222 Email: cweis@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.

# 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: JOHN MOOLENAAR

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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: \_\_\_\_\_



Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: 246 Cannon HOB

Telephone Number: 202-225-3561

Email Address of Contact Person: michelle.chavez@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: John Moolenaar
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation  
Eleanor Crook Foundation
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Nairobi, Kenya; Ol Kinyei Conservancy, Kenya
4. a. Date of Departure: Monday, April 21, 2025 Date of Return: Monday, April 28, 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: Amy Moolenaar
  - (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.**  
invited to see the impact that malnutrition has on communities, and see how conservation can play a role in improved  
access

to health services, food production, and income. This trip relates directly to his work on the National Security,

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:

International Conservation Caucus Foundation

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: Eleanor Crook Foundation

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: 4/21/2025 Date of Return: 4/28/2025

7. a. City of departure: Detroit, Michigan

b. Destination(s): Nairobi, Kenya; Ol Kinyei Conservancy, Kenya

c. City of return: Washington, D.C.

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:  
**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): \_\_\_\_\_  
**See addendum.**
    - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: **See addendum.**
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: <u>Fairmont the Norfolk</u>	City: <u>Nairobi</u>	Cost Per Night: <u>\$180</u>	
Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>Safety, proximity to meetings and site visits in Nairobi.</u>			
Hotel Name: <u>Ol Kinyei Cottages</u>	City: <u>Maasai Mara</u>	Cost Per Night: <u>\$350</u>	
Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>Proximity to conservation and development project sites visited.</u>			
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 <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	8693.76	1410	77 see addendum
For each Accompanying Family Member	8693.76	1050	77 see addendum


	<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	545	390 (conservancy fees), 105 ((tips), 30 (visa)
For each Accompanying Family Member	545	390 (conservancy fees), 105 ((tips), 30 (visa)

19. **Check only one:**

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

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

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

Signature:  Date: 3/21/2025  
 Name: John B. Gantt Title: President  
 Organization: International Conservation Caucus Foundation  
 Address: 1200 Potomac Street NW Washington, DC 20007  
 Email: cweis@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.

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April 9, 2025

The Honorable John R. Moolenaar  
U.S. House of Representatives  
246 Cannon 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 Kenya,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for April 21 to 28, 2025, sponsored by International Conservation Caucus Foundation and Eleanor Crook 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.

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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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](mailto: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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**4.** Each individual was invited to see the impact that malnutrition has on communities, particularly mothers and children, and see how conservation can play a role in improved access to health services, food production, and income.

- *John Moolenaar, US Representative (R-MI)*  
*Member of the International Conservation Caucus*  
*Member of the National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs Subcommittee*
- *Chuck Edwards, US Representative (R-NC)*  
*Member of the National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs Subcommittee*

**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.

The Eleanor Crook Foundation (ECF) was founded in 1997 with a single goal: to eradicate global malnutrition. ECF invests in research that proves what methods work, policy analysis to drive systems reform, and advocacy that makes the case for urgent action to address this global crisis. In 2017, the Foundation pledged \$100 million towards the elimination of global malnutrition. ECF has provided ICCF with a grant to underwrite the cost of this trip and did not have a role in selecting House travelers.

**13(c)** Charter flights were used for Kakuma Refugee Camp visit and from Nairobi to Ol Kinyei Conservancy. For the Kakuma visit, scheduled flights are unpredictable and inconsistent. To ensure we did not get stuck in Kakuma, we arranged for the charter. Charter was needed for Ol Kinyei flight because the group was large with the addition of US Capitol Police and for additional security measures.

**15(b)** The purpose of this mission is to familiarize and educate the delegation about the impact that malnutrition has on communities, particularly mothers and children, and see how conservation can play a role in improved access to health services, food production, and income. The delegation will visit acute malnutrition health clinics while in Nairobi and visit sites within Ol Kinyei Conservancy to see how the conservancy model not only helps protect wildlife and habitat, but involves local communities by providing income generation through land lease programs, tourism, and agricultural development.

Rates at Ol Kinyei Cottages are inclusive of lodging, meals, and vehicle and guide costs. Rates at the Fairmont the Norfolk are inclusive of breakfast. Lunch and dinner will cost approximately 77\$ per day.

**18.** The cost of lodging reflects the full amount of inclusive rates offered at each location as outlined above. These rates are exclusive of conservation fees and tips.

