



U.S. House of Representatives

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: SAJJIT GARDIN
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None ☒
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 12/6/2019 Return: 12/8/2019
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None ☐
4. Departure City: DC Destination: ABQ Return City: DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Discussion of future national security challenges, US-ASIA RELATIONS, LEADERSHIP TRAINING
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: _____

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

Signature of Traveler: [Signature] Date: 3/5/2020

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: ELIST Engh Date: 3/5/2020

Signature of Supervising Member: [Signature]



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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: National Security Action

2. Travel Destination(s): Albuquerque, New Mexico

3. Date of Departure: 12/6/2019 Date of Return: 12/8/2019

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Sajit Ghandi

*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	\$1,298.38	\$296.38	\$366.13	N/A
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: 12/20/2019

Name: Jeff Prescott Title: Executive Director

Organization: National Security Action

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

Address: 1090 Vermont Ave NW, Suite 750, Washington DC 20005

Telephone: (515) 428-1315 Email: jeff@nationalsecurityaction.

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: Sajit Gandhi
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: National Security Action
3. Travel Destination(s): Albuquerque, NM
4. a. Date of Departure: 12/6/2019 Date of Return: 12/8/2019
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:
Due to distance of travel, i am requesting a second night of lodging. Will restrict my participation to only the days/hours allowed
allowed by ethics rules and regulations
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 the senior professional staff member working on South Asia, the broader Indo-Pacific region and State Department oversight, participation is linked to gathering my understanding of broader national security challenges and their relationship to challenges emanating from the Indo-Pacific and the role of India. I will hope to also improve my leadership, management skills through the professional development session as my responsibility to manage
9. **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?** ☐ Yes ☒ No Staff has given.
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

Erik L. Engle

Date

11/7/19

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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 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): _____
National Security Action
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):
Sajit Ghandi, PSM HFAC. Sajit Ghandi was selected to participate because he is viewed as an expert on U.S.-India relations and a likely future leader in foreign policy.
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
6. Date of departure: December 6, 2019 Date of return: December 8, 2019
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
b. Destination(s): Albuquerque, NM
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: _____

Flights to Albuquerque are limited. Participation in one day of the program (including the dinner with key note speaker) would not be possible with a next day return.

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:

National Security Action is hosting a retreat for over 75 future leaders in foreign policy. National Security Action has planned, organized, and invited all attendees to the retreat. Programming during the retreat includes leadership and management training, discussions of emerging foreign policy topics, and scenario based exercises to prepare participants for future crises.

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): _____

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

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

Hotel name: Hyatt Regency Tamaya City: Bernalillo, Cost per night: 129.00

Reason(s) for selecting: Secluded location to allow focused engagement by retreat participants.

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): ☒

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	\$500.00	\$ 258.00	\$ 200.00
For each accompanying relative	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	\$60.00/Taxi	
For each accompanying relative	N/A	

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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: 

Jeff Prescott

Name:

Executive Director

Title:

National Security Action

Organization:

1090 Vermont Ave NW, Suite 750 Washington, DC 20005

Address:

202-479-1111

Telephone number:

Jeff@nationalsecurityaction.org

Email address:

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

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December 4, 2019

Mr. Sajit Gandhi
Committee on Foreign Affairs
2170 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Gandhi:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico, scheduled for December 6 to 8, 2019, sponsored by National Security Action.

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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Saturday, December 7, 2019

6-8 AM	Breakfast
8-930 AM	Break-Out #1: Professional Development Training: Management and Leadership
930-10 AM	BREAK
10-1015 AM	GROUP FOTO
1015 – 1145 AM	Break-Out #2: Facilitated Discussion such as A New Trade Policy, Managing a Rising China, or Climate Change in the Policy Process
12-2 PM	Lunch – Transition Process, Invited Speakers: Mona Sutphen and Rich Verma
2-330 PM	Break-Out #3: SitRoom simulation such as an earthquake in Mexico City or a cyber attack on the U.S.
4-6 PM	Executive Time
7-9 PM	Dinner with keynote speaker