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EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 135 Cannon House Office Building, 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: Carmen Gallus

2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ *or* None ■
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____

3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 3/6/2015 Return: 3/14/2015
   b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____ *or* None ☐

4. Departure city: DC Destination: Istanbul Return city: DC

5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): West America Turkic Council

6. Describe meetings and events attended: We met with Turkic elected officials, business leaders, journalists, educators, members of the agricultural community and U.S. embassy in Ankara.

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 Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
   c. ■ page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; ***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 that statement is true by checking box*): ■
   b. If not, explain: _____

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

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER: Carmen Gallus DATE: 3/27/15

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick DATE: 3/27/15

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: A Kirkpatrick

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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 on 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 for the trip): West America Turkic Council(WATC)

2. Travel Destination(s): Turkey (Istanbul-Kayseri-Capadocia-Nevsehir-Ankara)

3. Date of Departure: March 6, 2015 Date of Return: March 14, 2015

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Carmen Maioriello Gallus
(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 response to Question 4:

	Total *Transportation* Expenses	Total *Lodging* Expenses	Total *Meal* Expenses	*Other* Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	$ 1286	$ 420	$260	$40(Museum Entry Fees)
Accompanying Relative	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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:

Name: Ozkur Yildiz Title: President/CEO

Organization: West America Turkic Council (WATC)

I am an officer of the above-named organization *(signify statement is true by checking box)*: ■

Address: 18872 Bardeen Ave
Irvine ,CA 92612

Telephone number: 310-993 0302

Email Address: president@watc.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.

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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. ***Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392, sent or delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth, or e-mailed to 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: Carmen Gallus

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: Carmen Gallus

Name of signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member or committee: Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick

Office address: 201 Cannon HOB

Telephone number: 202-225-3361

Email address of contact person: carmen.gallus@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:

Committee on Ethics
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)
Travel email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Carmen Gallus

2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): West America Turkic Council

3. Travel destination(s): Istanbul and Ankara (Turkey)

4. a. Date of departure 3/6/2015 Date of return: 3/14/2015
   b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ■ No
   If yes, dates at personal expense: _____

5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ■ No
   b. If yes:
   (1) Name of accompanying relative: _____
   (2) Relationship to traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
   (3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (*i.e.*, travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? ☐ Yes ■ No
   b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: ■ Yes ☐ No
   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.
   See attached.

9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? ☐ Yes ■ No

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.

Date: 02/5/2015

Signature of Employing Member

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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 Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

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.

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): West America Turkic Council

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 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):
   Carmen Gallus, Chief of Staff to Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick

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

6. Date of departure: 03.06.2015 Date of return: 03.14.2015

7. a. City of departure: Washington DC
   b. Destination(s): Istanbul (Turkey)
   c. City of return: Washington DC

8. I represent that (*check one of the following*):
   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 one of the following:
   a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☒
   b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
   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 "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the 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 one:
    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 that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒ ***or***
    b. N/A – 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:
    Please see the Statement of Purpose for the trip

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. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
    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):
    50 dollars per day
    2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
    Please see the statement of purpose

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
    Hotel name: Hotel Ramada City: Istanbul Cost per night: 130
    Reason(s) for selecting: Close to the city, easy access and good rate
    Hotel name: Hotel Metropolitan City: Ankara Cost per night: 120
    Reason(s) for selecting: Proximity to our meetings and good rate
    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 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	1450	450	350
For each accompanying relative			

	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 relative		

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19. Check one:
    a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ☒ *or*
    b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒

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

Signature: _____

Name: Ozkur Yildiz

Title: President

Organization: West America Turkic Council

Address: 18872 Bardeen Ave. Irvine CA 92612

Telephone number: 310 993 0302

Email address: president@watc.org

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February 26, 2015

Ms. Carmen Gallus
Office of the Honorable Ann Kirkpatrick
201 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Gallus:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Turkey scheduled for March 6 to 14, 2015, sponsored by the West America Turkic Council.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) 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. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than $375 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 employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently $375] 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.

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

Sincerely,

Charles W. Dent
Chairman

Linda T. Sánchez
Ranking Member

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March 6- Day 1 Friday	
11:30pm	Depart, IAD Turkish Airlines
March 7- Day 2 Saturday	
5:10pm	Arrive in Istanbul
6:30pm	Check into hotel
8:00pm	Dinner Meeting with Columnist and Author Ferhat Kentel : "Democracy, Freedom of Press, and Secular State in Turkey"
March 8- Day 3 Sunday	
7:45am	Breakfast Meeting at Hotel :"Turkish Local Municipal Governance"
Empires and the Ottoman Heritage"	
1:30pm	Lunch Meeting with Fatih District City Council Members "Challenges of Urbanization and Preservation of Historical Sites"
million" A discussion with Cystern Director	
4:30 pm	Bosphorus Ferry Tour:"Asia to Europe; Turkey's East to West Journey" Hosted by Istanbul Chamber of Commerce
its Practice afterwards"	
9:30pm	Stay at the Hotel
March 9- Day 4 Monday	
7:00am	Early flight to Kayseri Airport
Partnerships	
9: 45am	Drive to Cappadoccia
11:00am	"Historical Developments in Early Christianity in Anatolia" by Historian Aylin Gormez
12:00pm	Lunch Meeting with Deputy Mayor of the City of Nevsehir- "Government Officers' Work Challenges in Rural Setting "
02:00pm	Visit Cappadoccia and Underground Cities: "Churches in Underground Cities in the Ancient Cities of the Region"
04:30pm	Drive to Nigde
School Children Art Work"	
10:00pm	Stay with the Local Family
March 10- Day 5 Tuesday	
Educators and Families"	
9:30am	Drive to Ankara