Other expenses description: Mara Conservancy Conservation fee (\$116 per person/per day), tips (\$30 per person/per day), Visa (\$30)



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## **Congressional Member Delegation to Kenya**

*April 21st-28th, 2025*

Congressional Participants: Representative John Moolenaar (R-MI), Senators John Barrasso (R-WY), Thom Tillis (R-NC), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Gary Peters (D-MI)

### ***Monday, April 21st - Travel Day***

18:20 Depart Detroit, MI for Amsterdam on Delta flight 134

### ***Tuesday, April 22nd - Travel Day***

12:30 Depart Amsterdam for Nairobi on Delta flight 9585

22:00 Arrive in Nairobi (NBO)

*Accommodations: Fairmont The Norfolk*

### ***Wednesday, April 23rd***

08:00 - 08:30 Breakfast Briefing by ICCF Representatives

ICCF representatives will outline the purpose and agenda of the mission, give an overview of ICCF, and provide background on US government support for conservation, food security, and human development in Kenya, providing participants with baseline information they will need throughout the trip.

08:45 - 09:30 Transfer to Wilson Airport

10:00 -11:30 Flight to Kakuma Airstrip on Kenya Air charter. Members will be briefed by the International Rescue Committee (IRC) on the flight to lay the groundwork for the camp visit.

11:30 - 13:30 Visit to Kakuma Refugee Camp

*Kakuma Refugee Camp is located in the Northwestern region of Kenya. The camp was established in 1992 following the arrival of the "Lost Boys of Sudan". During that year, large groups of Ethiopian refugees fled their country following the fall of the Ethiopian government. Somalia had also experienced high insecurity and civil strife causing people to flee.*

*The delegation will be visiting a hospital in Kakuma that will show first hand*



*the impact of conflict and changing weather impacts on food security.*

13:30 - 15:00 Flight from Kakuma Refugee Camp back to Nairobi on Kenya Air charter

15:00 - 16:00 Transfer to US Embassy

16:00 - 17:00 Meeting with US Chargé d’Affaires Marc Dillard and classified country briefing

*The delegation will meet with Marc Dillard to hear about current US - Kenya relationship dynamics in the national and regional context. Mr. Dillard will also update the group on the US role in malnutrition and conservation efforts in Kenya. This briefing will provide participants with important background and context about the work of US agencies like US Department of State, USAID, USDA, and the US Fish & Wildlife Service, among others, as well as US partnerships with UN agencies like UNDP, UNEP, and the World Food Programme, which directly relate to participants’ work on conservation and food security issues.*

17:00 - 17:30 Return to the hotel, clean up for dinner at the hotel

19:00 -21:00 Dinner briefing with local conservation, food security, and human development organizations

*ICCF partners and others implementing food security and conservation initiatives will convene to discuss the overlapping issues facing Kenya and East Africa. The delegation will hear about a wide array of conservation and food security projects being implemented on the ground, including projects supported by US and UN agencies, and how the issues overlap, giving participants a better understanding of the scope of projects in the region. Invited participants include: PATH, USAID, UN Environment Programme, World Wildlife Fund, SUN CSN, Wildlife Conservation Society, African Wildlife Foundation, African Parks, BAND Foundation, UNICEF, Kenyan Ministry of Health, and World Food Programme.*

*Accommodations: Fairmont The Norfolk*

**Thursday, April 24th**

08:00 - 09:00 Quick breakfast and packing to depart for airport

09:00 - 09:30 Transfer to Wilson Airport

10:30 Flight departs Nairobi (WIL)



- 11:10 Flight arrives at Naboisho Airstrip (OSJ)
- 11:10 - 12:10 Transfer to Ol Kinyei Cottages in the Ol Kinyei Conservancy
- 13:00 - 14:30 Lunch briefing with Gamewatchers CEO Dr. Mohanjeet Brar on tourism and conservation
- Dr. Mohanjeet Brar will brief the delegation on the role of sustainable tourism in supporting conservation. The delegation will gain a better understanding of the ecotourism models in Kenya and the economic opportunities presented for local communities, which will inform participants' work in Congress on conservation and natural resource issues. Mohanjeet started his career as the Managing Director of Gamewatchers Safaris & Porini Camps in 2005. In 2019, he became a Trustee of the Wildlife Habitat Trust and a Board Member of the Kenya Tourism Board. Mohanjeet also served as a Board Member of the Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association from 2013 to 2021. In 2021, he co-founded Earthacre and became a Board Member of the African Wildlife Foundation, the Kenya Association of Tour Operators, and the African Conservation Center. Overall, Mohanjeet Brar has held various leadership positions and contributed significantly to the tourism and conservation sectors.*
- 14:30 - 15:30 Check in to rooms and unpack
- 15:30 - 18:30 Field briefing with Senior Warden Simon Nkoitoi, a Maasai from the community who leads the Ol Kinyei Conservancy management on the ground
- Simon Nkoitoi will brief the delegation on Ol Kinyei's management and operations, as well as its successes and challenges. The discussion will provide participants with the warden's unique perspectives as a community member with respect to his conservancy, which will also inform later discussions with the MMWCA on the broader conservancy model.*
- 18:30 - 19:00 Return to camp
- 19:00 - 21:30 Dinner briefing on critical landscape conservation, including protected areas management and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) like the Maasai Mara conservancies
- ICCF staff will lead a discussion on management challenges of protected areas and OECMs and explore partnership models that make these areas effective. Participants will learn, broadly, how each of these models operates and how they support short- and long-term sustainability throughout the continent. This discussion will inform participants' work on conservation and natural resources by illustrating how different models are*



