



## 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.**

- Name of Traveler: Courtney Fogwell
- a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Dates: Departure: Oct 10, 2019 Return: Oct 11, 2019  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None
- Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Miami, FL Return City: Washington, DC
- Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Everglades Foudation, Inc. ✓
- Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Visited and toured the Everglades and US Army Corps project locations to learn more about the Everglades, their ecosystem, and the associated restoration projects
- Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
  - a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
  - 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*;
  - page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
  - the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
- 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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2019 OCT 21 AM 11:54  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Signature of Traveler: Courtney Fogwell Date: 10/21/19

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: Debbie Mucarsel-Powell Date: 10/21/19

Signature of Supervising Member: Debbie Mucarsel-Powell



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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: The Everglades Foundation

2. Travel Destination(s): Miami, FL

3. Date of Departure: October 10th, 2019 Date of Return: October 11th, 2019

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Courtney Fogwell, Michael Harris, Kathleen Heffernan

*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	\$692.10	\$151.42	\$65.59	\$54.50 airboat
Accompanying Family Member	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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: 17 October 2019

Name: Eric Eikenberg Title: Chief Executive Officer

Organization: The Everglades Foundation

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

Address: 18001 Old Cutler Road, Palmetto Bay, FL 33157

Telephone: 305-251-0001 Email: eric@evergladesfoundation.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

1. Name of Traveler: Courtney Fogwell
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: Everglades Foundation, Inc.
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Miami, FL
4. a. Date of Departure: ~~Oct 9, 2019~~ Oct 10, 2019 <sup>CF</sup> Date of Return: Oct 11, 2019  
 b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  Yes  No  
 If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
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  
 b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted: CF  
The program begins at 8:30am and ends at 6:45pm, at the earliest, and there are no workable flight options
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 Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director, I handle the Congresswoman's work on the environment and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which includes a significant amount of work on Everglades restoration.
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  Date 9/4/2019



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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) 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: The Everglades Foundation, Inc.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 invitee list. The invitees represent congressional staff whose official duties involve environmental policy matters
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of Departure: October 9, 2019 Date of Return: October 11, 2019
7. a. City of departure: Washington DC  
b. Destination(s): Miami  
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: See attached letter



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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:  
The purpose of the trip is to provide congressional staff with an overview of the progress made and the challenges s  
confronting key federal holdings like Everglades National Park and Florida Bay. The Everglades Foundation, Inc. is  
responsible for the planning and funding of this 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. *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): \_\_\_\_\_  
\$15 for breakfast, \$20 lunch, \$35 dinner = \$70 total
    - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The trip involves site visits to Everglades National Park and Florida Bay located outside of Miami.
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- |   |                    |                              |
|---|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Hotel Name: <u>Miami Airport Marriott</u>   | City: <u>Miami</u> | Cost Per Night: <u>\$140</u> |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>The hotel is located near Miami International Airport</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	\$300	\$280	\$105
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

	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	None anticipated	N/A
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A

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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: 

Date: 8/29/19

Name: Eric Eikenberg

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Organization: The Everglades Foundation, Inc.

Address: 18001 Old Cutler Road, Palmetto, Bay, FL 33157

Telephone: 305-251-0001

Email: eric@evergladesfoundation.org

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

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September 27, 2019

Ms. Courtney Fogwell  
Office of the Honorable Debbie Mucarsel-Powell  
114 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Fogwell:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Miami, Florida, scheduled for October 10 to 11, 2019, sponsored by The Everglades Foundation, Inc. We remind you that, because the trip sponsor employs a federal lobbyist, you may participate in officially-connected activity on one calendar day only.

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,

Theodore E. Deutch  
Chairman

Kenny Marchant  
Ranking Member

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**The Everglades Foundation  
Congressional Educational Briefings and Site Visits  
October 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

***Overview:***

This is an intensive one-day trip to the greater Everglades ecosystem for key congressional staff handling environmental issues affecting this region. Currently, the federal government, working with the State of Florida, is undertaking the world's largest ecosystem restoration project. One of the primary objectives is to benefit federally owned or managed lands, including Everglades National Park, Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. A wide range of federal agencies have jurisdiction over various components of this initiative, including: the Department of Interior, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The purpose of these briefings and the accompanying site visits to federal lands and waters is to provide an overview of the progress made and the future restoration needs of federal holdings like Everglades National Park and Big Cypress National Preserve.

**Confirmed Congressional Staff Participants:**

**Courtney Fogwell**, Legislative Director/Deputy Chief of Staff, Congresswoman Debbie Mucarsel-Powell

**Michael Harris**, Senior Legislative and Appropriations Assistant, Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz

**Kathleen Heffernan**, Legislative Assistant, Congressman John Rutherford

**Eleni Valanos**, Legislative Assistant, Senator Rubio

**Other Confirmed Participants for Entire Tour:**

**Geoffrey Mullins**, The Everglades Foundation

**Dr. Kristie Wendelberger**, The Everglades Foundation

**ITINERARY**

**Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019:**

6:58 am DC staff depart Washington, DC for Miami International Airport  
American Airlines Flight # 391

9:38 am Arrive in Miami International Airport. Ground transportation to Miami Airport Marriott,  
1201 NW LeJeune Road, Miami, FL 33126

10:00 am Travel to S356 pump along Tamiami Trail. Continental Breakfast and briefing en  
route.