12:00pm	Lunch Meeting at Sereflikochhisar: "Current Governmental Structure and Its Challenges in the Capitol Ankara"
02:00pm	Check in the hotel
04:00pm	Visit US Embassy, meet AmbassadorJohn R. Bass: "History of US-Turkish Relations and Present"
06:30pm	Dinner meeting with Authors and Journalists Foundation Moderated by Ibrahim Anli-"Freedom of Expression on the Web and Social Media" and "State of Journalism and Broadcasting in 2015 Turkey"
10:30pm	Return to the Hotel
March 11- Day 6 Wednesday	
09:00am	Breakfast Meeting at Grand Assembly of Turkish Republic hosted by Deputy Muhammet Cetin
10:30am	Meeting with Main Opposition CHP Party Officials "Gezi Park Protests of 2013 around Taksim Square"
since late 1940s"	
Member, the Situation in Crimea and Ukraine"	
06:30pm	Flight to Istanbul with Turkish Airlines
07:45pm	Arrival to Istanbul
08:30pm	Dinner meeting with Istanbul Chamber of Commerce, President Sabri Ertekin:"Success Story of Local Businesses, Local Businesses Diverting Their Market to World Markets"
10:30pm	Check in the hotel
March 12- Day 7 Thursday	
Turkic Council"	
9:30am	Drive to Edirne
12:00pm	Lunch Meeting with Edirne Mayor Recep Gurkan "Edirne as Gateway to trade with Europe"
02:15pm	Visit Selimiye mosque "The Architectural Magnificance of Sinan of the 16th century"
03:15pm	Visit Edirne Synagogue "Understanding the Jewish Heritage in the region of Thrace"
4:15pm	Visit Bayazit Kulliyesi and Grand Bazaar of Edirne "Historical Significance of Edirne in Ottomans as the Capitol before Istan
2015 and beyond"	
08:30pm	Drive back to Istanbul
March 13 - Day 8 Friday	
7:30am	Breakfast Meeting at the Hotel: "Review of the Trip Experience: Insights and Lessons"
Refugees"	
to Minorities?" with Dr Gokhan Bacik	

12:15pm	Lunch meeting with Dr Gokhan Bacik, "The History of Democracy, Autocracy and Military Coups in Turkey"
by Historian Aykut Ayik	
08:00pm	Dinner Meeting:" Trip Evaluations: Projects, recommendations, and feedback"
March 14- Day 9 Saturday	
12300pm	Return Flight From Istanbul Ataturk International Airport