successful in their respective contexts.

*Protected areas are widely recognized as the “anchors” to any effort to preserve and regenerate nature and restore ecosystems for the benefit of wildlife, human well-being, and Africa’s economies. Yet, most African countries lack the funding and capacity necessary to effectively manage protected areas.*

*OECMs are defined as “a geographically defined area other than a Protected Area, which is governed and managed in ways that achieve positive and sustained long-term outcomes for the in situ conservation of biodiversity, with associated ecosystem functions and services and, where applicable, cultural, spiritual, socioeconomic, and other locally relevant values.”*

**Accommodations:** Ol Kinyei Cottages

**Friday, April 25th**

06:30 - 09:00 Field briefing to observe predator activity and discuss human-wildlife conflict

*Conservancy representatives will guide participants to track lion pride movements, discussing, en route, the important role lions and other predators play in the ecosystem as well as the Maasai’s historical relationship with lions and present threats of human-wildlife conflict. This discussion will provide participants with key background information and observations on how predators, in particular, support the overall health of the ecosystem, human-wildlife conflict, traditional practices of indigenous groups, and the challenges these create for local buy-in to ecotourism as a development solution.*

09:00 - 10:30 Breakfast and field briefing with Niels Mogensen, Senior Program Scientist at the Mara Predator Hub

*The Mara Predator Hub leads research on the Mara’s top predators to help community members and landowners understand and appreciate the role of predators in the ecosystem, ensure that key stakeholders in the Greater Mara Ecosystem consistently utilise sound scientific information to inform conservation strategies, and support stable, healthy predator populations in the Greater Mara Ecosystem by providing scientific evidence for conservation action.*

10:30 - 11:00 Return to camp

11:30 - 13:30 Lunch with Daniel Sopia, CEO of the Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association (MMWCA)



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Other expenses description: Mara Conservancy Conservation fee (\$116 per person/per day), tips (\$30 per person/per day), Visa (\$30)



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## **Congressional Member Delegation to Kenya**

*April 21st-28th, 2025*

Congressional Participants: Representative John Moolenaar (R-MI), Senators John Barrasso (R-WY), Thom Tillis (R-NC), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Gary Peters (D-MI)

### ***Monday, April 21st - Travel Day***

18:20 Depart Detroit, MI for Amsterdam on Delta flight 134

### ***Tuesday, April 22nd - Travel Day***

12:30 Depart Amsterdam for Nairobi on Delta flight 9585

22:00 Arrive in Nairobi (NBO)

*Accommodations: Fairmont The Norfolk*

### ***Wednesday, April 23rd***

08:00 - 08:30 Breakfast Briefing by ICCF Representatives

ICCF representatives will outline the purpose and agenda of the mission, give an overview of ICCF, and provide background on US government support for conservation, food security, and human development in Kenya, providing participants with baseline information they will need throughout the trip.

08:45 - 09:30 Transfer to Wilson Airport

10:00 -11:30 Flight to Kakuma Airstrip on Kenya Air charter. Members will be briefed by the International Rescue Committee (IRC) on the flight to lay the groundwork for the camp visit.

