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: Andrew Garbarino
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 7, 2026 Return: August 14, 2026
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
4. Departure City: New York, NY Destination: Ecuador Return City: New York, NY
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
   Participated in briefings and tours with Ecuadorian government officials, researchers, and conservation specialists.
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: 8/26/26

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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: International Conservation Caucus Foundation, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
2. Travel Destination(s): Ecuador
3. Date of Departure: August 7th, 2026 Date of Return: August 14th, 2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Andrew Garbarino

   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	$5459.12	$2352.00	547.00	$881.00 ($20 migration card, $200 park fee, $5 airport assistance, $636 tip for crew and boat guide, $20 other tips)
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: Susan H. Lylis **Date:** August 26, 2026

Name: Susan Lylis **Title:** Executive VP

Organization: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

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

Address: 1200 Potomac St NW Washington, DC 20007

Telephone: 202-471-4222 **Email:** slylis@internationalconservation.org; cweis@iccfoundation.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.

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2. Travel Destination(s): Ecuador
3. Date of Departure: August 7th, 2026 Date of Return: August 14th, 2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Andrew Garbarino

   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	$5,459.12	$2,352.00	$547.00	$881.00 ($20 migration card, $200 park fee, $5 airport assistance, $636 tip for boat crew and guide, $20 other tips)
Accompanying Family Member	$893.74	$2,000.00	$510.00	$881.00 ($20 migration card, $200 park fee, $5 airport assistance, $636 tip for boat crew and guide, $20 other tips)

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: Susan G. Lylis **Date:** August 26, 2026

Name: Susan Lylis **Title:** Executive VP

Organization: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

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

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Andrew Garbarino

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Ecuador

4. a. Date of Departure: August 7, 2026 Date of Return: Augst 14, 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.**

   As Co-Chair of the Climate Solutions Caucus and Zoo and Aquarium Caucus, this trip will better ~~inform my work with respect to conservation policy and collaboration with our international partners~~ on matters involving the environment.

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:** 7/8/26

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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:

   International Conservation Caucus Foundation

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: Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

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: August 7, 2026 Date of Return: August 14, 2026
7. a. City of departure: Travel was offered from Washington, D.C. and home district
   b. Destination(s): Ecuador
   c. City of return: Travel was offered to Washington, D.C. and home district
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 addendum

13. ***Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary***:
   a. Mode of travel: Air ☐ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (specify: Boat in Galapagos)
   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:
   While the Galapagos, the delegation will stay on a chartered boat to maximize site visits vs travel time.

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): _____
      See addendum.
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____
      See addendum.

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

Hotel Name: Hilton Colon Guayaquil City: Guayaquil Cost Per Night: $120
Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to airport.

Hotel Name: The Passion (Boat) City: Galapagos Cost Per Night: $600 (all inclusive)
Reason(s) for Selecting: Allows for site visits to remote areas.

Hotel Name: Dann Carlton Hotel City: Quito Cost Per Night: $115
Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to meetings.

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	$2463.51	$2350.00	$565.00
For each Accompanying Family Member	$2463.51	$2000.00	$565.00

	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	$220.00	$20 migration card, $200 park entrance fee
For each Accompanying Family Member	$220.00	$20 migration card, $200 park entrance fee

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: Susan H. Lylis Date: 8/3/2026

Name: Susan Lylis Title: Executive VP

Organization: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

Address: 1200 Potomac St NW Washington, D.C. 20007

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August 5, 2026

The Honorable Andrew R. Garbarino
U.S. House of Representatives
2344 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 Ecuador,[1] scheduled for August 7 to 14, 2026, sponsored by International Conservation Caucus Foundation and Gordon and Betty Moore 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.

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[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

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

MG/MD:tn

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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.**

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. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation
2. Name of your organization: Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
3. Yes [X] No [ ] Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes [X] 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. [X] 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: July 20, 2026

Name: Sasha Abrams Title: General Counsel and Secretary to the Board

Organization: Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

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Additional Sponsor Addendum

4. The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation received one grant from a Norwegian government agency in 2025 for charitable purposes unrelated to this Sponsored Travel. None of the Foundation funds used to support the Sponsored Travel are derived from any funding provided by a foreign government or multinational organization.

