

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: Jim Costa
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** ☒ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 07/05/2026 Return: 07/06/2026 (original form: 07/08/2026)
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** ☒ None
4. Departure City: Fresno, CA Destination: Portugal Return City: Fresno
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Rep. Costa made his initial flights from FAT to DEN and IAD, but due to weather delays at IAD, Rep. Costa's flight to Portugal was canceled. He personally paid for a flight back to California. Rep. Costa did not make it to Portugal and was unable to attend the FLAD conference. The FLAD sponsor is still investigating whether reimbursement is possible.
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: Due to a flight cancellation during his connection, Rep. Costa did not go on this trip.

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: 07/23/2026

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.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Fundação Luso Americana para o Desenvolvimento - FLAD

2. Travel Destination(s): Washington DC

3. Date of Departure: 7/5/2026 Date of Return: 7/6/2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Jim Costa

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	3300			
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: Miguel Vieira da Costa Vaz Date: 7/22/2026

Name: Miguel Vieira da Costa Vaz Title: Director

Organization: Fundação Luso Americana para o Desenvolvimento - FLAD

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

Address: Rua do Sacramento a Lapa, 21 1249-090 Lisbon, Portugal

Telephone: + 351 21 3835800 Email: miguel.vaz@flad.pt

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: Jim Costa

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: 2081 RHOB

Telephone Number: 5-3341

Email Address of Contact Person: geoffrey.hyder@mail.house.gov

☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Jim Costa
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Portugal
4. a. Date of Departure: July 5, 2026 Date of Return: July 8, 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.**
Rep. Costa is a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and co-chair of the Congressional Portuguese Caucus. This trip will include meetings with Portuguese government officials, a panel discussion on NATO, and a cultural exchange benefiting the U.S.-Portugal relationship.
9. **Yes ☐ No ☒ Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: _____ Date: _____

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

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

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

Fundação Luso-Americana para o Desenvolvimento - FLAD

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 Addendum

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

6. Date of Departure: July 5 Date of Return: July 8

7. a. City of departure: Fresno, California

b. Destination(s): Lisbon, Portugal

c. City of return: Fresno, California

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.**
- ☒ I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
 - ☐ I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
 - ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
 - ☐ 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.**
- ☒ 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*
 - ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
See Addendum

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (specify: _____)
 - Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (specify: _____)
 - 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:
- ☒ 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**
 - ☐ The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
 - Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____

 - 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: Hotel Sana Amoreiras City: Lisbon Cost Per Night: 320
Reason(s) for Selecting: Special Corporate Rate for FLAD
- Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
- Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

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

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

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	3300	640	220
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: Miguel Vieira da Costa Vaz Date: 06/03/2026
Name: Miguel Vieira da Costa Vaz Title: Director
Organization: Fundação Luso-Americana para o Desenvolvimento - FLAD
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If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

ADDENDUM TO QUESTION 4 ON PAGE 1:

Reps. Jim Costa, Lori Trahan, Sam Liccardo and David Valadao were invited by the Fundação Luso-Americana para o Desenvolvimento (Luso-American Development Foundation) to participate in the X Luso-American Legislators' Dialogue to be held in Lisbon, in July 6-7, in our headquarters. They were invited for being of Portuguese heritage. Rep. Jim Costa was available for those dates. No members of their staff were invited.

The main purpose of the Dialogue is to bring together elected officials from the U.S., who are of Portuguese ancestry.

ADDENDUM TO QUESTION 12 ON PAGE 2:

Since 2015, the Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD) has organized the annual Luso-American Legislators' Dialogue, with the participation of American elected officials who are of Portuguese heritage.

The main purpose of the Dialogue is to bring together elected officials from the U.S., who are of Portuguese ancestry, with their counterparts at the national level in Portugal, contributing to the strengthening of the bonds that exist between Portugal and the United States. This will give all participants an opportunity to discuss the challenges and the prospects that unite both countries. These Dialogues also aim at creating ties between US Legislators of Portuguese heritage, allowing the formation of a network that will foster these goals.

FLAD will cover transportation, meals, and accommodation expenses.

This year will be the X Luso-American Legislators' Dialogue to be held in Lisbon, in July 6-7 July, in FLAD's headquarters.

