

# 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: Lauren Underwood
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 5/22/2026 Return: 5/23/2026  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Spartanburg, SC Return City: Chicago, IL
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Elysian Investment Group, DRC Ventures, OneSpartanburg Inc.
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_  
At the summit, I met with other women leaders and federal, state, and local elected officials from both parties; participated in collaborative leadership sessions focused on addressing policy challenges such as education; and attended programming on economic issues and forecasting.
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: 5/28/2026

# 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: ELYSIAN Investment Group, The Palladian Group, OneSpartanburg, DRC Ventures

2. Travel Destination(s): Spartanburg, SC

3. Date of Departure: May 22, 2026 Date of Return: May 23, 2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Lauren Underwood

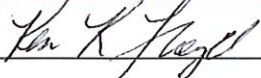
*Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.*

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	\$572.00	\$191.34	\$78.40	\$0
Accompanying Family Member	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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: 5/28/2026

Name: Karen Floyd Title: CEO

Organization: ELYSIAN

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

Address: 113 W. Main St., Spartanburg, SC 29306

Telephone: 864-596-7501 Email: karen@readelysian.com

*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

1. Name of Traveler: Lauren Underwood
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: ELYSIAN Investment Group, DRC Ventures, OneSpartanburg Inc.
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Spartanburg, South Carolina
4. a. Date of Departure: 5/22/2026 Date of Return: 5/23/2026  
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.**  
This summit will provide me with the opportunity to participate in bipartisan policy problem-solving exercises, learn from experts on the most concerning crises facing our country, and engage in dialogue with other women elected officials from both parties at the local, state, and federal level to find common ground.
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: 04/16/2026

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# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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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:

ELYSIAN Investment Group

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: OneSpartanburg Inc., DRC Ventures

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.

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

6. Date of Departure: May 22, 2026 Date of Return: May 23, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C. (DCA)

b. Destination(s): Spartanburg, S.C. (GSP)

c. City of return: Chicago, Ill. (ORD)

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.

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: AC Hotel City: Spartanburg, S.C. Cost Per Night: \$682

Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to venue, security logistics, discounted rate

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 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	\$500	\$682	\$100
For each Accompanying Family Member			


	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: 4/12/2026  
 Name: Karen K. Floyd Title: CEO  
 Organization: ELYSIAN Investment Group  
 Address: 113 W. Main St., Spartanburg, SC 29306  
 Email: karen@readelysian.com Telephone: 864-596-7501

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

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May 20, 2026

The Honorable Lauren Underwood  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2228 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Spartanburg, South Carolina, scheduled for May 22 to 23, 2026, sponsored by ELYSIAN Investment Group, DRC Ventures, OneSpartanburg Inc., and the Palladian Group.

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 \$525 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

Sincerely,

Michael Guest  
Chairman

Mark DeSaulnier  
Ranking Member

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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.**

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1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: ELYSIAN Investment Group
2. Name of your organization: DRC Ventures
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: 04/14/2026

Name: Duquense Cook Title: Chief of Staff

Organization: DRC Ventures

Address: 393 Nichol Mill Lane, Suite 250, Franklin, TN 37067

Telephone: 615-944-6878 Email: drc@drchristinarahm.com

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1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: ELYSIAN Investment Group
2. Name of your organization: OneSpartanburg Inc.
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: 4-13-26

Name: Billy Dunlap Title: Chief Tourism Development Officer

Organization: OneSpartanburg Inc.

Address: 105 N. Pine St., Spartanburg, SC 29302

Telephone: 864-594-5000 Email: bdunlap@onespartanburginc.com

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## **PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM – ATTACHMENT (Rep. Lauren Underwood)**

### **4. Names and titles of all House Members invited (with explanation):**

These Members were invited as part of a broader effort to convene a geographically diverse, bipartisan group of federal and state elected officials. Invitations were extended across multiple states and political perspectives to ensure balanced representation and to support the summit's focus on collaborative, cross-party dialogue.

- Lauren Boebert
- Kat Cammack
- Diana Harshbarger
- Laurel Lee
- Anna Paulina Luna
- Maria Salazar
- Elise Stefanik
- Emelia Skyes
- Janelle Bynum
- Lauren Underwood
- Lamonica McIver
- Melanie Stansbury
- Lucy McBath

### **10. Detailed Agenda – Red and Blue: A Call for Humanity**

May 22, 2026

5-7 p.m. – Opening reception, ELYSIAN *Red and Blue* issue launch

The Castellani Estate, 2975 Roper Mountain Road, Simpsonville, SC 29681

May 23, 2026

*Red and Blue: A Call for Humanity Summit, co-hosted by Lara Trump & Donna Brazile*

The Home of Karen Floyd, 1000 Arden Way, Spartanburg, SC 29302

9 a.m. – Continental breakfast & check-in

9:30 a.m. – Forward Focus: Futurist Prospective

10:30 a.m. – Collaborative Leadership Sessions

Noon – Celebration of Leadership and Humanity

12:30 p.m. – Post-retreat press availability

**12. Each sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:**

**OneSpartanburg Inc.** – OneSpartanburg is the local chamber of commerce and economic development organization serving Spartanburg County. Its interest in the event is to promote the City of Spartanburg as a destination for business, tourism, and national convenings. OneSpartanburg provided a monetary sponsorship and secured a block of hotel rooms at the AC Hotel at its expense.

**DRC Ventures** – DRC Ventures is a global holding company led by Dr. Christina Rahm, with business interests in health, wellness, sustainability, and consumer products. The company is sponsoring the event by covering travel expenses for invited participants. Its interest in the event is to support a national convening aligned with its focus on leadership, innovation, and social impact, as well as to support a high-level, bipartisan gathering of women leaders.

*From the desk of*  
**DONNA BRAZILE**

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February 24, 2026

Dear US Rep. Lauren Underwood,

Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of working alongside women whose leadership has shaped policy, politics, and public life at the highest levels. Across roles and moments, one truth has remained constant for me: when women come together with purpose and respect, they are capable of restoring clarity and humanity at times when both feel increasingly hard to find.

It is from that belief that **Red and Blue: A Call for Humanity** was created.

Inspired in structure and ambition by gatherings such as the Sun Valley Conference and Renaissance Weekend, this summit is designed to bring together a small, consequential group of women whose presence alone signals seriousness—and whose work together can demonstrate what leadership across differences still looks like.

I am writing to personally invite you to participate in this inaugural gathering, taking place **May 22–23, 2026**, in **Spartanburg, South Carolina**. Co-chaired by **Lara Trump and me**, the summit convenes Democratic and Republican women in public life alongside respected thought leaders—not to debate positions, but to work together to identify issues where common ground exists and to develop shared, women-led solutions with clear, measurable goals.

What draws me to this effort is its intention. This is not about performance or optics. It is about creating space for real collaboration—bringing women across political lines into a trusted room to focus forward, agree on what can be done together, and commit to outcomes that can be followed and measured over time.

As a participant, you would be recognized as part of the founding group helping to shape this initiative from its beginning, and you will be featured in ELYSIAN's **Summer 2026 Red and Blue Issue**, highlighting your leadership and your role in this defining moment.

I know how full your days are and do not extend this invitation lightly. I hope you will consider joining us for this inaugural convening. Your presence would add depth, credibility, and purpose to a gathering designed to show what is possible when women lead together.

With respect and warm regards,

**Donna Brazile**

Co-Chair, *Red and Blue: A Call for Humanity*