

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: Raul Ruiz
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** ☒ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 08/17/2025 Return: 08/23/2025
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** ☒ None
4. Departure City: Los Angeles, CA Destination: Auver-sur-Oise, France Return City: Los Angeles, CA
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Organization of Iranian American Communities (OIAC)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Please see the attached itinerary.
This conference helped inform Rep. Ruiz on supporting democracy and human rights in Iran and globally.

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: 09/02/2025

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.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: _____
Organization of Iranian American Communities (OIAC.org)

2. Travel Destination(s): Paris, France

3. Date of Departure: August 17, 2025 Date of Return: August 23, 2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Raul Ruiz

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	8,293.00	1871	750	10,914.00
Accompanying Family Member	7,613.91			7,613.91

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: BABAK DADVAND Date: August 31, 2025

Name: Babak Dadvand Title: OIAC Board member

Organization: Organization of Iranian American Communities (OIAC.org)

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

Address: 1717 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 1025, Washington, DC 20006

Telephone: 202-487-6989 Email: info@oiac.org

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

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

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

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

This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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: Raul Ruiz

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: 2342 Rayburn House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-5330

Email Address of Contact Person: abby.sullivan@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.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Raul Ruiz
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Organization of Iranian American Communities (OIAC)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Auver-sur-Oise, France
4. a. Date of Departure: August 17, 2025 Date of Return: August 23, 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: Monica Ruiz
(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.**
This trip will highlight Iran's worsening human rights conditions, increasing violations of women's rights, and the growing desire of democratic change among the Iranian people. The conference will help inform Rep. Ruiz on supporting democracy and human rights globally, and inform his role in the Iran Human Rights & Democracy Caucus.
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: 07/17/2025

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:

Organization of Iranian American Communities (OIAC)

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 Attachment #1

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

6. Date of Departure: Saturday, June 15, 2024 Date of Return: Tuesday, June 17, 2024

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC (IAD)

b. Destination(s): Auvers-sur-Oise, France.

c. City of return: Members' city airport or IAD Airport

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 attachment #2

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): _____
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

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

Hotel Name: The Atrium Hotel City: Roissy-en-France Cost Per Night: \$400

Reason(s) for Selecting: Close to the CDG airport,.

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	\$8000	\$1600	\$550
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$8500	N/A	\$550

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

19. **Check only one:**

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

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

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

Signature: B. Dadvand Date: May 12, 2025
Name: Babak Dadvand Title: President
Organization: Organization of Iranian American Communities (OIAC)
Address: 1717 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 1025
Email: info@oiac.org Telephone: 202-876-8123

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



Supporting the third option for
a democratic, secular and
non-nuclear republic in Iran

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**LIST OF HOUSE INVITEES TO
2025 Free Iran Conference-Series 2 (August 17-20)
Attachment # 1**

Rep. Lance Gooden	Chair, Ashrf-3 House Congressional Caucus.
Rep. Raul Ruiz	Iran Human Rights & Democracy Caucus.
Rep. Tom McClintock	Chair of Iran Human Rights Democracy Caucus (IHRDC)
Rep. Glenn Grothman	Longtime supporter of a Free Iran
Rep. Beth Van Duyne	Iranian Women Caucus in support of Iranian women.
Rep. Nancy Mace	Chair, Congressional Iranian Women Caucus Rep.
Rep. Rich MacCormick	HFAC/Member of IHRDC. He works with his Iranian American constituents on Iran related issues.
Rep. Michael Lawler	HFAC/MENA. He works with his Iranian American constituents on Iran related issues. His committee has oversight on Iran related issues.
Rep. Val Hole	Congressional Iranian Women Caucus

HOURLY GUEST ITINERARY

2025 Free Iran Conferences (Series 2)

Conference on Supporting a Free Iran

 August 18–22, 2025 |  Auvers-sur-Oise, France

Organized by OIAC.org | Featuring Members of U.S. Congress, European Parliamentarians, Iranian diaspora leaders, activists, former political prisoners, youth and women activists, and families of political prisoners.

Sunday, August 17, 2025

- **10:30 a.m.** – Departure from Washington, DC (or local airport)

Monday, August 18, 2025, | Arrival & Conference Day 1

- **9:00 a.m.** – Arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG), Paris
- **9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** – Transfer to Hyatt Regency, Charles de Gaulle
- **10:30 a.m.** – Hotel Check-in
- **10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** – Personal rest / Lunch

 **1:30 p.m.** – Depart Hotel for Conference Venue

 **2:30 p.m.** – Arrival at Event Venue

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Conference Opening Session

Themes:

- Welcome remarks
- Video clips: Iranian women and youth from recent protests
- Firsthand testimonials: Artists and athletes who recently fled Iran

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. | Iranian Speakers Panel

Topics:

- Support for a Free Iran 2025
 - Peaceful change from within – no military intervention
 - The opposition's plan for a democratic republic- THIRD OPTION.
 - Political/moral support for protesters
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5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | Transatlantic Policy Panel

Participants:

- U.S. Members of Congress
- European Parliamentarians

Topics:

- Iran's human rights abuses
 - The regime's expansionist threats
 - Designation of the IRGC in Europe
 - U.S.–EU cooperation for a secular, democratic Iran
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7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Closing Remarks

8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. | Dinner Reception

- Informal engagement with diaspora: women, youth, minorities
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9:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. | Return to Hotel

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 | Diaspora Strategy Discussions

- 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Breakfast / Personal time

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | *Strategy Briefing*

- Group chat with diaspora leaders on organizing and coordinating Free Iran efforts

🕒 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | *Dialogue Lunch*

- Discussions with families of political prisoners, youth activists, and artists
- **3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** – Personal break

