



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: William Smith
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: OR None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify)
3. a. Dates: Departure: 4/6/21 Return: 4/9/21
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Palm Beach, FL Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: South Florida Agricultural Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: As an Agriculture Legislative Staffer, I visited numerous farms and production facilities to learn about the importance of agriculture in South Florida.
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: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 4/26/21

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. Kat Cammack (FL-3) Date: 4/26/21

Signature of Supervising Member: [Handwritten Signature: Kat Cammack]



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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: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Travel Destination(s): \_\_\_\_\_

3. Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Return: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*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				
Accompanying Family Member				

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. *Signify statement is true by checking box:*

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

Signature:         Curtis Hammock         Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

***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: William Smith +
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: South Florida Agricultural Foundation

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3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Florida
4. a. Date of Departure: 4/6/21 Date of Return: 4/9/21
- 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:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 a Legislative Assistant for Rep. Cammack, this will be an opportunity to learn about and experience the issues facing South Florida's Agricultural industry.

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 3/5/2021



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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. This 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](mailto: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: William Smith

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Rep. Kat Cammack (FL-3)

Office Address: 1626 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Telephone Number: 202-809-2824

Email Address of Contact Person: william.smith1@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 on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via e-mail: [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

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March 25, 2021

Mr. William Smith  
Office of the Honorable Kat Cammack  
1626 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Smith:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Clewiston and West Palm Beach, Florida, scheduled for April 6 to 9, 2021, sponsored by South Florida Agricultural Foundation, Inc.

This approval represents the Committee's determination that the proposed trip complies with relevant House rules, federal laws, and Travel Regulations promulgated by the Committee. You should engage in your own assessment of the risks and implications of engaging in travel during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

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 \$415 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



Jackie Walorski  
Ranking Member

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## South Florida Agricultural Foundation (SFAF)

### ITINERARY

#### 2021 Congressional Staff Tour

April 6-9, 2021

**\*Note: All food/catering/transportation/lodging is paid for by the South Florida Agricultural Foundation**

#### Tuesday, April 6, 2021

- 3:00 – 5:38 PM Depart Washington-Reagan National Airport on American Airlines Flight #4877.
- 5:38 – 6:00 PM Arrive Palm Beach International Airport. SFAF group leaders will meet guests at the West Palm Beach airport, locate luggage, board bus. Guests will be transported by bus for the rest of the trip.
- 6:00 – 7:15 PM Bus drives through the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA), points of interest along the way include the Sem-Chi Rice Plant, Florida Crystals sugarcane fields, the Sugarcane Growers Cooperative Mill and lettuce, sweet corn and sugarcane fields at various stages of growth. A video presentation about how sugarcane is grown and harvested will be shown during the ride.
- 7:15 PM Arrive at Roland Martin Marina in Clewiston.
- 7:15 – 7:20 PM Check into Roland Martin Marina hotel, prepare for dinner presentation.
- 8:00 – 9:30 PM Depart hotel, drive/walk to Staghorn Kitchen. Meet local city and county elected officials during networking reception and dinner. Approximately one hour during dinner will feature the mayor of Clewiston speaking on how important agriculture is to the financial prosperity of the city and the county commissioners present will discuss the effects of Covid on the agricultural community and other issues rural areas are facing.
- 9:30 PM Return to Marina hotel.

#### Wednesday, April 7, 2021

- 8:00 – 8:30 AM Breakfast at hotel provided by SFAF and board bus.
- 8:30 AM Bus departs Roland Martin Marina hotel; travel to sugarcane fields.
- 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Tour Sugarcane Field operations and harvesting, Les Baucum, agronomist with U. S. Sugar, will discuss compliance of worker protection standards, burning regulations, pesticide and herbicide issues and other Federal regulations that have an impact on the cost and procedures of farming sugarcane. Demonstration of how drones are used in the agricultural fields. Stop by pump station for discussion regarding water quality standards.
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM Picnic lunch at Clewiston Civic Park provided by SFAF. Discussion about Clewiston's agricultural history during lunch.
- 1:00 – 1:15 PM Travel to U. S. Sugar Mill and Refinery, Clewiston.
- 1:15 – 3:00 PM Arrive at U. S. Sugar Corp. Mill and Refinery for tour of sugarcane processing procedures led by Ryan Duffy, Dir. of Corporate Communications, U. S. Sugar. Discussion will include compliance with OSHA and federal air quality standards, while the refinery will focus on FDA food safety and labeling issues. Tour of packaging facilities.
- 3:00 – 3:15 PM Depart mill, travel to Roland Martin Marina Marina hotel, prepare for citrus tour and dinner presentation.
- 4:30 PM Depart hotel, drive to Southern Gardens Citrus in Clewiston.
- 4:45 – 5:45 PM Southern Gardens Citrus grove stop, Jim Snively, Vice President of Citrus Groves, will discuss citrus greening, hurricanes and other issues destructive to citrus crops, and how they work with the USDA's APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service) to develop new citrus varieties and combat citrus diseases.