Congressional Member Delegation to Ecuador

August 7-14, 2026

Friday, August 7th - Travel Day

06:30	Depart JFK for Guayaquil, Ecuador on JetBlue Flight 0505 (Garbarino)
09:50	Depart Kansas City for Dallas on American Airlines Flight AA2430 (Alford)
11:36	Arrive in Dallas (Alford)
12:02	Arrive in Guayaquil (Garbarino)
12:47	Depart Dallas for Miami on American Airlines flight AA2461 (Alford)
16:50	Arrive in Miami (Alford)
18:10	Depart Miami for Guayaquil, Ecuador on AA Flight 643 (Joyce, Alford)

Accommodations, Hilton Colon Guayaquil

Saturday, August 8th

07:30 - 08:00	Breakfast before departing for airport
08:00	Depart for airport
08:45 - 09:45	Briefing by Eleonora Aranda, ICCF Mexico Program Director
	Eleonora runs ICCF's Mexico Caucus Program and supports the regional offices in Latin America. Eleonora will discuss the conservation priorities of the region and policy outcomes of the ICCF Latin America program. She will also highlight the recent efforts and status of the program in Ecuador.
10:13	Depart Guayaquil on LATAM to Baltra
11:10	Arrive in Baltra. Pick up at port and take to the boat
12:30- 14:00	Lunch briefing by David Barron, ICCF Chairman
	David Barron will outline the purpose and agenda of the mission, give an overview of ICCF, and provide background on U.S. government

support for conservation and the International Conservation Caucus's role.

14:00-14:30	Travel to North Seymour Island
14:30 - 14:50	Depart boat by dinghy to island
14:50 - 16:50	Introduction and briefing by Rafael Peralta

Certified naturalist guides are required for all visitors to the Galápagos Islands. Regulated by the Galápagos National Park, these experts undergo intensive training in biology, conservation, and geology to ensure safety, enforce park rules, and protect the fragile ecosystem.

Rafael has 33 years of experience and specializes in educational nature-focused tourism travel. Rafael is a native of the Galapagos and expert on the unique native plant and animal life, with additional experience guiding Expeditions in Antarctica, Kenya, Tanzania, Patagonia, Panama, Costa Rica, Mexico and the U.S.

Rafael will lead a tour of the island, renowned for its abundant seabird colonies, iconic yellow land iguanas, and Galápagos sea lions. The island represents a major conservation success through the reintroduction of land iguanas, led by the Galápagos National Park Directorate. As a critical breeding habitat for seabird species whose movements extend across the Eastern Tropical Pacific, it also underscores the importance of regional collaboration to conserve migratory marine species and the ecosystems they depend on.

16:50 - 17:10	Return to boat
17:10 - 19:00	Down time and freshen up for dinner
	Pick up Karl Campbell (Re:Wild) and Gustavo Jimenez (Charles Darwin Research Station)
19:00 - 21:00	Dinner briefing with Ivonne A-Baki, former Ecuador Ambassador to the U.S.

Ambassador A-Baki has had a very distinguished career as a diplomat, politician and academic as Honorary Consul of Ecuador in Beirut, Honorary Consul of Ecuador in Boston, Minister of of Foreign Trade, Industry, Regional Integration, Fisheries, and Competitiveness, Ambassador to the United States of America, Ambassador to Qatar and Ambassador Non-Resident of Ecuador to Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Jordan, Oman and Syria.

The Ambassador is very committed to conservation and created the Galapagos Conservancy Foundation.

She will discuss the recent history of U.S. - Ecuador relations, the role natural resource management plays in the region, and why the U.S. should be involved.

Accommodations: The Passion (boat)

Sunday, August 9th

08:00 - 09:30 Breakfast briefing with Bo Derek

Bo Derek is most known for her acting and modeling career but is also a philanthropist, dedicating much of her time to animal welfare, conservation efforts, and supporting disabled military veterans. In 2006 she was appointed as a Special Envoy of the Secretary of State for Wildlife Trafficking Issues by the U.S. State Department. In this role, she traveled globally and domestically to raise public awareness about the $10 billion illegal black market for endangered species and wildlife. More recently in 2021, she was officially named the Tourism Ambassador of Ecuador by the Ministry of Tourism because of the role she plays in expanding the awareness of Ecuador's many tourist attractions, but also the sustainable development of the tourism industry.

