



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, 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: Henry Turner Bridgforth
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 8/17/2021 Return: 8/19/2021  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington DC Destination: Baton Rouge Return City: Washington DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:  
 I participated in a number of roundtables and tours focused on agriculture, broadband, labor, and trade policy. I additionally visited with farmers, university professors, and industry experts.
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: 8/30/21

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: Clay Higgins Date: 8/30/21

Signature of Supervising Member:



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## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original  Amendment

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.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation

2. Travel Destination(s): Baton Rouge, LA and surrounding areas (LA-2, LA-3, LA-4, LA-5, LA-6)

3. Date of Departure: 8/17/2021 Date of Return: 8/19/2021

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Turner Bridgforth

*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	\$0	\$330.68	\$119.22	\$0
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:  Date: 8/25/21

Name: Jim Harper Title: President

Organization: Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation

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

Address: 9516 Airline Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA 70815

Email:  Telephone: (225) 922-6209

*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

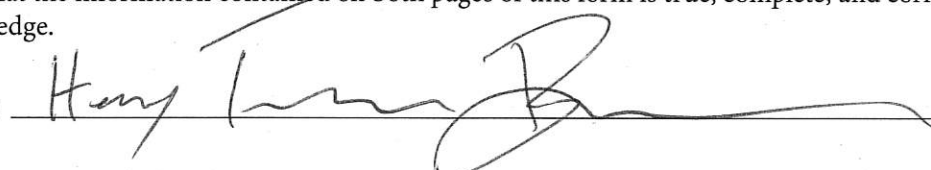
This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, 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 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: Henry Turner Bridgforth

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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): Clay Higgins

Office Address: 572 Cannon House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-2031

Email Address of Contact Person: turner.bridgforth@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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## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Henry Turner Bridgforth
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:  
Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Baton Rouge, LA
4. a. Date of Departure: 8/18/2021 Date of Return: 8/19/2021  
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.**  
Understanding the issues affecting Louisiana agriculture, specifically H-2A/H-2B and disaster assistance, is important to my responsibilities as the Agriculture Legislative Assistant for the Congressman.
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

7/21/21



## 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:  
Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation ✓
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):  
See additional pages —
5. Yes  No  Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: 8/18/2021 Date of return: 08/19/2021
7. a. City of departure: Baton Rouge, LA  
b. Destination(s): U.S. House Districts LA-2, LA-3, LA-4, LA-5, & LA-6  
c. City of return: Baton Rouge, LA
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:



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:

Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation is leading the organization and coordination of this trip to bring LA House staffers focusing on agriculture to their constituents/our members to facilitate discussion and education of our congressional delegation on agriculture issues. LFBF is a member organization of active farming and ranching members advocating for their industry.

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**  
 a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: Provided by LSU AgCenter)  
 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):  
 Meals provided (3 daily) will not exceed \$60 in value total per person. All will be group meals  
 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:  
 This tour will allow each House staff member to visit their district and see agriculture importa

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

Hotel Name: Renaissance City: Baton Rouge, LA Cost Per Night: \$165  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: Other events being hosted here + Group rate + Proximity for travel

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	0	330 (165/night x 2)	120 (\$60 a day / 2 days)
For each Accompanying Family Member	0	0	0

	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		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

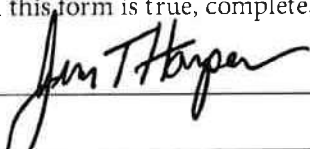
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### 19. Check only one:

- 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:  Date: 8/3/21

Name: Jim Harper Title: President

Organization: Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation

Address: 9516 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70815

Email: ashleys@lfbf.org Telephone: (225) 922-6201

## 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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August 11, 2021

Mr. Henry Bridgforth  
Office of the Honorable Clay Higgins  
572 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Bridgforth:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, scheduled for August 18 to 19, 2021, sponsored by Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Theodore E. Deutch".

Theodore E. Deutch  
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jackie Walorski".

