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# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form

Original  Amendment

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, B-81 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: Andrew Neill
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 8-12-19 Return: 8-16-19  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: 8-5-19 through 8-9-19. 5 total days of personal leave. OR None
4. Departure City: Washington D.C. Destination: Boise, Idaho Return City: Washington D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Leadership Idaho
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Toured Farms, Dairies, and processing facilities to better understand the agriculture sector in Idaho.
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 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 statement is true by checking the box:**   
 b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 8/28/2019

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: Russ Fulcher Date: 8/28/2019

Signature of Supervising Member:



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## Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form

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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 ten 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 for the trip: Leadership Idaho Agriculture Foundation

2. Travel Destination(s): Idaho

3. Date of Departure: August 2, 2019 Date of Return: August 17, 2019

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Andrew Neill

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	\$831.45	\$718.86	\$119.38	Miscellaneous \$21.46
Accompanying Family Member	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:  Date: 8/27/2019

Name: Rick Waitley Title: Executive Director

Organization: Leadership Idaho Agriculture Foundation

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

Address: 55 SW 5th Ave. Meridian, Idaho 83642

Telephone: 208-888-0988 Email: rick@amgidaho.com

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



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## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Andrew Neill
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: Leadership Idaho. They will only be paying for the trip to Boise, Idaho. AN
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Boise, Idaho
4. a. Date of Departure: ~~8-2-19~~ 8-12-19 Date of Return: ~~8-16-19~~ 8-16-19 AN  
 b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  Yes  No  
 If yes, list dates at personal expense: 8-5 through 8-9 5 total days of leave. AN
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense?  Yes  No **If yes:**  
 (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:  Yes  No
6. a. 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)?  Yes  No AN  
 b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night 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.**

As Congressman Russ Fulcher's Legislative Director and Agriculture adviser, this trip will benefit me understand agriculture in Idaho. This will be a very helpful educational experience that will broaden my knowledge issue and many others.

9. **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, 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.

Signature of Employing Member

Russ Fulcher

Date 7.25.19



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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 website ([ethics.house.gov](http://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: Leadership Idaho Agriculture 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 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: Please see attached list of 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): Please see attached list of individuals for the tour.
  
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of Departure: August 12, 2019 Date of Return: August 16, 2019
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC  
b. Destination(s): Boise, ID  
c. City of return: Washington, DC
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965:  OR
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent:  OR
  - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. **Check only one of the following:**
  - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
  - 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 you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_



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- 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 that the statement is true by checking 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:  
Please see the attached for explaining each sponsor's interest in subject matter and its role in organizing the trip.


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- 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:  
We plan to charter a bus in order to visit our multiple tour stops


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- 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): \$42/day
    - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Idaho is a major agriculture state with 186 commodities. Boise is central to many of the tour sites and easy access to the airport for incoming staff.

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

Hotel Name: <u>The Grove Hotel</u>	City: <u>Boise, ID</u>	Cost Per Night: <u>\$159</u>
Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>Convenient for bus parking, central to our tour locations, and competitive with other hotels.</u>		
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 box:*



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### 18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$1000	\$640	\$165
For each Accompanying Family Member	None	None	None

	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	\$100	Snacks, water, taxi
For each Accompanying Family Member	None	

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### 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 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: *Rick Waitley*

Date: 7/8/2019

Name: Rick Waitley

Title: Executive Director

Organization: Leadership Idaho Agriculture Foundation

Address: 55 SW 5th Ave #100, Meridian, ID 83642

Telephone: 208-888-0988

Email: rick@amgidaho.com

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee at the following address:

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U.S. House of Representatives

1015 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515

Phone: 202-225-7103 General Fax: 202-225-7392



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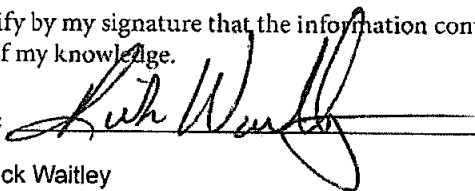
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## Non-Grantmaking Trip Sponsor Form

