

# 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: Teresa Leger
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** ☒ None  
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 07/09/2026 Return: 07/13/2026  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** ☒ None
4. Departure City: Santa Fe Destination: Havana, Cuba Return City: Washington D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Partnership for Participatory International Policy (P-PIP)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):  
Meetings were held with President Miguel Díaz-Canel and other foreign officials, leading policy experts on U.S.-Cuba relations, University professors/researchers, hospital staff, (Doctors, directors, etc.), immigration experts, farmers, UN Officials, and delegates from Cuba's renewable energy sector to discuss U.S.-Cuba issues.
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: 7/22/2026

# 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: Partnership for Participatory International Policy and the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft

2. Travel Destination(s): Cuba

3. Date of Departure: 7/9/2026 Date of Return: 7/13/2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Representative Teresa Leger Fernandez

**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                   | \$916                         | \$600                  | \$350               | \$150 bus transportation                                      |
| 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: 7/20/2026

Name: Elise Roberts Title: Director

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: 5732 Standish Avenue; Minneapolis, MN 55417

Telephone: 902.421.2269 Email: elise@p-pip.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

## 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](https://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:

Partnership for Participatory International Policy

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

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

6. Date of Departure: 7/9/26 Date of Return: 7/13/26

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

b. Destination(s): Cuba

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. \_\_\_\_\_

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): **\$70**

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: **see attached**

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

Hotel Name: **Casa Particular Hostal Cali** City: **Havana** Cost Per Night: **\$150**

Reason(s) for Selecting: **secure, affordable, and close to meeting locations**

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<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates | Total <b>Transportation</b><br>Expenses per Participant | Total <b>Lodging</b> Expenses<br>per Participant | Total <b>Meal</b> Expenses<br>per Participant |
| For each Member,<br>Officer, or Employee                                                            | \$800                                                   | \$600                                            | \$350                                         |
| For each Accompanying<br>Family Member                                                              |                                                         |                                                  |                                               |

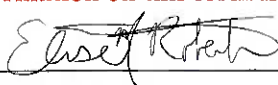
|                                          |                                                   |                                                                                               |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                          | <b>Other Expenses</b><br>(dollar amount per item) | Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses<br>(e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.) |
| For each Member,<br>Officer, or Employee | \$150                                             | Ground transportation (bus, taxis)                                                            |
| For each Accompanying<br>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: 06/05/2026  
Name: Elise Roberts Title: Director  
Organization: Partnership for Participatory International Policy  
Address: 5732 Standish Ave; Minneapolis, MN 55417  
Email: elise@p-pip.org Telephone: 920-421.2269

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#### **4: Invitees & Reason for Invite**

- Representative Delia Ramirez was invited to hear directly from Cubans about the impacts of US policy on Cuban communities. Rep. Ramirez serves on the Committee of Homeland Security and the Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement, and she is the co-founder of the Congressional Caucus on Global Migration.
- Representative Jesus “Chuy” Garcia was invited to hear directly from Cubans about the impacts of US policy on Cuban communities. Rep. Garcia serves on House Judiciary Committee, including its Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement.
- Representative Mark Pocan was invited to hear directly from Cubans about the impacts of US policy on Cuban communities. Rep. Pocan serves on House Appropriations Committee, including its Subcommittee on Labor, Health, Human Services & Education and its Subcommittee on Financial Services & General Government
- Representative Maxine Dexter was invited to hear directly from Cubans about the impacts of US policy on Cuban communities. Rep. Dexter serves on the House Committee on Natural Resources.
- Representative Teresa Leger Fernández was invited to hear directly from Cubans about the impacts of US policy on Cuban communities. Rep. Leger Fernandez serves on the House Rules Committee as Ranking Member of its Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process and on the House Committee on Natural Resources.
- Representative Rashida Tlaib was invited to hear directly from Cubans about the impacts of US policy on Cuban communities. Rep. Tlaib serves on the House Committee of Financial Services.
- Marina Sangit was invited to hear directly from Cubans about the impacts of US policy on Cuban communities. She was invited due to her position as a lead staffer who works for Congresswoman Ramirez’s office.
- Kari Williamson was invited to hear directly from Cubans about the impacts of US policy on Cuban communities. She was invited due to her position as a lead staffer who works for Congresswoman Dexter’s office.
- Glenn Wavrunek was invited to hear directly from Cubans about the impacts of US policy on Cuban communities. He was invited due to his position as a lead staffer who works for Congressman Pocan’s office.

