

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: Marlin Stutzman
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: April 17, 2025 Return: April 21, 2025
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Chicago Destination: Damascus Return City: Chicago
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Human Rights & Democracy Foundation DBA SAAPP
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): _____
The purpose of this trip is to engage with local diplomats, policy experts, and regional stakeholders to assess Syria's current political, economic, and security situation. The delegation will explore opportunities for international collaboration in humanitarian aid, healthcare, economic stabilization, and counterterrorism efforts. The trip will provide firsthand insight into Syria's role in Middle Eastern geopolitics, its challenges in achieving national security, and its potential impact on U.S. national security and regional stability. Additionally, the delegation will assess the situation of religious minorities, including Christians, in the context of the ongoing recovery and rebuilding process.

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: 7/29/2025

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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 DQ/H RHH. 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: Human Rights and Democracy
DBA Syrian American Alliance for Peace and Prosperity

2. Travel Destination(s): Syria

3. Date of Departure: 04/17/2025 Date of Return: 04/21/2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep MARLIN STUTZMAN


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	6487.41	895.77	188.23	\$64 Turkish Visa
Accompanying Family Member				

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

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

Signature:  Date: 09/03/2025

Name: Alia Natafji Title: Executive Director

Organization: Syrian American Alliance for Peace and Prosperity

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

Address: _____

Telephone: 260-7065-0006 Email: alianatafji@saapp.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.

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: Marlin Stutzman

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: 404 Cannon House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-929-9512

Email Address of Contact Person: amy.wells@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.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Marlin Stutzman
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Human Rights & Democracy Foundation DBA SAAPP (Syrian American Alliance for Peace & Prosperity)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Syria
4. a. Date of Departure: April 17, 2025 Date of Return: April 21, 2025
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? If yes:
 - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
 - (2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
 - (3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes No Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.
Being a member, this is a fact-finding mission to gather valuable insights, exchange knowledge, and explore opportunities that can benefit future relations between the US & Syria

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: April 11, 2025

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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:

Human Rights & Democracy Foundation dba SAAPP (Syrian American Alliance for Peace & Pros

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. Date of Departure: April, 16, 2025 Date of Return: April, 20, 2025

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Damascus

c. City of return: Washington, DC

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

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

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

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

9. **Check only one of the following.**
- a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. Being an international trip overseas, the itinerary warranted r
days.

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:

SAAPP is the sole sponsor of this trip. We are sponsoring a delegation for a congressional
fact-finding mission to gather valuable insights, exchange knowledge, and explore opportunities
that can benefit future relations between the US and Syria.

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: Four Season City: Damascus Cost Per Night: \$450

Reason(s) for Selecting: This hotel provides higher safety and security for diplomats.

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$6,000	\$1,900	\$450
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A


	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	-	-
For each Accompanying Family Member	-	-

19. **Check only one:**

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

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

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

Signature:  Date: March, 28, 2025
 Name: Tarek Kteleh Title: Chairman
 Organization: SAAPP
 Address: 10727 Chase Ct, Fishers, Indian, 46037
 Email: Tarek.ktela@gmail.com Telephone: 573-239-3382

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 15, 2025

The Honorable Marlin Stutzman
U.S. House of Representatives
404 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 proposed trip to Syria,¹ scheduled for April 17 to 21, 2025, sponsored by the Human Rights and Democracy Foundation, doing business as the Syrian American Alliance for Peace and Prosperity.

Committee travel regulations require that you submit your complete pre-trip approval request to the Committee at least 30 days before the commencement of the trip or it will not be granted. Despite your failure to do so in this instance, we are approving your current request. However, any future requests should adhere to the 30-day requirement.

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

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>.

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.

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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SYRIAN AMERICAN ALLIANCE FOR PEACE AND PROSPERITY

Trip to Syria – April 16, 2025

Organized by: Human Rights and Democracy Foundation: DBA: Syrian American Alliance for Peace and Prosperity (SAAPP)

MISSION GOALS:

The purpose of this trip is to engage with local diplomats, policy experts, and regional stakeholders to assess Syria's current political, economic, and security situation. The delegation will explore opportunities for international collaboration in humanitarian aid, healthcare, economic stabilization, and counterterrorism efforts. The trip will provide firsthand insight into Syria's role in Middle Eastern geopolitics, its challenges in achieving national security, and its potential impact on U.S. national security and regional stability. Additionally, the delegation will assess the situation of religious minorities, including Christians, in the context of the ongoing recovery and rebuilding process.

RELEVANCE TO OFFICIAL DUTIES:

This visit is highly relevant to Members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee as they consider U.S. foreign policy toward Syria and the broader Middle East. The trip will provide valuable perspectives on diplomatic, security, and economic factors that will inform future legislative decisions and policy development in relation to Syria, national security, and regional peace.