This form should be completed by a private individual or entity that provides funds, services, or in-kind donations 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. A Non-Grantmaking Sponsor that has a direct involvement in planning, organizing, conducting, or participating in the trip must complete this form. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

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1. Name of your organization: Idaho Honey Industry Association
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Leadership Idaho Agriculture
3. My organization has provided funds to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor to pay all or part of the expenses for a trip to (destination): Idaho on date: August 12-16, 2019 that primarily is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.  Yes  No
4. My organization has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, arranging, or will have a role in conducting, the trip identified in response to Question 3 or an event that will occur during that trip.  Yes  No
5. **Check only one:**
  - a.  My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent OR
  - b.  My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
6. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
7. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 6/26/19  
 Name: Rick Waitley Title: Executive Director

Organization: Idaho Honey Industry Association

Address: 55 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 100, Meridian, Idaho 83642

Telephone: 208-888-0988 Email: rick@amgidaho.com

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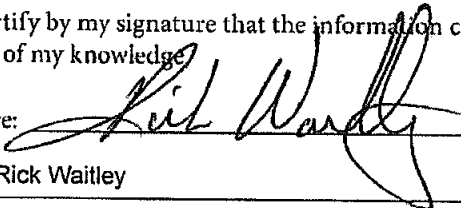
# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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1. Name of your organization: Idaho Weed Control Association
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Leadership Idaho Agriculture
3. My organization has provided funds to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor to pay all or part of the expenses for a trip to (destination): Idaho on date: August 12-16, 2019 that primarily is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.  Yes  No
4. My organization has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, arranging, or will have a role in conducting, the trip identified in response to Question 3 or an event that will occur during that trip.  Yes  No
5. **Check only one:**
  - a.  My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
  - b.  My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
6. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
7. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 6/26/19  
 Name: Rick Waitley Title: Executive Director

Organization: Idaho Weed Control Association

Address: 55 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 100, Meridian, Idaho 83642

Telephone: 208-888-0988 Email: rick@amgidaho.com

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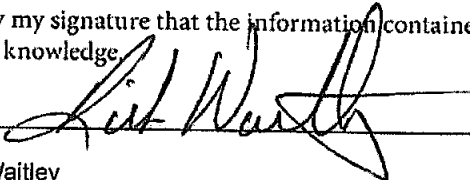
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1. Name of your organization: Idaho Alfalfa Clover Seed Commission
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Leadership Idaho Agriculture
3. My organization has provided funds to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor to pay all or part of the expenses for a trip to (destination): Idaho on date: August 12-16, 2019 that primarily is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.  Yes  No
4. My organization has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, arranging, or will have a role in conducting, the trip identified in response to Question 3 or an event that will occur during that trip.  Yes  No
5. **Check only one:**
  - a.  My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
  - b.  My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.

6. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
7. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 6/26/19  
 Name: Rick Waitley Title: Executive Director

Organization: Idaho Alfalfa Clover Seed Commission  
 Address: 55 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 100, Meridian, Idaho 83642  
 Telephone: 208-888-0988 Email: rick@amgidaho.com

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August 8, 2019

Mr. Andrew Neill  
Office of the Honorable Russ Fulcher  
1520 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Neill:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Boise, Idaho, scheduled for August 12 to 16, 2019, sponsored by the Leadership in Idaho Agricultural Foundation, the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, the Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association, the Nyssa Nampa Sugarbeet Growers Association, the Idaho Water Users Association, the Idaho Hop Growers Association, the Idaho Oregon Fruit and Vegetable Association, the Idaho Honey Industry Association, the Idaho Weed Control Association, Northwest Farm Credit Services, the Idaho Alfalfa Clover Seed Commission, the Idaho Hay and Forage Association, the Idaho Potato Commission, the Idaho Onion Growers Association, the Idaho Grain Producers Association, the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts, the Idaho Oilseed Commission, and the Nezperce Prairie Grass Growers Association. We note that you will only be accepting one-way travel at the sponsor's expense because you will be taking leave in conjunction with this travel. Your return trip will be at your personal expense.