*Everglades Restoration 101: The Economics of Everglades Restoration and An Introduction to Current Federal Issues Affecting the Greater Everglades Ecosystem.*  
*Geoff Mullins and Dr. Kristie Wendelberger will discuss the costs of restoration going forward. They will also go over how Congress can help in moving restoration forward and what will happen to the system and Florida's economy without a successful restoration.*



**Additional Participants:**

**Geoff Mullins**, The Everglades Foundation  
**Dr. Kristie Wendelberger**, The Everglades Foundation

10:30 am Arrive at S356 pump  
Briefing: Successful restoration projects: Florida's commitment to Everglades Restoration. Kim Taplin will speak about completed projects that are crucial to the success of Everglades Restoration. Topics covered will be impacts of raising Tamiami Trail on the northern Water Conservation Areas, the instillation of the S356 pump station, and increasing the capacity of the S333 gate.

**Additional Participants:**

**Kim Taplin**, US Army Corps of Engineers  
**Marisa Carrozzo**, Conservancy of Southwest Florida  
**Celeste De Palma**, Audubon Florida  
**Dr. Melissa Abdo**, National Parks Conservation Association  
**Shannon Estenoz**, The Everglades Foundation  
**Geoff Mullins**, The Everglades Foundation  
**Dr. Kristie Wendelberger**, The Everglades Foundation

11:30 pm Depart S356 pump, proceed to airboat dock

11:50 pm Arrive at airboat dock located on Tamiami Trail.  
Briefings: Water Conservation Area 3a and effects of water management on the area. Dr. Kristie Wendelberger will discuss the ecology of the Everglades system. She will share how water management has impacted the Water Conservation Areas and what Everglades Restoration will do to improve it.

12:00 pm Board airboat for a tour of Water Conservation Area 3a.  
Occasional stops and discussion: Everglades ecology and ecosystem function.  
Stop at a tree island for lunch.  
*Dr. Kristie Wendelberger will discuss the ecology of the Everglades system. She will share how water management has impacted the Water Conservation Areas and what Everglades Restoration will do to improve it.*

**Additional Participants:**

**Kim Taplin**, US Army Corps of Engineers  
**Marisa Carrozzo**, Conservancy of Southwest Florida  
**Celeste De Palma**, Audubon Florida  
**Dr. Melissa Abdo**, National Parks Conservation Association  
**Shannon Estenoz**, The Everglades Foundation  
**Geoff Mullins**, The Everglades Foundation  
**Dr. Kristie Wendelberger**, The Everglades Foundation

2:00 pm Return to dock and depart for Shark Valley, Everglades National Park.

2:15 pm Arrive at Shark Valley, Everglades National Park.  
Briefing and walk along Shark Valley trail: Discussion of Modified Water Deliveries: Tamiami Trail Bridge Project and Next Steps and the Central Everglades Project.  
Bob Johnson will be discussing the improvements that have come to the park from

the Modified Waters Deliveries project. He will also go over the benefits of the Tamiami Trail Bridge Project Next Steps and the Central Everglades Project to Everglades National Park and Florida Bay.

**Additional Participants:**

**Bob Johnson**, Everglades National Park  
**Adam Gelber**, U.S. Department of Interior  
**Shannon Estenoz**, The Everglades Foundation  
**Geoff Mullins**, The Everglades Foundation  
**Dr. Kristie Wendelberger**, The Everglades Foundation

- 3:30 pm Return to van and depart for hotel
- 4:30 pm Arrive and check in to Miami Airport Marriott, 1201 NW LeJeune Road, Miami, FL 33126
- 6:30 pm Depart hotel for dinner briefing
- 7:00 pm Dinner briefing, Rincon Argentino, 2345 Douglas Rd, Coral Gables, FL 33145:  
*Building on 2017 Everglades Restoration Progress and Future Everglades Restoration Goals*

**Additional Participants:**

**The Everglades Foundation Board Members**  
**Geoff Mullins**, The Everglades Foundation  
**Dr. Kristie Wendelberger**, The Everglades Foundation

- 9:00 pm Return to hotel
- Overnight in Miami.

**Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019:**

- 10:26 am Depart Miami International Airport for Washington, DC  
American Airlines Flight # 990
- 12:57 pm Arrive in Washington, DC

Congressional Tour October 9-12, 2019

First Name	Last Name	Title	Office/Department
Walker	Barrett	Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director	Congressman Michael Waltz
Courtney	Fogwell	Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director	Congresswoman Debbie Mucarsel-Powell
Danielle	Fulfs	Senior Legislative Assistant	Congresswoman Katherine Clark
Michael	Harris	Legislative Assistant	Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Kathleen	Heffernan	Legislative Assistant	Congressman John Rutherford
Laura	Hernandez	Press Secretary	Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart
Alexandria	Musser	Legislative Assistant	Congresswoman Jackie Speier
Eleni	Valanos	Legislative Assistant	Senator Rubio