LOCATION:

The delegation will travel to Damascus and surrounding areas to meet with local diplomats, international representatives, and regional stakeholders. The delegation will also visit historical religious sites and churches, assessing the conditions of religious minorities and exploring Syria's potential for cultural and economic recovery.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Thursday, April 17 – Arrival & Welcome Reception

Late Morning

- Arrival at Damascus International Airport
- VIP protocol and private transfer to Four Seasons Hotel, Damascus
- Welcome Lunch at Four Seasons Restaurant

Attendees: SAAPP US delegation.

Purpose: Informal orientation and soft landing

Day 2: Friday, April 18 – Field Visit, Cultural Sites & Diplomatic Dinner

Morning

- Breakfast at Four Seasons
- Official Visit to Jobar, a suburb devastated by conflict
- Guided tour of destruction and potential redevelopment sites
- Briefings with community members and reconstruction leads

Afternoon

- Return to Damascus
- Visit to Historic Religious and Cultural Landmarks:
 - St. Paul's Window
 - Chapel of Ananias
 - Umayyad Mosque
 - Sayyida Ruqayya Shrine
 - Souq Al-Hamidiyyeh

Evening

- Private Diplomatic Dinner hosted by Mr. Abdulhamid Akel (SAAPP board member from Columbus, OH)

Attendees: Congressman Cory, SAAPP delegation and local diplomats

Focus: Regional diplomacy, sanctions, humanitarian coordination, and post-war economic frameworks

Day 3: Saturday, April 19 – Sednaya Visit & Evening Diplomatic Dinner

Morning

- Official Visit to Sednaya, located in the Qalamoun Mountains
- Stop 1: Convent of Our Lady of Sednaya

- Tour and discussion with Christian religious leaders
- Cultural dialogue on Syria's interfaith heritage
- Stop 2: Sednaya Military Prison
 - Observational visit and briefing on international human rights concerns
 - Optional discussion with legal or humanitarian experts (pending access)
- Return to Damascus in late afternoon

Afternoon

Dinner with Civil Society Organizations and Community Leaders

Topics: Local governance, youth engagement, civil recovery, U.S.–Syrian partnerships

Evening

- Private High-Level Dinner with TBD

Venue: Confidential diplomatic location (TBD)

Focus: Strategic dialogue, humanitarian corridors, diaspora engagement

Day 4: Sunday, April 20 – Strategic Briefings & Civil Society Roundtable

Morning

- Breakfast at Four Seasons
- Delegation transfer to Damascus International Airport
- Departure per flight schedules

PROPOSED FLIGHT ITINERARY

(Subject to confirmation – for planning purposes)

Outbound Flight – April 16, 2025

- **Departure: 1:30 PM (Eastern Time) – Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)**
- **Airline: Turkish Airlines, Flight TK 188 | Boeing 787 (Economy)**

- **Arrival: 6:35 AM (+1) – Istanbul Airport (IST)**
- **Layover: 1 hour 25 minutes**
- **Connecting Flight:**
- **Departure: 8:00 AM – Istanbul Airport (IST)**
- **Airline: Turkish Airlines, Flight TK 846 | Airbus A330 (Economy)**
- **Arrival: 10:00 AM – Damascus International Airport (DAM)**

Total Travel Time: ~14.5 hours (including layover)



SYRIAN AMERICAN ALLIANCE FOR PEACE AND PROSPERITY

Syrian American Alliance for Peace and Prosperity

Congressional Delegation To Syria
With financial support from, Human Rights and Democracy 501(c)(3)

Damascus, Syria

April 17-21, 2025

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LOCATION:

The delegation will travel to Damascus and surrounding areas to meet with local diplomats, international representatives, and regional stakeholders. The delegation will also visit historical religious sites and churches, assessing the conditions of religious minorities and exploring Syria's potential for cultural and economic recovery.

Thursday, April 17: Travel

Congressman Cory Mills – Full Itinerary

- 9:20 AM Departure: Orlando (MCO) Flight **TK 8613**
- 11:37 AM Arrival: Washington D.C. (IAD)
- 1:30 PM Departure: Washington D.C. (IAD) Flight **TK 188**
- 6:35 AM Arrival: Istanbul (IST) **April 18**
- 8:00 AM Departure: Istanbul (IST) Flight **TK 846**

Congressman Marlin Stutzman – Full Itinerary

- 11:25 AM Departure: Chicago O’Hare (ORD) Flight **TK 186**
- 6:35 AM Arrival: Istanbul (IST) **April 18:**
- 8:00 AM Departure: Istanbul (IST) Flight **TK 846**
- 10:00 AM Arrival at Damascus International Airport.
Transport to Sheraton Hotel by ProGuard
Location: Sheraton Hotel,
Umayyad Square, Damascus, Syria

Friday, April 18: Field Visit

- 12:00–1:00 PM Lunch at the Sheraton Hotel
- 1:00 PM Meet in Sheraton Hotel lobby to depart to first destination
- 1:00–1:30 PM Transportation by ProGuard to Jobar
- 1:30–3:30 PM Field Visit: Post-Conflict Devastation in Jobar

Following brief introductions, Members will participate in a guided visit led by members of the SAAPP the official host of the delegation, and local community representatives. The visit will offer a foundational understanding of the widespread destruction in Jobar, a once-vibrant residential district located just a few miles outside the city center of Damascus.