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 \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Theodore E. Deutch in blue ink.

Theodore E. Deutch  
Chairman

Handwritten signature of Kenny Marchant in blue ink.

Kenny Marchant  
Ranking Member

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# Leadership Idaho Agriculture

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## Leadership Idaho Agriculture Foundation 2019 Congressional Staff Fact Finding Tour Agenda

### Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>

- 11am-4pm** Congressional staff arrive in Boise and are shuttled to hotel
- 4:00pm** Check into The Grove Hotel  
245 S Capitol Blvd, Boise, ID 83702
- 6:00pm – 8:00pm** Dinner at the RAM - 709 E Park Blvd, Boise  
Overview of Idaho Agriculture - Director Celia Gould
- Adjourn

### Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

- Continental breakfast at hotel/available each morning
- 7:45am** Bus Departs Hotel for hops field  
23669 Batt Corner Rd Parma, ID 83660
- 8:45am – 10:15am** Tour of Gooding hops field followed by Obendorf harvest/packaging  
Field tour provided by Michelle Gooding, owner of Gooding hops. Harvest and packaging facility provided by Obendorf brothers, owners and operators of facility.
- 10:15am** Depart hops facility for Doug Gross farm  
504 W Idaho Ave Homedale
- 10:30am – 11:45am** Potato Farm tour presented by Doug Gross, owner and manager
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm** Lunch @ Wilder Park  
310 E A Ave, Wilder, ID 83676
- 1:15pm** Depart Wilder for Simplot potato processing facility

17505 Simplot Blvd, Caldwell, ID 83605

- 1:45pm – 3:30pm** Tour of Simplot Potato Facility provided by Bob Downs, Simplot plant manager
- 3:45pm – 4:00pm** Travel to McKellip's mint distillery and sod farm  
18651 Can-Ada Rd, Nampa, ID 83687
- 4:15pm – 5:45pm** Tour of mint distillery and sod farm by Bob McKellip – owner and operator
- 6:00pm – 8:00pm** Dinner @ Lorell and Janet Skogsberg in Nampa  
6424 Elm Lane Nampa, ID 83687

Adjourn

**Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30am – 8:00am** Bus Departs Hotel for Siminis Seed Facility  
1811 E Florida Ave, Nampa, Idaho
- 8:15am – 9:15am** Tour of Seminis Vegetable Seed Facility given by Brett Lolley, seed facility manager
- 9:30am – 9:45am** Travel to Beranna Dairy  
9166 Perch Rd. Caldwell, Idaho
- 9:45am – 11:15am** Tour of Beranna Dairy given by Derrick Teunissen, owner and operator of the dairy
- 11:15am-11:30am** Travel to Sawtooth Winery  
19348 Lowell Rd, Caldwell, ID 83607
- 11:30am- 1:00pm** Idaho Preferred Lunch @Sawtooth Winery and overview of Idaho wine industry by Moya Dolsby, Executive Director, Idaho Wine Commission
- 1:15pm – 1:45pm** Travel to Amalgamated Sugar Factory  
138 W Karcher Rd, Nampa, ID 83687
- 2:00pm – 3:45pm** Tour of the Amalgamated Sugar Nampa Factory by Dave Hawk, factory manager
- 4:30pm** Back to hotel for R&R/free time

Adjourn

**Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00am – 8:30am** Bus Departs Hotel for Lucky Peak Dam  
9723 ID-21, Boise, ID 83716
- 8:45am – 10:15am** Tour of Lucky Peak Dam provided Bureau of Reclamation Officials
- 10:15am – 10:45am** Travel to Barber Park  
4049 S Eckert Rd, Boise, ID 83716
- 11:00am – 12:15** Lunch and Boise River and Urban Waterways – Scott Koberg, Ada County  
Parks and Waterways
- 12:30 – 1:00pm** Travel to the National Interagency Fire Center – 3833 S Development Ave,  
Boise
- 1:15pm – 2:45pm** Tour of the National Interagency Fire Center
- 3:00pm – 3:15pm** Travel Back to hotel for R&R/free time
- 6:00pm – 8:00pm** Farewell Dinner at Leku Ona – 117 S 6th St, Boise  
Idaho Governor Brad Little and other invited dignitaries