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- 6:00 – 6:30 PM Arrive at Swindle Farms in Clewiston for welcome reception and opportunity to speak one-on-one with local farmers who grow sugarcane, corn, green beans, kale and broccoli. This is an actual working sugarcane farm owned by an independent grower.
- 6:35 – 9:00 PM Working dinner where Judy Sanchez, Sr. Dir. of Corporate Communications, U.S. Sugar, and member of the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Sweeteners and Sweetener Products, will give a presentation on American Farm Policy & Trade, discussing the farm bill, NAFTA and other trade issues. Carl Stringer, Vice President, IT Operations, U.S. Sugar, will illustrate how technology is used in farming. SFAF Board President Ardis Hammock will introduce the farmers present and each will speak 5-10 minutes on the history of their farm and the produce they grow, showcasing the diversity of crops produced in the area. Staffers will be formally introduced to all the farmers. SFAF will purchase steaks cooked by Hendry County Cattlemen’s Association. Approximately two hours will be spent on the listed activities and presentations.
- 9:00 PM Return to Roland Martin Marina hotel.

#### Thursday, April 8, 2021

- 8:00 – 8:30 AM Breakfast at hotel provided by SFAF and board bus.
- 8:30 AM Bus departs Roland Martin Marina hotel.
- 8:30 – 9:00 AM Travel to Belle Glade to A. Duda & Sons.
- 9:00 – 11:00 AM Tour of A. Duda & Sons led by Sam Jones, General Manager, showcasing the farming operations where celery, radishes, lettuce and other produce is grown. The group will go out into the field and observe the harvesting of celery while discussing food safety and workforce issues.
- 11:00 - 11:30 AM Travel to TKM Bengard Farms, LLC, also in Belle Glade.
- 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM Stephen Basore, one of six brothers who run the farm, will lead the tour of TKM Bengard Farms, LLC, the largest lettuce grower east of the Mississippi that sells produce to major processors and retailers that in turn, distribute to supermarkets, schools, and restaurants across the country. He will discuss transportation issues that affect his company.
- 12:15 – 12:30 pm Travel to Everglades Equipment Group
- 12:30 – 1:15 PM Working lunch at Everglades Equipment Group, largest John Deere tractor dealer in Florida. Jason Tucker will discuss issues with Tier 4 tractor emissions required in the U.S. compared to other countries and how Covid has affected their business operations.
- 1:15 - 1:30 PM Travel to Slim’s Fish Camp in Belle Glade for airboat tour of Lake Okeechobee.
- 1:30 – 3:30 PM Depart from dock on airboat for tour of Lake Okeechobee; Boats will stop out on the lake where Terrie Bates, a water resource specialist that assists the agriculture industry in the Lake Okeechobee and Everglades watershed in matters related to Flood Protection, Water Supply and Stormwater Management, will explain the relationship between the lake and agriculture, discuss water quality and quantity issues and how EAA farmers must comply with federal water regulations. She will address questions from staffers. Airboats will return back to the dock.
- 3:30 – 4:45 PM Depart Slim’s Fish Camp to travel to West Palm Beach. Travel through EAA.
- 4:45 – 5:00 PM Check in at Canopy by Hilton Hotel, West Palm Beach, prepare for dinner and evening program.
- 6:45 PM Meet in hotel lobby.



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6:45 – 7:00 PM	Board bus and depart for dinner.
7:00 – 9:00 PM	Working dinner at Batch New Southern Kitchen, West Palm Beach, farm-to-table restaurant featuring local produce. Palm Beach County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay, who represents the area where the western county farms and some of the eastern farms are located, will discuss the importance of agriculture as an economic driver for Palm Beach County. A representative of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will speak about the importance of the Everglades Agricultural Area to the State of Florida and the challenges the state has coordinating with federal agricultural regulations.
9:00 PM	Return to Canopy by Hilton Hotel.

#### **Friday, April 9, 2021**

8:00 – 8:45 AM	Working breakfast at hotel, overview discussion of ag operations tour from the previous day. Explain format for morning discussions so staff can be prepared to ask questions during the round table.
8:45 – 8:50 AM	Check out of Hotel and load bus for tour.
8:50 AM	Bus departs
8:50 – 9:25 AM	Drive to Bedner's Farm Fresh Market in Western Boynton Beach.
9:25 AM	Arrive at Bedner's Farm Fresh Market, one of the few remaining family owned and operated farmer's markets in South Florida, bringing fresh produce to customers from the farm, grown right outside their back door.
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Tour of Bedner's U-Pick farm on tractor-pulled wagon in fields of strawberries, peppers and tomatoes adjacent to the Everglades. David Legg, an educator/tour guide, will explain just how much of the earth's surface is available for farming, highlighting how important even small farms such as theirs is and how a farm can co-exist next to a federal water refuge, following the regulations required and still provide a safe affordable food supply.
10:00 – 11:00 AM	One-on-one roundtable discussion with farmer members of Florida Farm Bureau's eastern Palm Beach County region moderated by Eva Webb, Assistant Director Field Services, Florida Farm Bureau Federation. Farmers representing sweet corn, green beans, peppers, tomatoes and other vegetables, nursery operations and agricultural research will discuss issues with federal pest management regulations, H2A worker programs, wage and labor compliance, NAFTA and how farming is impacted by state and federal issues.
11:00 – 11:40 AM	Working lunch provided by SFAF purchased from local farms. Marie Bedner will give an overview of Bedner's farming operations and explain how Covid changed Bedner's business plan from u-pick to pick up boxes and how much food went to waste during the initial Covid lockdown. She will introduce farmers who will participate in the roundtable discussions.
11:45 AM	Bus departs
11:45 AM – 12:15 PM	Travel to Palm Beach International Airport
1:50 – 5:59 PM	Depart Palm Beach International Airport Depart for Washington-Reagan National Airport on American Airlines Flight #1841, connecting on Flight #1775 in Charlotte.
5:59 PM	Arrive Washington-Reagan National Airport.