11:30 - 13:30 Visit to Kakuma Refugee Camp

*Kakuma Refugee Camp is located in the Northwestern region of Kenya. The camp was established in 1992 following the arrival of the "Lost Boys of Sudan". During that year, large groups of Ethiopian refugees fled their country following the fall of the Ethiopian government. Somalia had also experienced high insecurity and civil strife causing people to flee.*

*The delegation will be visiting a hospital in Kakuma that will show first hand*



*the impact of conflict and changing weather impacts on food security.*

13:30 - 15:00 Flight from Kakuma Refugee Camp back to Nairobi on Kenya Air charter

15:00 - 16:00 Transfer to US Embassy

16:00 - 17:00 Meeting with US Chargé d’Affaires Marc Dillard and classified country briefing

*The delegation will meet with Marc Dillard to hear about current US - Kenya relationship dynamics in the national and regional context. Mr. Dillard will also update the group on the US role in malnutrition and conservation efforts in Kenya. This briefing will provide participants with important background and context about the work of US agencies like US Department of State, USAID, USDA, and the US Fish & Wildlife Service, among others, as well as US partnerships with UN agencies like UNDP, UNEP, and the World Food Programme, which directly relate to participants’ work on conservation and food security issues.*

17:00 - 17:30 Return to the hotel, clean up for dinner at the hotel

19:00 -21:00 Dinner briefing with local conservation, food security, and human development organizations

*ICCF partners and others implementing food security and conservation initiatives will convene to discuss the overlapping issues facing Kenya and East Africa. The delegation will hear about a wide array of conservation and food security projects being implemented on the ground, including projects supported by US and UN agencies, and how the issues overlap, giving participants a better understanding of the scope of projects in the region. Invited participants include: PATH, USAID, UN Environment Programme, World Wildlife Fund, SUN CSN, Wildlife Conservation Society, African Wildlife Foundation, African Parks, BAND Foundation, UNICEF, Kenyan Ministry of Health, and World Food Programme.*

*Accommodations: Fairmont The Norfolk*

**Thursday, April 24th**

08:00 - 09:00 Quick breakfast and packing to depart for airport

09:00 - 09:30 Transfer to Wilson Airport

10:30 Flight departs Nairobi (WIL)



- 11:10 Flight arrives at Naboisho Airstrip (OSJ)
- 11:10 - 12:10 Transfer to Ol Kinyei Cottages in the Ol Kinyei Conservancy
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- 14:30 - 15:30 Check in to rooms and unpack
- 15:30 - 18:30 Field briefing with Senior Warden Simon Nkoitoi, a Maasai from the community who leads the Ol Kinyei Conservancy management on the ground
- Simon Nkoitoi will brief the delegation on Ol Kinyei's management and operations, as well as its successes and challenges. The discussion will provide participants with the warden's unique perspectives as a community member with respect to his conservancy, which will also inform later discussions with the MMWCA on the broader conservancy model.*
- 18:30 - 19:00 Return to camp
- 19:00 - 21:30 Dinner briefing on critical landscape conservation, including protected areas management and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) like the Maasai Mara conservancies
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**Accommodations:** Ol Kinyei Cottages

**Friday, April 25th**

06:30 - 09:00 Field briefing to observe predator activity and discuss human-wildlife conflict

*Conservancy representatives will guide participants to track lion pride movements, discussing, en route, the important role lions and other predators play in the ecosystem as well as the Maasai’s historical relationship with lions and present threats of human-wildlife conflict. This discussion will provide participants with key background information and observations on how predators, in particular, support the overall health of the ecosystem, human-wildlife conflict, traditional practices of indigenous groups, and the challenges these create for local buy-in to ecotourism as a development solution.*

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**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.**

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International Conservation Caucus Foundation

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If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: Eleanor Crook Foundation

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6. Date of Departure: 4/21/2025 Date of Return: 4/28/2025

7. a. City of departure: Detroit, Michigan

b. Destination(s): Nairobi, Kenya; Ol Kinyei Conservancy, Kenya

c. City of return: Washington, D.C.

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**See addendum.**
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  - 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.*

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**See addendum.**
    - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: **See addendum.**
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: <u>Fairmont the Norfolk</u>	City: <u>Nairobi</u>	Cost Per Night: <u>\$180</u>	
Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>Safety, proximity to meetings and site visits in Nairobi.</u>			
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Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>Proximity to conservation and development project sites visited.</u>			
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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.*

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<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" 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	7942	1410	77 see addendum
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- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
- b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature:  Date: 3/21/2025  
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 Organization: International Conservation Caucus Foundation  
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## ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. **Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.**

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

1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation
2. Name of your organization: Eleanor Crook Foundation
3. Yes  No  Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes  No  Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. **Check one.** I certify that my organization:
  - a.  Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
  - b.  Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to  
Destination: \_\_\_\_\_ on Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
  - c.  Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. **Check only one:**
  - a.  My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
  - b.  My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
7. **I certify by my signature that**
  - a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
  - b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent;
  - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
  - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 03/18/2025

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