Adjourn

**Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

- 7am-10am** Congressional staff checkout and rides to airport for flights



**6:00pm** Dinner @ Lorell and Janet Skogsberg in Nampa (Rebecca Cakes and Catering)  
Adjourn

**Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30am** Bus Departs Hotel

**8:15am** Seminis Vegetable Seed Facility – 1811 E Florida Ave, Nampa  
Brett Lolley

**10:00am** Beranna Dairy – 9166 Perch Rd. Caldwell  
Derrick Teunissen

**11:45am** Idaho Preferred Lunch @Sawtooth Winery (Catered by Brick 29)  
Idaho Wine Industry – Moya Dolsby

**2:15pm** Amalgamated Sugar Nampa Factory – 138 W Karcher Rd, Nampa  
Dave Hawk

**4:30pm** Back to hotel for R&R/free time  
Adjourn

**Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00am** Bus Departs Hotel

**8:45am** Lucky Peak Dam  
Bureau of Reclamation Officials

**11:00am** Lunch (Provided by AMG)  
Boise River Overview, Urban Waterways – Scott Koberg

**1:00pm** National Interagency Fire Center – 3833 S Development Ave, Boise  
Back to hotel for R&R/free time

**6:00pm** Farewell Dinner at Leku Ona – 117 S 6th St, Boise  
Idaho Governor Brad Little and other invited dignitaries  
Adjourn

**Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**7am-10am** Congressional staff checkout and rides to airport for flights



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Primary Trip Sponsor Form  
Attachment for 3(c) and 12

**Attachment list for question 3(c):**

1. *Idaho Farm Bureau Federation*
2. *Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association*
3. *Nyssa Nampa Sugarbeet Growers Association*
4. *Idaho Water Users Association*
5. *Idaho Hop Growers Association*
6. *Idaho Oregon Fruit and Vegetable Association*
7. *Idaho Honey Industry Association*
8. *Idaho Weed Control Association*
9. *Northwest Farm Credit Services*
10. *Idaho Alfalfa Clover Seed Commission*
11. *Idaho Hay and Forage Association*
12. *Idaho Potato Commission*
13. *Idaho Onion Growers Association*
14. *Idaho Grain Producers Association*
15. *Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts*
16. *Idaho Oilseed Commission*
17. *Nezperce Prairie Grass Growers Association*

**Explanation for question 12:**

1. *Idaho Farm Bureau Federation*  
The Idaho Farm Bureau is a voluntary grassroots organization dedicated to strengthening agriculture and protecting the rights and values of its members, all of whom are involved with production agriculture. The tour ties directly to our mission and Idaho Farm Bureau sees the value of educating Congressional staff who work on agriculture issues. Idaho Farm Bureau was part of the planning committee that chose tour locations.
2. *Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association*  
The Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association is dedicated to educating Congressional staff about the sugarbeet industry on behalf of its members. One of the tour's stops will be a sugar factory where participants will learn first-hand how sugarbeets are refined into white sugar. This will give Congressional staff a better understanding of the sugarbeet

industry. Representatives of the Idaho Sugarbeet Growers took an active role in helping organize the tour.

3. *Nyssa-Nampa Sugarbeet Growers Association*

The Nyssa Nampa Sugarbeet Growers Association is also dedicated to educating Congressional staff about the sugarbeet industry. They were informed of the proposed schedule of the tour and decided to sponsor the tour based on the visit to the sugarbeet factory. The organization did not have a direct role in planning the trip but were notified of the inclusion of the sugarbeet industry and chose to sponsor the tour.