09:45 - 11:45 Sail to Floreana Island

11:45 - 12:15 Briefing by Dr. Karl Campbell, Director of Strategic Initiatives and tour of Floreana Island and Re:Wild projects

Karl lives in the Galápagos Islands and has spent the vast majority of his career implementing island rewilding projects, primarily in Latin America. His interests include transforming human-wildlife conflicts through co-design of holistic solutions with communities, identifying, developing and deploying innovative solutions to reduce the costs and increase feasibility of projects, implementing financing mechanisms and taking projects to scale. He is now working with local partners on a ridge-to-reef rewilding initiative spanning the Pacific coast of Latin America, from Mexico to Chile. He will discuss importance of conservation finance and the world's largest debt for nature swap, which includes financing from the U.S.'s Development Finance Corporation.

12:15 - 12:20 Transport by dinghy to Floreana Island

12:20 - 13:20 Guided hike and briefing by Dr. Campbell and Naturalist Rafael

Floreana Island is home to 54 threatened species. The Floreana

Mockingbird, extinct on the main island, survives only on two small predator-free offshore islets. Re:wild is working with partners to remove invasive predators from Floreana and create conditions for the reintroduction of the Floreana Tortoise, the Floreana Mockingbird, and the recovery of other species including the Galápagos Petrel.

Dr. Campbell will highlight the important role of debt conversions to the biodiversity work in the Galapagos and the role of the Development Finance Corporation and other conservation finance mechanisms.

13:20 -14:15 Transport by vans to the Highlands

14:15 - 15:45 Lunch briefing with Dr. Campbell on the Floreana Restoration Project at Claudio Cruz's farm

Floreana Restoration Project is a proof of concept for the broader One Galápagos model: an island-wide approach that combines community priorities, sustainable livelihoods, invasive species management, and the recovery of native wildlife as part of a single, long-term restoration strategy. On Floreana, the project has worked closely with the local community to strengthen agricultural production and invest in durable infrastructure and improved management for cattle, pigs, and chickens—supporting local livelihoods and food production while resolving long-standing conflicts between farming and native wildlife. This work has helped establish the community, technical, and operational conditions needed to advance the eradication of invasive rodents and feral cats and, in turn, enable the reintroduction of 11 additional species that have disappeared from the island. Earlier this year, giant tortoises were returned to Floreana, marking the first major reintroduction in this new phase of recovery.

These efforts build on the earlier successful eradication of feral goats, donkeys, and pigs, after which the island's vegetation has continued to recover. Together, the results show that improving livelihoods and restoring ecosystems are not competing objectives: when designed together, they can reinforce one another and create the conditions for durable, island-wide recovery.

15:45 - 16:45 Brief by farmer and operator Claudio Cruz and tour of the farm

Claudio will brief the group on his experience and participation in the Restoration Project and how it has improved his business but also the quality and sustainability of his farm. Claudio will give a tour of the farm and show the different approaches incorporated into his farm to keep rodents and pests away from crops and improve livestock management.

16:45 - 17:30 Transfer back to dock

17:30 - 17:50	Dinghy transport back to boat
17:50 - 18:30	Down time, freshen up
18:30 - 20:00	Dinner briefing on the Galapagos debt for nature swap

Karl will brief the group on the details and stakeholders involved in the Galapagos' recent debt for nature swap, the world's largest to date. In 2023, with support from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the U.S. Development Finance Corporation (DFC), Ecuador completed a debt conversion that will allow the country to allocate resources for long-term marine conservation in the Galápagos Islands to promote greater sustainability and improve the quality of life of Ecuadorians.

To date, this is the largest debt-for-nature conversion completed in the world. The operation consists of an $85 million IDB guarantee and a $656 million DFC political-risk insurance to Ecuador to purchase existing public debt at better terms. This debt purchase with cheaper financing will generate lifetime savings of more than $1.126 billion.

Monday, August 10th

8:00 - 09:30	Breakfast briefing by Gustavo Jimenez, Principal Investigator of the Marine Bird Conservation Program at Charles Darwin Foundation

Gustavo has been part of the Charles Darwin Foundation since 2001. His work has focused on the health and welfare of the Galapagos endemic species. Understanding the dynamic population of Galapagos penguins, flightless cormorants, waved albatross, and flamingos, against their threats (pathogens, pollutants, introduced species, human interactions) is the main objective for the conservation of seabirds.