Jobar experienced some of the most extensive devastation during the Syrian conflict, with reports indicating that over 90% of the neighborhood’s structures were damaged or destroyed. Once home to significant cultural and religious heritage—including the historic Eliyahu Hanavi Synagogue—

Jobar now stands largely in ruins, serving as a stark and urgent symbol of the consequences of prolonged urban warfare.

This site visit is critical to the execution of the trip, as it allows Members of Congress to observe the real-time consequences of war on civilian infrastructure in rural and suburban Syria. It also provides essential context for evaluating humanitarian needs, long-term recovery planning, the return of displaced populations, and the broader impact of conflict on regional stability and economic recovery.

Presenter: SAAPP Delegation Leads and Community Representatives

Location: Jobar District, Eastern Suburbs of Damascus, Syria

3:30–4:00 PM Transportation to the Old City in Damascus by ProGuard

4:00–6:00 PM Cultural Visit: Historic Churches and Religious Heritage in Old Damascus

Members will participate in a guided cultural visit to explore prominent religious and historical sites in Old Damascus, including St. Paul's Window, the Chapel of Ananias, the Umayyad Mosque, and the ancient Souq Al-Hamidiyyeh.

These landmarks reflect Syria's rich interfaith history and centuries-old religious diversity. The churches and mosques in this area continue to serve as vital institutions for community identity and resilience despite the nation's conflict. The delegation will receive briefings from local church representatives to better understand the current challenges facing religious communities in Damascus and their role in post-conflict recovery and reconciliation.

This visit supports the delegation's broader mission of evaluating cultural preservation, religious freedom, and the conditions of Christian and other religious minorities within Syria's recovery process.

Presenters: SAAPP Delegation Leads and Local Religious Representatives

Location: Old City of Damascus, Syria

6:00 – 6:15 PM Transportation back to Sheraton Hotel by ProGuard

6:15 PM Meet in Sheraton Hotel lobby to depart to dinner

6:15 – 6:30 PM Transportation to Abdul Hamid Al-Akel Private Residence by ProGuard

6:30–8:30 PM Private Dinner with representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

A private dinner hosted by Mr. Abdul Hamid Al-Akel, a board member of SAAPP from Columbus, Ohio and four board members of SAAPP.

Discussions will focus on regional diplomacy, sanctions policy, humanitarian coordination, and economic recovery strategies in post-conflict Syria. This private setting offers a platform for open, candid dialogue to support long-term stability, mutual understanding, and constructive U.S. engagement in the region.

Attendees: Congressman Cory, Congressman Stutzman, Representatives from the Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Members of the Syrian American Alliance for Peace and Prosperity

Location: Abdul Hamid Al-Akel Residence, Mahdi Bin Baraka St, 1st Fl. Umayyad Square, Damascus, Syria

8:00 – 8:15 PM Transportation Back to Sheraton Hotel by ProGuard

Saturday, April 19: Field Visit

8:30 – 9:30 PM Breakfast at the Sheraton Hotel

9:30 PM Meet in Sheraton Hotel lobby to depart to Sednaya and Maaloula

9:30–10:15 AM Transportation by ProGuard to Sednaya Military Prison

10:15–11:15 AM Field Visit: Sednaya Military Prison – Observational Briefing on Human Rights and Detention Practices

Members will participate in a guided observational visit to Sednaya Military Prison, a facility operated by the Syrian military and located in the Qalamoun Mountains. The visit will include a briefing on international human rights concerns and the detention conditions in post-conflict Syria. Subject to access, Members may also engage in a brief discussion with legal or humanitarian experts monitoring the situation.

This visit is essential to understanding Syria's current approach to detention and justice systems, and to assessing broader human rights implications as they relate to international engagement and post-conflict accountability.

Presenters: Prison Administration Officials and representative from the white helmets

Location: Sednaya Military Prison, Qalamoun Mountains, Syria

11:15–11:45 AM Transportation by ProGuard to Churches and Monasteries of Maaloula

11:45–12:45 PM Cultural Visit: Churches and Monasteries of Maaloula – Interfaith Dialogue and Heritage Preservation

Following the visit to Sednaya, Members will continue to the historic town of Maaloula, one of the few remaining places where Aramaic—the language of Jesus—is still spoken. The delegation will visit prominent churches and monasteries and engage in cultural discussions with Christian religious leaders.