🕒 3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | *U.S. Congress Advocacy Briefing*

- Engagement with diaspora reps in Europe and U.S.
- Focus on how to work effectively with Congress
- Action planning for future efforts
- **7:30 p.m.** – Personal time

Wednesday, August 20, 2025 | Meetings with Families & OIAC Briefing

- **8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** – Breakfast / Personal time

🕒 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | *Meeting with Families of Political Prisoners*

- Personal testimonies and advocacy planning

🕒 2:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | *Strategy Briefing with OIAC (Casual Dress)*

Topics:

- Grassroots actions in U.S. states/districts
- Public awareness campaigns on regime abuses
- Expanding Iranian-American civic engagement

🕒 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. | *Dinner Briefing*

- Focus on U.S. Congressional action on 1988 Massacre and 2022 protests
- Speakers (e.g., MC or Congressional leader)
- **9:00 p.m.** – Personal time

Thursday, August 21, 2025 | Final Strategy Coordination

- **9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** – Breakfast / Personal time

🕒 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | *Final Diaspora Coordination Session*

- Cross-continental planning

- Messaging and joint campaigns

 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | *Lunch & Listening Session*

- Discussions with families of political prisoners and youth leaders
- **3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** – Personal time

 3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | *Advocacy & Bipartisan Work Session*

- Iranian Americans share Congressional initiatives
- Next steps for bipartisan engagement and coordination
- **7:30 p.m.** – Personal time

Friday, August 22, 2023

 09:00 – 09:30 |

Casula Briefing by trip sponsor-Green Room.

 09:30 – 10:30 | Session 1: Post-War Middle East – Iran's Role

Topics Covered (NEW):

- Overview of the 12-day war and its fallout
 - Iran's alliances: Hezbollah, Houthis, Iraqi militias, Syrian regime
 - Implications for U.S., EU, Gulf states, and Israel
- Format:** Presentation + panel discussion
Suggested Speaker: Regional security expert / former diplomat
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 10:30 – 10:45 | Break

 10:45 – 12:00 | Session 2: Internal Repression – “Spies,” Dissent & Human Rights

Topics Covered:

- Crackdown on civil society, journalists, activists under "espionage" charges
 - Use of counterintelligence as a tool of fear
 - Case studies: executions, arrests, censorship
 - Human rights documentation and advocacy challenges
- Format:** Testimony + panel discussion (human rights lawyer, exiled activists)
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 12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch Break

 13:00 – 14:15 | Session 3: Strategic Options for the International Community

Topics Covered:

- What can be done? Sanctions, diplomatic isolation, UN mechanisms, universal jurisdiction
 - Role of EU, U.S., UN, and international NGOs
 - Support for democratic opposition and resistance movements
- Format:** Roundtable discussion with policy analysts and NGO reps
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 14:15 – 15:00 | Breakout Groups: Action Mapping

Groups focus on:

1. Advocacy strategy for governments
 2. Media & civil society pressure campaigns
 3. Legal tools to document and prosecute abuses
 4. Supporting resistance and diaspora efforts
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 15:00 – 15:45 | Plenary: Reporting Back & Strategic Convergence

- Groups present outcomes
 - Identify overlaps, synergies, and opportunities for collaboration
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 15:45 – 16:00 | Closing Remarks & Next Steps



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Washington, DC 20006
Tel: 202-559-9232
Email: info@oiac.org

- Recap key messages
- Establish working group/follow-up task force
- Share resources & contact info

Saturday, August 23, 2025

7:00 a.m.	Breakfast (at Hotel).
8:00 a.m.	Depart to the airport.
11:00 a.m.	Return flight to U.S.
3:00 p.m.	Arrival time (3pm)

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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August 14, 2025

The Honorable Raul Ruiz
U.S. House of Representatives
2342 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 and your spouse's proposed trip to France,¹ scheduled for August 17 to 23, 2025, sponsored by Organization of Iranian American Communities (OIAC).

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Guest". The first letter "M" is large and stylized, with a loop that extends upwards and to the left.

Michael Guest
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark DeSaulnier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

MG/MD:amr



July 15, 2025

The Honorable Raul Ruiz
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Ruiz,

On behalf of the **Organization of Iranian American Communities-US (OIAC)**, a proud sponsor of the **Annual International Convention for Democracy** (held in 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2022, and 2024), we are honored to invite you and your spouse to attend and speak at the **2025 Free Iran Conference (Series 2) on August 17-21, 2025, outside Paris, France.**

This conference is one of the **2025 Free Iran conferences advocating for a secular, democratic, and non-nuclear republic in Iran.** Expatriates and their supporters from North America, Europe, and other regions will attend. The event will highlight Iran's worsening human rights conditions, increasing violations of women's rights, and the growing desire for democratic change among the Iranian people.

Additionally, we anticipate the participation of over parliamentarians, former government officials, human rights advocates and women's rights activists.

The **Organization of Iranian American Communities-US (OIAC)**, a **nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization**, will cover **all appropriate and permissible expenses** related to travel, lodging, and meals for guests, as well as other logistical costs in accordance with **House Ethics rules and regulations.**

Pursuant to **House Rule XXV, clause 5**, and to assist with the necessary approval process from the **House Committee on Ethics**, we have attached the required **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form**. Per House Ethics guidelines, this form, along with the corresponding **Traveler Form**, must be submitted to the Ethics Committee **no later than July 17, 2025** (30 days prior to travel).

Please review the attached materials and let us know if you have any questions. We would be honored by your participation and look forward to your response at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Babak Dadvand

Babak Dadvand

President