In addition, Gustavo is an advisor to the Galapagos National Park Directorate and the Galapagos Biosecurity Agency. Currently, he leads the monitoring of avian influenza in the Galapagos in collaboration with the ABG and DPNG.

09:30 - 09:45	Dinghy ride to Española Island
09:45 - 11:45	Brief and tour of Española Island by Gustavo Jimenez

Española is the southernmost island of the Galápagos and is home to the Waved Albatross, one of many seabird species that faces threats including its restricted breeding range, incidental capture in longline fisheries, disease, and environmental change. These threats highlight the importance of coordinated conservation efforts such as the Agreement on the

Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP), a treaty that has been considered by the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee but has not been ratified by the United States.

The visit to Española Island will highlight the importance of long-term monitoring of seabird populations and their health. Through sustained monitoring, researchers can detect changes in population status and emerging threats, allowing conservation actions to be adapted before declines become irreversible.

11:45 - 12:00	Dinghy ride back to boat
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 14:30	Break
14:30 - 16:00	Briefing on IUUF pressures on the Islands and region

Karl will brief the group on the foreign fishing pressures that are often illegal, pollute local waters, and use unsustainable, indiscriminate fishing gear that harms birds and other marine life.

Massive, mostly Chinese-flagged fishing fleets have routinely swarmed the edge of the Galápagos Marine Reserve in international waters. Numbering up to 300+ vessels, the armada targets squid—a vital food source for endangered hammerhead sharks and fur seals.
These vessels frequently disable tracking devices and oftentimes are engaged in other illegal activity such as labor abuses, shark finning, dumping and sometimes human, drug and arms trafficking.

SOUTHCOM has traditionally had partnerships with Ecuador to support maritime domain awareness initiatives primarily to deter drug trafficking which is oftentimes connected to other environmental crimes.

16:00 - 18:00	Break, freshen up for dinner
18:00 - 19:30	Dinner briefing by David Barron to discuss conservation finance mechanisms

David will brief the delegation on the important role the legislative branch plays in creating sound natural resource management policies, such as the U.S. Foundation for Natural Security and Counterterrorism, that conserve the environment and ensure economic, food, and national security. He will also highlight global initiatives such as the G7's Nature and People's Finance Alliance that strengthen financing for nature protection, conservation and restoration by leveraging increased voluntary private sector engagement.

Tuesday, August 11th

08:00 - 09:30 Breakfast

09:30 - 10:00 Depart Boat for Charles Darwin Research Station (CDRS) in Puerto Ayora

10:00 -12:30 Tour of the Research Station led by Director of Communications and Strategic Affairs, Ambre Tanty-Lamothe

The mission of the Charles Darwin Foundation and its Research Station is to tackle the greatest threats and challenges to Galapagos through scientific research and conservation action, in order to safeguard one of the world's most important natural treasures.

Ambre will discuss the important history and impact of the Charles Darwin Research Station while highlighting current research and initiatives that are driving conservation efforts across the region.

The delegation will visit the Philornis downsi laboratory to learn about one of the greatest threats facing Galápagos landbirds. The visit will highlight ongoing research on rearing the invasive fly for studies of its life cycle, ecology, and behavior, including experiments evaluating a host-specific biological control agent.

The delegation will meet with Miguel Pinto, Head curator of the Galápagos Natural History Collections – the largest collection of Galapagos in Ecuador – who will discuss the historical importance of the scientific collections and showcase specimens representing endemic, native, and invasive species, highlighting the threats invasive species pose to the Galápagos and their implications. Current and relevant Charles Darwin Foundation research and conservation projects will also be presented in connection with the collections.

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch at the Research Station with *EmprendeMar Program*

After tourism, the artisanal fishing sector is the second most important driver of the Galapagos Islands' local economy. More than 500 families depend on this activity, which supplies restaurants, cruise ships, and hotels, and feeds local people across the four inhabited islands. Artisanal fishing can generate $10.5 million in gross revenue every year, and was the activity that revitalized the local economy following the COVID-19 pandemic.

The CDRS partners with fishermen to improve fishing practices, traceability, and management to help them gain access to alternate markets and charge more for their seafood products, advancing the

Galapagos blue economy. Representatives from the EmprendeMar Program will join the delegation for lunch and bring some of their product. This program was previously funded by USAID.