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Departure- March 6	March 6,2015 from Dulles International Airport	Duration
Day 1 (Istanbul)-March 7	(Istanbul) : Arrive in Istanbul Ataturk International Airport (March 7th 2015), 1:30 pm	
	Check in Hotel (Gonen Hotel -Istanbul)	
	Dinner Meeting with Journalist Mustafa Edib YILMAZ (Foreign News Editor @ Zaman daily) **Democracy,Freedom of Press and Secular State in Turkey**	2 Hours
	Meeting with **Fatih Cecen, Turkish Review Magazine (Political Media Coverage in Turkey)**	30 min
Day 2 (Istanbul)-March 8	Breakfast at Hotel	
	Hagia Sophia and Topkapi Palace Tour with Historian Ali Bulent	
	Lunch Meeting at Siva Restaurant -Recent Developments in Turkey	2 Hours
	Blue Mosque and Basilica Cistern tour with Historian Ali Bulent- Istanbul Water System	1 Hour
	Ottoman Education System in Turkey-Visit to a historic Facility	1 Hour
Day 3 (Kayseri - Nevsehir)- March 9	Flight to Kayseri	
	Breakfast at Kayseri with Business delagation of the industrial City of Kayseri - Lecture about **Turkish Manufacturing and Export - US Turkish Trade Partnership by Murat Bozdag (Managing Director of Boydak) and Ensar Demirkan (LA Contemporary Furniture)**	2 Hours
	Factory Visit and **lecture about the " dynamics of Anatolian Region's Business opportunities "** by AYDIN AYDIN , **Marketing Specialist** of Boyteks **(The world number 1 Mattress fabric manufacturing company)**	2 Hours
	Visit Cappodocia and Underground City **(in the Ancient Cities of the region, Resurrected back to life by collaboration from Universities in Italy and Rome) with Historian Aylin Gormez**	3 Hours
	Dinner with Local Businessmen of Nevsehir **(Effect of Small Businesses on the Regions's Industrial Development)**	3 Hours
Day 4 (Ankara)-March 10	Breakfast at the Hotel	
	Driving to Ankara	
	Lunch at the Hotel	
	Meeting at **US Embassy, Ankara with Political Counselor Justin Friedman**	2 Hours
	Meeting at **International Republican Institute, Ankara office (Recent Developments in Turkey)**	1 Hour
	Dinner with Journalists : Abdullah Abdulkadiroglu **(Samanyolu TV Ankara Representative)** - Sedat Bozkurt **(FOX TV Ankara Representative)** - Faruk Mercan **(Kanal TURK TV&Bugun TV Ankara Representative)** - Mustafa Unal **(Columnist at Zaman Daily Newspaper)** - Turkish US Relations, Freedom of Expression in Turkey, Democratization of Turkey, Upcoming General Elections in Turkey.	3 Hours
Day 5 (Ankara)- March 11	Breakfast at the Hotel	
	Tour to **Turkish Grand Assembly with Chief of Staff of Representative Muhammed Cetin.** (History of Grand National Assembly and general information about the hall and sessions)- Turkish Legislative System, Sessions, Legislative Process, Voting System	1 Hour
	Meeting with Faruk Logoglu **(Main Opposition Party CHP(Republican People's Party Representative and former Turkish Ambassador to United States)**-Turkish Democracy, Recent Developments in Turkish Politics, US Turkish Relations, Freedom of Expression Issues in Turkey	1 Hour
	Lunch Meeting hosted by Ertugrul Gunay **(Member of Parliament and Former Secretary of Culture and Tourism- Turkey's Tourism Policies, How Turkish Tourism Affected by Syrian Conflict, ISIS and Historic Relics in Iraq and Syria.**	90 MIN
	Meeting with Mehmet Gunal **(MHP(Patriotic Action Party) Representative and Party Spokeperson)**- Turkish Economic System, Financial Policies, Central Bank Policies, Turkish and US Financial Policies	1 Hour
	Visit to a 6-12 School Site (Samanyolu Middle School and High School)- Turkish Education System, College Prep Program, STEM Education in Turkey	1 Hour
	Flight back to Istanbul	
	Dinner Meeting at **Writers and Journalists Foundation** Anatolia Office hosted by **Ibrahim ANLI** , Director, Turkish US Relations, Social Movements in Turkey, Freedom of Expression in Turkey, Writers and Journalists' Problems in Turkey	2 Hours
Day 6 (Istanbul)-March 12	Breakfast at the Hotel - Lecture about **Syrian Refugees and Their Problems**, moderated by **Ozkur YILDIZ**(President of West America Turkic Council)	1 Hour
	Visit to Karakoy **Jewish Museum, Minorities In Turkey , Jewish immigration from Spain to Turkey, Current Jewish Community in Istanbul**	1 Hour
	Bosphorus **Historic Tour - A Boat Meeting Moderated by Ozkur Yildiz, Turkey's European and Asian Experience, Istanbul's Business Potential**	90 min
	Lunch at Eminonu	
	A Tour of Grand Bazaar - Egypt (Spice) Bazaar - Five Centuries of Trade in **one of the oldest shopping malls of the World** - Business and Trade in Istanbul, Past to Future of Business in Istanbul	2 Hours
	Meeting with Nick Merdenyan- An Armenian Caligraphy Artist, Armenian Minorities in Turkey, History of Armenians, Armenian Genocide Debates in US Congress, Interfaith Dialogue Among all Religions in Turkey	45 Min
	Dinner at Gonen Hotel	
Day 7 (Istanbul)-March 13	Breakfast at the Hotel	
	Meeting with TUSKON-The Turkish Confederation of Businessmen and Industrialists President Rizanur Meral- Turkish Business Community, Turkish US Trade Relations, Foreign Investments in Turkey, How Regional Conflicts Affect Turkey's domestic and Foreign Trade and Businesses	90 min
	Visit to Kuzguncuk **Armenian Church , Lecture by Edward Ayvazyan** (President of the Church Foundation) **-History of the Church and Importance of Living Together at the time Of Ottoman - Seized Properties in Turkey to Return to Minorities**	1 Hour
	Visit to Maiden's Tower- A Review of The Trip, Insights, Experiences, and Questions	1 Hour
	Lunch at Camlica Hill	
	Visit to **Samanyolu TV Channel**, Lecture about " **Silencing Media in Turkey** " by Akin Emre (Digital Media Director)- Media in Turkey, Freedom of Expression, Current Challenges	90 min
	Visit to KIMSE YOK MU (Turkey based , International Aid Organization) - Lecture about extending helps to people of the world from Turkey by Metin Cetiner (Vice Chairman of Kimse Yok Mu)	90 min
	Dinner Meeting with Host Organization -WATC- Trip Evaluation, Q/A's, Possible Future Projects	2 Hours
Day 8 (Istanbul)-March 14	**Flight back to DC at 12:30 p.m. Istanbul Ataturk International Airport**	