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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, by email at [gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov](mailto:gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov)**, 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: John Patrick Rauber
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None ☒  
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 8/10/21 Return: 8/12/21  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None ☒
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Peoria, IL Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Growmark, the Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Board, and the Illinois Corn Marketing Board
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:  
Throughout the three days, the group traveled to various agriculture related businesses, farms, and plants. This included 3 family farms, a pork processing facility, trucking facilities, and fertilizer facilities. At each visit we met with stakeholders about issues impacting the agriculture community and work Member of Congress are engaged on.
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 *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
  - 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Supervising Member: \_\_\_\_\_



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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: GROWMARK, Inc.; Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Board; Illinois Corn Marketing Board

2. Travel Destination(s): Peoria, IL

3. Date of Departure: 8/10/2021 Date of Return: 8/12/2021

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Charles Bolden and John Rauber

*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	\$640.33	\$255.36	\$113.95	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: 8/26/21

Name: Ann Kafer Title: VP of Human Resources & Chief Strategy Officer

Organization: GROWMARK, Inc.

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

Address: 1701 Towanda Avenue, Bloomington, IL 61702

Email: CSpencer@growmark.com Telephone: (309) 557-6343

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 8/26/21

Name: Rodney Weinzierl

Title: Executive Director

Organization: Illinois Corn Marketing Board

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

Address: 14129 Carole Drive, Bloomington, IL 61702

Email: weinzier@ilcorn.org

Telephone: (309) 838-5568

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

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: GROWMARK, Inc.; Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Board; Illinois Corn Marketing Board
  2. Travel Destination(s): Peoria, IL
  3. Date of Departure: 8/10/2021 Date of Return: 8/12/2021
  4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Charles Bolden and John Rauber
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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: Andrew Larson Date: 8/26/21

Name: Andrew Larson Title: Director of Public Policy and Market Development

Organization: Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Board

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

Address: 1605 Commerce Parkway, Bloomington, IL 61704

Email: larsona@ilsoy.org Telephone: (309) 808-3612

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

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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:

GROWMARK, Inc. (divided equally between GROWMARK and sponsors listed in 3C)

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:

Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Board, Illinois Corn Marketing Board

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):

See attached.

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

6. Date of departure: 8/10/2021 Date of return: 8/12/2021

7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.

b. Destination(s): Peoria, IL

c. City of return: Washington, D.C.

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; OR  
b. ☐ I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; OR  
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:
- GROWMARK - outline/logistics for tour and communication; retail operations, nutrient stewardship, transportation.
- IL Soybean Assoc. Checkoff Board - agenda topics; crop production and utilization, channels to market.
- IL Corn Marketing Board - agenda topics; crop production and utilization, channels to market.
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 the 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):
- \$35 per day
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
- Area: Ag hub to crop production/agribusinesses that can provide firsthand experience w/ ag.
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Embassy Suites City: East Peoria, IL Cost Per Night: \$114
- Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to interstate/tour stops
- 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 the box.*



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## 18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$654	\$228	\$105
For each Accompanying Family Member	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	N/A	
For each Accompanying Family Member	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 by my signature that

- a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;  
b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and  
c. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Ann Kafer Date: 6/16/22

Name: Ann Kafer Title: VP of Human Resources & Chief Strategy Officer

Organization: GROWMARK, Inc.

Address: 1701 Towanda Avenue, Bloomington, IL 61702

Email: cspencer@growmark.com Telephone: (309) 557-6343

## INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the agenda, invitation list, any attachments, and any *Additional Trip Sponsor Forms* directly to the Travelers.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

Willful or knowing misrepresentation on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:

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

[ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov](mailto:ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov) | 202-225-7103  
More information and forms available at [ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)



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## ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance 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. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

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1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: GROWMARK, Inc.
2. Name of your organization: Illinois Corn Marketing Board
3. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes ☐ No ☒ Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. Check one. I certify that my organization:
  - a. ☐ Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. OR
  - b. ☒ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to  
Destination: Peoria, Illinois on Date: 8/10/2021-8/12/2021  
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. OR
  - c. ☐ Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. 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.
7. I certify by my signature that
  - a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
  - b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent;
  - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
  - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Rodney Weinzierl

Date: 6/18/21

Name: Rodney Weinzierl

Title: Executive Director

Organization: Illinois Corn Marketing Board

Address: 14129 Carole Drive, Bloomington, IL 61702

Email: weinzierl@ilcorn.org

Telephone: (309) 838-5568



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1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: GROWMARK, Inc.
2. Name of your organization: Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Board
3. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes ☐ No ☒ Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. Check one. I certify that my organization:
  - a. ☐ Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. OR
  - b. ☒ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to  
Destination: Peoria, Illinois on Date: 8/10/2021-8/12/2021  
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. OR
  - c. ☐ Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. 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.
7. I certify by my signature that
  - a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
  - b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent;
  - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
  - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 6/21/21

Name: Andrew Larson

Title: Director of Public Policy and Market Development

Organization: Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Board

Address: 1605 Commerce Parkway, Bloomington, IL 61704

Email: larsona@ilsoy.org

Telephone: (309) 808-3612



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1. Name of Traveler: John P. Rawber
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:  
Groenmark, Illinois Soybean Association, and the Illinois Corn Marketing Board
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Peoria, Illinois
4. a. Date of Departure: 8/10/21 Date of Return: 8/12/21  
b. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? If yes:  
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Yes ☐ No ☐ Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:
6. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ 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)?  
b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:
7. Yes ☒ No ☐ *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

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 Communications Director for Rep. Latta, this trip will provide important insight about the agriculture + farming industry, which is vital to the 18th District of Illinois
9. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?
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