14:30 - 14:45 Depart lunch for Galapagos National Park Headquarters

14:45 - 15:45 Brief by the Galapagos National Park Director, Lorena Sanchez

Lorena will brief the group on the role of the Park Service in Ecuador's maritime domain awareness. The delegation will see the command center where the Park Service can see all the boat activity in the Park and how they go about enforcing regulations and addressing IUUF.

15:45 - 17:00 Visit to the Fausto Llerena Breeding Center

Iniciativa Galápagos (known as the Giant Tortoise Restoration Initiative) is a collaborative effort led by Galápagos Conservancy and the Galápagos National Park Directorate (GNPD). The long-term goal of the initiative is to restore tortoise populations to their historical distribution and numbers across Galápagos, including on islands where tortoises went extinct. The program has many partnerships with U.S. zoos on species conservation and efforts around combatting the illegal pet and wildlife trade.

17:00 - 18:00 Return to boat

18:00 - 18:30 Freshen up for dinner

18:30 - 20:00 Dinner on the boat with Assemblyman Milton Aguas

Milton is the legislative representative for the Galapagos. He has a Master's Degree in Strategic Planning and Management, as well as an Engineering degree in Systems and Computer Science. He has led the Execution of projects with international organizations such as the IDB and CAF. His leadership has been highlighted by the Galapagos National Park, Ecuadorian Navy, and the U.S. Embassy.

Milton will brief the delegation on current policy priorities around natural resource management and the importance of US leadership in the Galapagos and larger Ecuador.

Accommodations: The Passion

Wednesday, August 12th

08:30 - 09:30 Quick breakfast and packing to depart for airport

09:30 - 10:00	Transfer to Baltra Airport
10:30 - 11:30	Briefing at the airport by David Barron and Eleonora Aranda on Quito agenda *David and Eleonora will discuss with the group the topics for discussion with the Ministers and Stakeholder lunch while in Quito. The group will discuss how their experiences in the Galapagos have helped improve their understanding about why US leadership and support in this space is necessary for conservation efforts but also for advancing US strategic interests.*
12:00 - 16:27	LATAM flight from Baltra to Quito
16:27 - 17:15	Transfer from airport to Hotel Dann Carlton Quito
17:15 - 18:30	Check in and freshen up for dinner
18:30 - 18:45	Transfer to dinner at Tributo Restaurante
18:45 - 19:45	Introduction to Laura Prieto, ICCF Colombia Program Officer *Laura is leading the ICCF's presence in Ecuador and was integral in the set up of the first caucus in 2024. She is leading the efforts to launch a new caucus after the upcoming elections take place. Laura will brief the delegation on the current conservation initiatives in the National Assembly and recent exchanges between the US Caucus and ICCF's Latin American Caucuses.*
19:45 - 21:45	Dinner briefing with Minister Juan Carlos Blum, and Vice Minister Alicia Jaramillo Cabo of Environment, Water and Ecological Transition *The delegation will discuss conservation programs visited while in the Galapagos and historical U.S. investment both directly and bi/multi-laterally through organizations like the Global Environment Facility.*
Accommodations:	*Hotel Dann Carlton Quito*

Thursday, August 13th

06:00	Depart Quito for Miami on American Airlines flight AA643 (Joyce)
08:30 - 10:00	Breakfast
10:00-10:30	Transfer to US Embassy

10:30 - 11:30	Country brief with the U.S. Charge d'Affairs Lawrence Petroni and country team *Mr. Petroni and team will discuss U.S. interests and priorities in Ecuador and the region and will highlight essential partnerships and stakeholders and realities on the ground.*
11:24	Arrive in Miami (Joyce)
11:30 - 12:00	Transfer back to hotel for lunch
12:30 - 14:30	Working Lunch with Members of the National Assembly and relevant conservation stakeholders *The delegation will participate in a working lunch with Members of the National Assembly, relevant Ministers, and key conservation stakeholders. The discussion will focus on opportunities to strengthen collaboration between the U.S. and Ecuador legislative branches, the U.S.'s past and present role in supporting Ecuador's conservation strategy, and shared priorities to advance future conservation initiatives.* *Participants:* *Juan Andrés Delgado, Directora, Sustainable Environmental Investment Fund* *Pietro Graziani, Consultor, FAO Ecuador* *Tarsicio Granizo, Director, WWF Ecuador* *Luis Suarez Consultant, Conservation International* *Sebastián Valdivieso, Director, WCS Ecuador* *Gabriel Quijandría, Regional Director, IUCN Latin America* *José Antonio Dávalos, Ex Ministro Ambiente, Asociado* *Senior ECIJA GPA* *José Vélez Tacuri, Regional Coordinador, Suramerica Fisheries Transparency Initiative* *Susana Escandón, Coordinator, Fondo para la Proteccion del Agua(Water Protection Fund)* *Roberto Troya, Latin America Director, WWF*