This visit highlights Syria's deep-rooted religious diversity and the resilience of its Christian communities. It also provides critical context for ongoing efforts to protect religious heritage, promote interfaith dialogue, and ensure the inclusion of minority voices in Syria's recovery process.

Presenters: Local Christian Religious Leaders and Church Representatives

Location: Maaloula, Rif Dimashq Governorate, Syria

12:45–1:15PM Transportation Back to Sheraton Hotel by ProGuard

1:30–2:30 PM Lunch at Sheraton Hotel

2:45–3:15 PM Official Meeting: Abdul Salam Haykal, Minister of Communications and Technology

Members will meet with Abdul Salam Haykal, the Minister of Communications and Technology. Prior to his appointment, Minister Haykal was a prominent businessman based in the United Arab Emirates, specializing in technology and media ventures. The discussion will focus on Syria's digital infrastructure development, strategies for technological innovation, and opportunities for international collaboration in the tech sector.

3:15–3:45 PM Official Meeting: Mohammad Nidal al-Shaar, Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade

Members will engage with Mohammad Nidal al-Shaar, the Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade. Minister al-Shaar, an economist educated at George Washington University, previously served in the same role from 2011 to 2012 and was reappointed on March 29, 2025. The meeting will explore Syria's economic recovery plans, trade policies, and potential avenues for international economic partnerships.

3:45 – 4:00 PM Coffee Break

4:00–4:30 PM Official Meeting: Raed al-Saleh, Minister of Disaster Management and Emergency Response

Members will meet with Raed al-Saleh, the Minister of Disaster Management and Emergency Response. Minister al-Saleh previously served as the head of the White Helmets; a volunteer rescue organization renowned for its humanitarian efforts during the Syrian conflict. The

discussion will focus on disaster response strategies, emergency preparedness, and the integration of civil defense mechanisms into national policy frameworks.

4:30–5:00 PM Official Meeting: Hind Kabawat, Minister of Social Affairs and Labor

Members will engage with Hind Kabawat, the Minister of Social Affairs and Labor. Minister Kabawat, a seasoned civil society activist and interfaith dialogue expert, is the first woman appointed to the new Syrian transitional government. The conversation will address social welfare programs, labor market reforms, and initiatives to promote social cohesion and support for vulnerable populations in post-conflict Syria.

5:00–7:00 PM Break

7:00 – 9:00 PM Closing Dinner with Key Ministers, Diplomats, and SAAPP Members

To conclude the day's engagements, Members will participate in a private closing dinner with the four key ministers—Abdul Salam Haykal, Mohammad Nidal al-Shaar, Raed al-Saleh, and Hind Kabawat—alongside senior diplomats and members of the Syrian American Alliance for Peace and Prosperity (SAAPP).

The dinner will serve as an opportunity to reflect on the day's discussions, consolidate key takeaways from each ministry, and further explore pathways for continued dialogue and cooperation across sectors critical to Syria's recovery.

Attendees: Congressman Cory, Congressman Stutzman, Ministers Haykal, al-Shaar, al-Saleh, and Kabawat, Syrian Diplomatic Officials, SAAPP Delegation Members

Location: Sheraton, Damascus, Syria

Sunday, April 20: Travel

Congressman Marlin Stutzman – Full Itinerary

9:30 AM	Depart for Damascus International Airport – Transportation by ProGuard
10:00 AM	Arriva at Damascus Airport
12:00 PM	Departure: Damascus (DAM) Flight TK 847
2:05 PM	Arrival: Istanbul (IST)
6:30 PM	Departure: Istanbul (IST) Flight TK 185

Monday, April 21:

9:40 AM Arrival: Chicago O'Hare (ORD)

This concludes Congressman Stutzman's full travel itinerary.

Congressman Cory Mills – Full Itinerary

11:30 AM Depart for Damascus International Airport – Transportation by ProGuard

12:00 PM Arrival at Damascus Airport

2:00 PM Departure: Damascus (DAM) Flight **QR 411**

5:50 PM Arrival: Doha (DOH)

Monday, April 21:

8:04 AM Departure: Doha (DOH) Flight **QR 777**

4:05 PM Arrival: Miami (MIA)

This concludes Congressman Mills' full travel itinerary.

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Hello,

Please find attached the requested forms. The list of attendees was Marlin Stutzman and Rep. Cory Mills. Let me know if you need anything else from me!

Best,
Amy

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Hello,

We have already received those forms for that trip however we are unable to submit the filing as complete without a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form and Attendees List. Please submit the remaining files to complete your Gift Travel filing.

All the best,

Brandon Doan

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