### **Thursday, July 9th**

6:05 am - 9:03 am: Representative Leger Fernandez flies from Santa Fe (SAF) to Dallas (DFW)

6:30 am - 2:49 pm: Representative Dexter flies from Los Angeles (LAX) to Miami (MIA)

10:05 am - 2:18 pm: Representatives Pocan and Ramirez fly from Chicago (ORD) to Miami (MIA)

10:32 am - 2:30 pm: Representative Leger Fernandez flies from Dallas (DFW) to Miami (MIA)

11:55 am - 2:38 pm: Marina Sangit flies from Washington DC (DCA) to Miami (MIA)

4:05 – 5:25 pm: Delegates fly from Miami (MIA) to Havana (HAV)

6:30 – 7:00 pm: Travel from airport to hotel, check in to rooms

7:00 – 8:30 pm: Working dinner and orientation

### **Friday, July 10th**

8:00 - 9:00 am Working breakfast and briefing of the day's activities

9:00 - 10:45 am: Foreign Affairs meeting

Delegates to meet with top Cuban authorities focused on Foreign Affairs to discuss pressing issues pertaining to the U.S.-Cuba bilateral relationship, including, but not limited to, the impacts of U.S. trade, travel and financial restrictions on the Cuban people; respect for human rights and prisoners in both countries; support for Cuba's private sector and independent entrepreneurs; and the potential for cooperation in fields such as migration, national security, public health, agriculture, climate change and regional diplomacy. Presenters: Carlos Fernandez de Cossio Dominguez, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs & Director of General Directorate of the U.S., Foreign Affairs; Sonia Hernández Camacho, Director of Bilateral Issues, General Directorate of the U.S., Foreign Affairs.

11:00 am: - 12:30 pm Meeting on US-Cuban Relations During this special panel discussion, delegates will have a unique opportunity to learn from leading policy experts, academics and analysts from Cuban civil society about the current state of U.S.-Cuba relations under the new administration, Cuba's socioeconomic and foreign policy priorities, and prospects for the improvement of

bilateral ties. Presenters: Dr. Raul Rodriguez, Director of the University of Havana's Center for Hemispheric and United States Studies (CEHSEU); Norma Goicochea Estenoz, Executive Director of the Cuban Association of the United Nations (ACNU); Dr. Jourdy James Heredia, Deputy Director of the Global Economy Research Center (CIEM); and Rafael Hernandez, editor-in-chief of Temas magazine

12:45 - 1:45 pm: Lunch

2:00 – 3:45 pm: Visit Hospital Los Hermanos Ameijeiras

The Hermanos Ameijeiras hospital is a leading clinical, surgical and teaching hospital in Cuba's Centro Habana neighborhood, housed in a 24-story building perched over the Malecón. During this visit, delegates will exchange with health officials, doctors, nurses, technicians and patients about the structure, mission and impacts of Cuba's public health care system, as well as the labor, material and technological shortages it currently faces. Delegates will witness firsthand scarcities of medications, medical inputs, machinery and personnel at the hospital, as well as learn about the preventative and community-based model that undergirds its operations. The visit will provide insight into opportunities for bilateral cooperation in public health between U.S and Cuban institutions as well as shed light on the impacts of U.S. regulations on public health outcomes, indicators and infrastructure in Cuba. Presenters: Ameijeiras Hospital directors and staff

4:00 – 5:30 pm: Meeting with experts on immigration

Delegates will meet with representatives of Centro de Estudios Demográficos (Center for Demographic Studies, or CEDEM), an institution dedicated to research in demographic analysis and population and sustainable development studies. CEDEM analyzes migration patterns and plays a decisive role in organizing and executing national censuses, along with other population research. CEDEM is Cuba's leading academic institution in socio-demographic studies and a key counterpart of UNFPA (the UN Population Fund) in Cuba. In addition, they will hear from a recently deported Cuban mother. Presenters: Rafael Betancourt, CEDEM; Heidy Sanchez

6:30 – 8:30 pm: Dinner and Meeting with Deputy Trade Minister Mendez

Delegates will engage in a conversation about current trade and economic issues with Carlos Luis Jorge Méndez, the First Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Foreign Investment (MINCEX) and Jose Luis Rodriguez, former Minister of Economía y Planning. Among the issues will be the recent announcement of a package of economic reforms aimed at attracting investment, expanding participation by Cubans living abroad in the economy, and decentralizing parts of the country's administration.

### **Saturday, July 11th**

8:00 - 9:00 am: Breakfast and briefing on the days activities

**9:00 - 11:00 am Visit Cuba Chamber of Commerce**

Delegates will visit the Cuba Chamber of Commerce, which represents Cuban state and business interests internationally, hosting trade forums and business delegations. The Chamber is a member of the World Trade Center Association since 1980 and is also affiliated with the International Chamber of Commerce, the International Association of Fairs of America and the Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce. It regularly hosts trade forums and organizes Cuba's major annual trade fair, FIHAV. Presenters: Antonio Carricarte, President of the Chamber of Commerce; Oscar Fernández Estrada, President of Deshidratados Habana; Carlos Miguel Pérez Reyes; President of DOFLEINI; Yulieta Hernández Díaz, President of Pilares Construcciones; Pavel Lázaro Donato León, President of Panadería's Donato