LIST OF THE DELEGATION - 2026

MASSACHUSETTS

State Senators

Liz Miranda (D)

Jake Oliveira (D)

State Representatives

David Vieira (R)

Alan Silvia (D)

Christopher Hendricks (D)

Antonio Cabral (D)

Tommy Vitolo (D)

CALIFORNIA

US House

Jim Costa (D)

State Representative

Alexandra Macedo (R)

HAWAII

State Senators

Donna Mercado Kim (D)

Samantha DeCorte (R)

Ron Kouchi (D)

State Representative

Julie Reyes Oda (R)

Diamond Garcia (R)

RHODE ISLAND

State Senators

Alana DiMario (D)

Pamela J Lauria (D)

State Representatives

Cherie Cruz (D)

Deborah Fellela Bento (D)

Joseph Solomon Jr. (D)

Robert Craven (D)

Thomas Noret (D)

New York

State Senator

Jack Martins (R)

X LUSO-AMERICAN LEGISLATORS' DIALOGUE

(Draft-subject to changes)

Some of the names are yet to be confirmed

PROGRAM | July 5-8, 2026

Sunday, July 5

09:00am Departure to Denver - UA 5787

12:34pm Arrival to Denver

01:53pm Departure to Washington D.C.- UA 347

07:22pm Arrival to Washington

10:25pm Departure to Lisbon - UA 942

Monday, July 6

10:35 am Arrival to Lisboa

11:35 am Check-in at the Hotel Sana Marquês

12:30am – 02:30pm Briefing about FLAD and the program at the hotel

(In this briefing the staff of FLAD will explain to the delegation the goals of FLAD and about all the sessions of this year's program and its added value)

Light lunch

03.00pm Departure to the Academy of Sciences

03:30 – 5:30pm **Academy of Sciences of Lisbon** “Correia da Serra: an enlightened scholar and a friend of the United States”. Talk by **José Luís Cardoso (Vice President of the Academy of Sciences of Lisbon)** and visit to the Library of the Academy of Sciences of Lisbon by

Henrique Leitão (Professor and Researcher at the Department for History and Philosophy of Science, Faculty of Science, University of Lisbon)

(Historical relationship between Portugal and the United States, including the reasons why Portugal became the third country to recognize U.S. independence, as well as some of the key Portuguese figures who helped build and strengthen this relationship over time. This session will take place at the Academy of Sciences, founded in 1779)

05:30pm Transfer to RedBridge

05:40pm Arrival to RedBridge

(RedBridge is an international club that connects the entrepreneurial and innovation ecosystems of Lisboa/Portugal and Silicon Valley/USA. The delegates will have the opportunity to get to know this community and its activities)

(Speakers tbc)

07:30pm Departure to the Restaurant

07:45pm Working Dinner at Farta Brutos Restaurant

(Sharing perspectives from each member of the delegation and dialogue on the Portuguese American communities' challenges)

09:30pm End of dinner – transfer to the hotel

Tuesday, July 7

09:30am Departure to Torre do Tombo: National Archives

9:50am Arrival to Torre do Tombo: National Archives

9:50am – 11:30 Session at Torre do Tombo: National Archives

(The delegation will have the opportunity to explore some of the original correspondence exchanged between the Founding Fathers and the Kings of Portugal, together with the fascinating history behind these exchanges at Torre do Tombo. Portugal was one of the first countries to recognize the independence of the United States. To

see the original documents of that period has a significant importance in the year that the U.S.A. are commemorating the 250 years of its independence. The legislators will learn more about the policy of Portugal regarding the United States at that time, since we are also commemorating 250 years of Portuguese American friendship.)

Speaker: **Paulo Batista (Director of Torre do Tombo – National Archives)**

11:30 Departure to FLAD

11:50 Arrival to FLAD

12:00pm – 12:30pm Welcome remarks

José Manuel Durão Barroso, President of FLAD

Francisco Duarte Lopes, Ambassador of Portugal to the USA

John Arrigo, Ambassador of the USA to Portugal

(The President of FLAD, the Portuguese and the US Ambassadors will greet the members of the delegation and will speak about the importance of the relationship between Portugal the USA)

12:30pm – 02:15pm Working Lunch at FLAD

(The lunch will include a presentation of each of the legislators' (around 5 minutes each) – ancestry and topics they like to address. They will also discuss about the future of the Portuguese American communities under their jurisdiction.)