	Jen Sawada, Senior Manager, Pew Charitable Trusts
	Camila Leon, Assemblyman, Ecuador National Assembly
	Diana Jacome, Assemblyman, Ecuador National Assembly
	Lucia Pozo, Assemblyman, Ecuador National Assembly
	Otto Vera, Assemblyman, Ecuador National Assembly
	Carlos Steve, Assemblyman, Ecuador National Assembly
	Jadira Bayas, Assemblyman, Ecuador National Assembly
	Marco Olmedo, Assemblyman, Ecuador National Assembly
	Esperanza Rogel, Assemblyman, Ecuador National Assembly
14:30	Head back to hotel and freshen up for international travel
17:25	Depart Quito for JFK on Avianca Flight AV7396 (Garbarino)
19:00	Depart for the airport
23:56	Depart Quito for Miami on American Airlines Flight AA2162 (Alford)

Friday, August 14th

00:45	Arrive at JFK (Garbarino)
05:15	Arrive in Miami (Alford)
08:00	Depart Miami for Washington, D.C. (Reagan) on American Airlines Flight (Alford) AA2848
10:39	Arrive in Washington, D.C. (Reagan) (Alford)

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Attending:
David Joyce (R-OH): Representative Joyce was invited because he is the Co-Chair of the International Conservation Caucus which the ICCF supports.
Andrew Garbarino (R-NY): Representative Garbarino was invited because he is a member of the International Conservation Caucus, and Co-Chair of the Zoo and Aquarium and Climate Solutions Caucuses
Mark Alford (R-MO): Representative Alford was invited because he is a member of the Appropriations National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs Subcommittee which is responsible for international conservation funding.

Invited but declined:
Rob Menendez (D-NJ): Representative Menendez was invited because he is the Vice Chair of Policy for Congressional Hispanic Caucus and a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee that works on resource management issues similar to ones the delegation will discuss in Ecuador.
Susie Lee (D-NV): Representative Lee was invited because she sits on the House Natural Resources Committee that works on wildlife management issues similar to ones the delegation will discuss in Ecuador.
Pete Aguilar (D-CA): Representative Aguilar was invited because he is the Democratic Caucus Co-Chair and Member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus that is interested in US-Latin American relations.

12. The International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF) educates U.S. policymakers and other global political and business leaders on the vital links between good natural resource management, sustainable economic development, conflict avoidance, and regional security. ICCF organized the logistics of lodging and travel for the trip and identified topics and expert speakers.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation's mission is to create positive outcomes for future generations. In pursuit of that vision, they advance scientific discovery, environmental conservation, and the special character of the San Francisco Bay Area. The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation has only provided a grant and has not participated in any of the planning or organizing of the trip and did not have any part in choosing House participants.

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1. Rates on the Passion are inclusive of lodging, meals, and fuel/boat costs. Approximate costs per day while in the Galapagos are $500 for lodging/fuel, and $100 for food. Dinner and breakfast in Guayaquil will cost approximately 60$. Meals in Quito will cost approximately $105 per day. * Members will be in Quito for a 24 hour period so only accounted for 1 day of meals in calculations.

   Guayaquil cost breakdown:

Lodging: $120 per Member
Meals: $40 dinner, $20 breakfast
Transportation: 25$ per person roundtrip to airport

Galapagos:
Lodging, boat costs: $500 per person/per day
Meals: $100 per person/per day
National Park Fee: $200 per person
Migration card: $20 per person

Quito
Lodging: $115 per Member
Meals: $105 per person/per day
Transportation: $25 per person

2. The ICCF Group has recently supported the launch of a new conservation caucus within Ecuador's National Assembly. Ecuador is a strategic partner of the United States and has partnerships to help deter transnational organized crime and illegal natural resource extraction such as IUUF. The Members will see conservation management challenges first hand while in the Galapagos and meet with government leaders while in Quito.