**11:30 – 12:45 pm Visit Innova Ashé, a Local Development Project in Guanabacoa**

Delegates will visit the Local Development Project (Proyecto de Desarrollo Local, or PDL) based in Guanabacoa, Havana, Cuba. Innova Ashé is a grassroots community development project in Guanabacoa focused on fostering local entrepreneurship, food security, agroecology, and the economic empowerment of women and youth. Innova Ashé's mission is to incubate and support inclusive local entrepreneurs in the community, with an emphasis on agricultural enterprises. The project facilitates workshops and knowledge-sharing activities, working to raise awareness, mobilize commitments and values, and strengthen capacities for sustainable economic management and social and economic autonomy among community members. Innova Ashé has been a participant in workshops on gender and economic management, aimed at empowering women and young people in the agricultural sector.

**1:00 – 1:45 pm: Lunch**

**2:00 - 4:00 pm Meeting with President**

Delegates will meet with top Cuban authorities to discuss pressing issues pertaining to the U.S.-Cuba bilateral relationship, including, but not limited to, the impacts of U.S. trade, travel and financial restrictions on the Cuban people; respect for human rights and prisoners in both countries; support for Cuba's private sector and independent entrepreneurs; and the potential for cooperation in fields such as migration, national security, public health, agriculture, climate change and regional diplomacy. This meeting is important because it provides the opportunity for delegates to hear from the Cuban President personally and to discuss ongoing US-Cuban relations directly with the current Cuban administration. Presenters: Miguel Díaz-Canel, President of Cuba

**4:00 – 5:30 pm: Executive time**

**6:15 – 8:45 pm Dinner at Fangio with Ambassadors**

During this meeting, delegates will meet with ambassadors from Asian, European and Latin American nations accredited in Cuba, to discuss issues of geopolitical, commercial

and sociocultural importance. The meeting will focus on exploring more in-depth Cuba's bilateral and multilateral relations with countries and regional blocs in Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, as well discuss solutions to pressing global challenges.

### **Sunday, July 12th**

8:30 - 9:30 am: Working breakfast and briefing of the day's activities

9:30 – 11:30am: Visit organic family farm

Delegates will visit a local, small to medium size family-owned farm that incorporates renewable energy, including solar panels and biogas, to operate. They will visit the farm and discuss the challenges facing independent agricultural workers in food production and distribution.

12:00 – 1:30 pm: Working lunch with Cuban renewable energy sector

Delegates will meet with representatives from Cubasolar, Cuba's leading solar energy hub focused on promoting and publishing on renewable energies, particularly in rural areas and with schools. In addition, they will meet with a representative from the Unión Eléctrica (UNE), the entity responsible for handling the maintenance and operation of Cuba's electrical grid, to discuss the current energy shortages, electricity infrastructure and challenges and Cuba's shift towards a renewable energy model and economy. Presenters: Luis Berriz Pérez, Cubasolar; Rubén Campos Olmo,

2:00– 5:00 pm: Meeting with Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center leadership team

The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center (CMMLK), located in Marianao, a working-class neighborhood in Havana, is a premier Cuban civil society and ecumenical institution that works with communities and churches across the island to promote participation in civic life. The CMMLK has deep ties to Protestant churches and humanitarian organizations in the United States, and many of its leaders have visited U.S. cities on educational exchanges in recent years. The meeting will provide delegates with information about religious expression and social participation in Cuba today, as well as the efforts of women, Afro-descendant and LGBTQ+ leaders to promote positive social change in Cuba.

5:15 – 6:30 pm: Opportunities for interviews with international, local and US media

6:45 - 9:00 pm: Working dinner and final debrief

Delegates will review the meetings from the delegation and have a chance to ask remaining clarifying questions. Delegates will complete an evaluation of the delegation and review details for their travel home the following day. This meeting is important to ensure delegates have accurate information and contact information for follow up and to confirm travel details.

### **Monday, July 13th**

9:20 – 10:39 am: Delegates fly from Havana (HAV) to Miami (MIA)

1:42 – 4:26 pm: Delegates fly from Miami (MIA) to Washington DC (DCA)

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Teresa Leger
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Partnership for Participatory International Policy
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Cuba
4. a. Date of Departure: 07/09/2026 Date of Return: 07/13/2026  
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.**  
Representative Teresa Leger Fernández was invited to hear directly from Cubans about the impacts of US policy on Cuban communities. Rep. Leger Fernández serves on the House Rules Committee as Ranking Member of its Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process and on the House Committee on Natural Resources.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
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: 06/09/2026

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July 7, 2026

The Honorable Teresa Leger Fernández  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2417 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 Cuba,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for July 9 to 13, 2026, sponsored by Partnership for Participatory International Policy and Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft.

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.

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 \$525] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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

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

Sincerely,

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 style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mark DeSaulnier  
Ranking Member

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