4. *Idaho Water Users Association*

Idaho Water Users Association is organized to promote the development, control, conservation, preservation, and utilization of Idaho's water resources. They represent irrigation delivery entities and water users with the goal of wise water use. A significant portion of the tour will discuss irrigation of crops, and we plan to visit a water storage facility, Lucky Peak Dam. The Idaho Water Users Association was consulted to decide which tour stops would give Congressional staff the most effective overview of irrigation and water storage topics and had a direct role in planning the tour.

5. *Idaho Hop Growers Commission*

The Idaho Hop Growers Commission is interested in the subject matter on the tour because the tour plans to feature a hops field and a harvest/packaging facility. The organization is interested in seeing Congressional staff better educated as to the origin and cultivation of hops. The organization was involved with suggesting a suitable location for a hops visits in the tour planning process.

6. *Idaho-Oregon Fruit and Vegetable Association*

The Idaho-Oregon Fruit and Vegetable Association is dedicated to finding effective avenues for its members to collaborate on instrumental issues on agriculture issues in its area. The tour will make stops in the area where many fruits and vegetables are grown. The tour will focus on some of the challenges growers in the organization's membership area must contend with. The association was involved in the planning of the tour stops.

7. *Idaho Honey Industry Association*

The Idaho Honey Industry Association has a general interest in education of agriculture topics for Congressional staff and helping them understand how agriculture in general operates. Representatives from the organization were involved with planning the tour route and stops.

8. *Idaho Weed Control Association*

The mission of this organization is to promote responsible weed management through education and communication. They were interested in educating Congressional staff about the general role of agriculture and how weed management plays a big part of a

grower's operation. Representatives of the association were involved in planning the tour stops and tour route.

*9. Northwest Farm Credit Services*

Northwest Farm Credit Services supports agriculture and rural communities with reliable, consistent credit and financial services. They are interested in educating Congressional staff about the agriculture industry because they are heavily involved with many growers and agriculture-related businesses. Representatives from Northwest Farm Credit Services was involved with planning the tour itinerary.

*10. Idaho Alfalfa Clover Seed Commission*

The commission is interested in the general education of Congressional staff to agriculture issues and best production practices. Representatives of the Commission were involved in planning the tour stops and bus route.

*11. Idaho Hay and Forage Association*

This association is interested in the general education of Congressional staff on agriculture issues and the challenges growers face in production agriculture. Since all hay and forage acres are irrigated, there are significant portions of the tour that will focus on aspects important to this industry. Representatives of the association were involved in the planning stages of the tour.

*12. Idaho Potato Commission*

The Commission is dedicated to educating consumers and the general public about the benefits of the Idaho potato. The tour plans to visit a potato field to discuss potato production, as well as potato processing facility where Congressional staff can learn how potatoes are sliced and packaged and shipped all over the world for consumption. Representatives of the commission were involved in the planning of the tour.

*13. Idaho Onion Growers Association*

The Association's members is heavily concentrated in the area the tour will be visiting and is interested in education Congressional staff on the general aspects of agriculture production and challenges to the industry. Representatives from the association were directly involved in the planning of the tour stops and bus route.

*14. Idaho Grain Producers Association*

The Association represents their members interests in agriculture and sees the tour as an opportunity to better educate Congressional staff on agriculture topics and production. Representatives of the association were not directly involved in planning the tour.

*15. Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts*

The association is dedicated to enhancing Idaho's natural resources, including soil and farmland. Some of the tour stops will feature discussions about soil health and how growers utilize certain growing practices to increase yields and improve soil health for their bottom line. Representatives of the association were directly involved with planning the tour stops and bus route.

*16. Idaho Oilseed Commission*

The commission would like Congressional staff to better understand their industry and the issues they contend with. They see the tour as an opportunity to discuss general agriculture practices and give staffers first-hand experience on a number of aspects related to agriculture. Representatives were involved in planning the tour stops and bus route

*17. Nezperce Prairie Grass Growers Association*

The purpose of the association is to promote goodwill between the grass industry and general public by providing information and education about the industry. They also believe in promoting sound agriculture practices in the industry and see the tour as an opportunity to education Congressional staff on many aspects of agriculture so Congressional staff may make more informed decisions in their roles for Members of Congress.