02:30pm – 04:00pm Session: **António Leitão Amaro**, Minister for the Presidency

Portugal Today

(The Minister will speak on the Portuguese political and economic reality, including in the context of the European Union)

4:00pm Coffee Break

04:20pm – 05:45pm Pannel on NATO and Geopolitics, **Ana Santos Pinto (Professor and researcher at Portuguese Institute of International Relations of NOVA University, Lisbon)** and **Miguel Monjardino (Invited Professor at Institute for Political Studies, Universidade Católica Portuguesa)**

(the two academics will speak about the role of NATO in the present geopolitical situation)

05:45pm – 7.00pm Session: **António José Seguro**, President of the Portuguese Republic (tbc)

Portugal and the USA

(The Head of the State of Portugal will give a presentation about the bilateral relations between Portugal and the US and the role that the US Legislators of Portuguese descent can have in this matter)

7.00pm – 7:50pm Networking break and debriefing about the sessions

08:00pm-10:30pm Closing Dinner (at FLAD)

Wednesday, July 8

07:15am Departure to the airport

10:25am Departure to Newark – UA 6638

01:00pm Arrival to Newark

01:41pm Departure to Denver - UA 663

06:23pm Arrival to Denver

07:25pm Departure to Fresno – UA

08:55pm Arrival to Fresno - UA 1172

This program advances the goals of the Legislators' Dialogue and FLAD's broader mission of strengthening the relationship between Portugal and the United States by fostering meaningful engagement among elected officials of Portuguese ancestry and key Portuguese leaders from the political, academic, business, and cultural sectors. Through discussions on Portugal's contemporary challenges and opportunities, the transatlantic alliance, NATO, innovation, and the Portuguese and US shared history, participants gain a deeper understanding of the bilateral partnership while exploring opportunities for

future cooperation. Equally important, the program creates a unique space for legislators from different U.S. states to build lasting relationships with one another, strengthen their connection to their Portuguese heritage, and expand the network of Portuguese-American leaders committed to promoting dialogue, mutual understanding, and collaboration across the Atlantic.

Michael Guest, Mississippi
Chairman
Mark DeSaulnier, California
Ranking Member

Andrew R. Garbarino, New York
Ashley Hinson, Iowa
Nathaniel Moran, Texas
Brad Knott, North Carolina

Deborah K. Ross, North Carolina
Glenn F. Ivey, Maryland
Sylvia R. Garcia, Texas
Suhas Subramanyam, Virginia



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June 24, 2026

The Honorable Jim Costa
U.S. House of Representatives
2081 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 Portugal,¹ scheduled for July 5 to 8, 2026, sponsored by Luso-American Development Foundation.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$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.

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

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

Sincerely,



Michael Guest
Chairman

MG/MD:nl



Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

Executive Council

The Honorable
Jim Costa
United States Congressman
Washington DC
USA

Dear Congressman Costa,

Lisboa, April 7, 2026

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to participate in the **X Luso-American Legislators' Dialogue**, to be held in Lisbon on **July 6 and 7, 2026**.

Since its inception in 2015, this initiative has become a well-established and valued tradition of our institution. This year, FLAD will once again bring together U.S. legislators of Portuguese descent to engage with leading political figures in Portugal, as well as prominent representatives from the private sector.

This edition carries particular significance. As the United States celebrates the 250th anniversary of its Independence, it is worth remembering that Portugal was among the first European countries to recognize the new American nation — a gesture that speaks to the depth and longevity of the bonds between our two peoples.

It is in that same spirit of friendship and shared history that this dialogue seeks to bring together legislators who embody that living connection. The program will offer participants the opportunity to build networks of mutual interest, exchange policy-making experiences with Portuguese counterparts, explore ways to further strengthen bilateral ties, and address the key challenges facing the Portuguese American community today.

We are hopeful that this anniversary year will lend added meaning and momentum to our conversations, and that it will serve as a fitting backdrop to reaffirm the enduring partnership between Portugal and the United States.

FLAD will cover your travel expenses (round-trip economy-class airfare) and accommodation (up to four nights at a hotel in Lisbon).

Your participation would be greatly valued, and I sincerely hope you will be able to join us. I look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming you personally to FLAD.

Yours sincerely,



José Manuel Durão Barroso
President of the Executive Council

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