Jim Latta

Date

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1. Name of Traveler: John Patrick Rauber
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:  
GROWMARK, Inc.
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel : Peoria, Illinois
4. a. Date of Departure: 8/10/21 Date of Return: 8/12/21  
b. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? If yes:  
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Yes ☐ No ☐ Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:
6. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ 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)?  
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*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.**  
I am the Communications Director for Congressman Darin LaHood, who represents the 18th Congressional District of Illinois, including Peoria. As one of the largest agriculture districts in the country, this trip will provide me with the opportunity to learn more about an important economic driver for our district.
9. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?
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 \_\_\_\_\_



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Name of Traveler: John Patrick Rauber

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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. Darin LaHood

Office Address: 1424 Longworth HOB

Telephone Number: 3016421587

Email Address of Contact Person: john.rauber@mail.house.gov

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2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:  
GROWMARK, Inc.
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Peoria, Illinois
4. a. Date of Departure: 8/10/21 Date of Return: 8/12/21  
b. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? If yes:  
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Yes ☐ No ☐ Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:
6. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ 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)?  
b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:
7. Yes ☒ No ☐ *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.  
  
*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.**  
I am the Communications Director for Congressman Darin LaHood, who represents the 18th Congressional District of Illinois, including Peoria. As one of the largest agriculture districts in the country, this trip will provide me with the opportunity to learn more about an important economic driver for our district.
9. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?
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

7/9/21



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July 29, 2021

Mr. John Rauber  
Office of the Honorable Darin LaHood  
1424 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Rauber:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Peoria, Illinois, scheduled for August 10 to 12, 2021, sponsored by Growmark, Inc., the Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Board, and the Illinois Corn Marketing Board.

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.

**2021 Congressional Staff Tour  
AGENDA**

**Tuesday, August 10**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>District</b>
10:00 AM End Time Depart from Airport	<b>Peoria International Airport</b> – 6100 W Everett McKinley Dirksen Pkwy, Peoria, IL 61607	Flight Lands at 9:18 AM (Depart DC at 5:59 AM)	
10:45 AM	<b>GROWMARK Tank and Truck Center</b> – 240 W Ashland St, Morton, IL 61550	Learn about services provided to ensure safety of propane and anhydrous ammonia tanks. Discuss challenges related to employment and tariffs.	Darin LaHood (IL–18 <sup>th</sup> )
12:00 PM End Time	Depart GTTC		
12:15 PM	<b>David Uhlman Farm</b> – 26111 Allentown Rd. Tremont, IL 61568	Lunch – Host farmer will describe his farm operation and the issues they face on their farm growing corn, soybeans, and pumpkins.	Darin LaHood (IL–18 <sup>th</sup> )
1:45 PM End Time	Depart Uhlman farm		
2:00 PM	<b>Precision Planting</b> – 23207 Townline Rd, Tremont, IL 61568	Explore the impact of precision technology on production agriculture and improved management practices.	Darin LaHood (IL–18 <sup>th</sup> )
3:15 PM End Time	Depart Precision Planting		
3:30 PM	<b>Midwest Food Bank</b> – 700 Erie Ave, Morton, IL 61550	Understand the role of food banks. Assist in packaging of food.	Darin LaHood (IL–18 <sup>th</sup> )
5:00 PM End time	Depart Midwest		
5:20 PM	<b>Mike Wurmnest Farm</b> – 31373 Lakeland Rd. Deer Creek, IL 61733	Dinner – Host farmer will provide an overview of their farm operation and discuss issues impacting their corn/soybean farm.	Darin LaHood (IL–18 <sup>th</sup> )
8:00 PM End Time	Depart Wurmnest farm for hotel: Embassy Suites 1100 Conference Center Drive East Peoria, IL 61611		

Thursday, August 12

Time	Location	Topic	District
8:15 AM	Depart hotel		
8:30 AM	<b>Peoria Lock &amp; Dam</b> – 1139 Wesley Rd, Creve Coeur, IL 61610	Review role of waterway infrastructure in moving farm inputs and commodities. Discuss challenges in infrastructure improvements.	Cheri Bustos (IL–17 <sup>th</sup> )
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10:15 AM	<b>National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research</b> – 1815 N University St, Peoria, IL 61604	Understand the role of the Peoria Ag Lab. See the work conducted at the lab.	Cheri Bustos (IL–17 <sup>th</sup> )
11:30 AM End Time	Depart Ag Lab		
12:00 PM	<b>Alwan and Sons Meat Co.</b> – 703 E. War Memorial Dr., Peoria Heights, IL 61616	Tour family-owned butcher shop and grocery store to learn about livestock production, grain demand from livestock, and meat processing. Lunch following tour.	Darin LaHood (IL–18 <sup>th</sup> )
1:20 PM End Time	Depart Alwan and Sons Meat Co.		
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4:24 PM End Time	Drop off attendees at Airport	Flight at 6:24 PM	

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10:00 AM	<b>John Deere Harvester Works</b> – 1100 13th Ave, East Moline, IL 61244	See how combines are manufactured. Discuss industry challenges.	Cheri Bustos (IL-17 <sup>th</sup> )
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12:00 AM	<b>Johnny's Italian Steakhouse</b> – 1300 River Dr, Moline, IL 61265	Lunch Speaker on renewable fuels/E-15 waiver	Cheri Bustos (IL-17 <sup>th</sup> )
1:20 PM	Depart Johnny's		
2:00 PM	<b>Gold Star FS</b> – 13125 IL-81, Cambridge, IL 61238	Speaker on farm profitability with activity to further understanding of commodity risk management. Outdoor stations on farm management practices and technology (e.g. crop scouting, chemical application, etc.)	Cheri Bustos (IL-17 <sup>th</sup> )
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**Question #4 - Name and Title of Invitees**  
**2021 Trip to Illinois**

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