Jackie Walorski  
Ranking Member

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**Louisiana Agricultural Tour ~ August 2021**  
**Louisiana Congressional Delegation Staff**  
**Farm Bill Listening Sessions and On-Farm Demonstrations**  
**Outline/Concept Document/Draft Agenda**

- Primary Hosts:** Louisiana Farm Bureau® Federation and Louisiana State University Agricultural Center (LSU AgCenter).
- Target:** House Legislative Aides & Legislative Correspondents with Agriculture Policy Assignments from Louisiana's Congressional Offices
- Goal:** Provide unique hands-on educational experiences highlighting key matters of federal agricultural policy at farm and agribusiness operations in Louisiana ahead of the 2023 Farm Bill.
- Tour Dates:** August 18-19, 2021
- Length of Meetings** Day 1: 9 Hours  
Day 2: 9.5 Hours  
Total: 18.5 Hours in two days.
- Transport to LA:** Congressional Staff Travel Budget
- Lodging (2) Night:** Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation providing rooms at the Renaissance, Baton Rouge, LA the nights of August 18 & 19, 2021
- Tour Transport:** Bus Transportation provided by LSU AgCenter during Tour.

**\*Travel time for this event will be accompanied by LSU and LFBF staff and leadership, with various experts in ag economics/policy/commodity issues. Travel time will consist of briefings from these experts to discuss both the previous stop, as well as discussions around the issues to be presented at the following stop. Where available, LFBF will have leaders join the bus to brief the staffers on their issues during transport.**

**Agricultural Policy Focus Areas:**

- Ag Workforce Needs (H-2A, H-2B Labor Issues)
- Agricultural Disaster Programs
- Agriculture's Role in Climate Change
- Infrastructure Importance to Agriculture
- Rural Broadband
- Environmental Regulations related to Water, Soil, Pesticides, and others
- Inheritance Taxes and their Impact on Agriculture
- Waterways and Coastal Erosion
- International Trade
- Best Management Practices and Animal Welfare

## **Day 1: Wednesday, August 18, 2021**

- *Morning arrivals to Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation Headquarters, Baton Rouge.*

### **8:00 a.m. – 9:15 am Arrive, Welcome, Overview of Tour, & Introductions**

#### **LFBF Board Room, LFBF Offices, Baton Rouge, LA**

*Dr. Mike Salassi, LSU Assoc. Vice President for Agriculture*

*Mr. Jim Harper, President LA Farm Bureau Federation*

*\* Each leader of the host organizations will greet the congressional staffers (CS), other LFBF and LSU staff will outline the day, and everyone will give self-introductions*

#### **State of the Louisiana Farm Economy**

*Dr. Michael Deliberto - LSU Ag Economist*

*\* Dr. Deliberto will give an overview of the crops grown and raised in Louisiana. He will also give historical knowledge to the economic recent history and forward projection of agricultural markets important to LA*

### **9:15 a.m. – 10:00 am Travel to Grosse Tete (LA-6)**

*Staff will visit with CS to hear of recent happenings in DC, discuss the day ahead, who they will meet and what they are most interested in learning about. Brown will give a background of Rural Broadband activities that LFBF is engaging in, including a crowd sourcing speed test.*

### **10:00 a.m. – 11:00 am Rural Broadband and Successes of the Reconnect Pilot Program**

#### **North Iberville Community Center – Rosedale, LA**

*Star Communications*

*Governor Edwards Exec. Director for Rural Broadband*

*Delta Regional Authority*

*This stop will be a roundtable of the above noted guests, CSs, and two LFBF leaders to discuss current broadband efforts and future endeavors to better utilize federally appropriated rural broadband infrastructure funds.*

### **11:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm Travel to H. Rouse Caffey Rice Research Station (LA-3)**

*This travel time will be spent discussing the history and important of the LSU Rice Station to both LA and national rice research. Brown will also discuss the various rice organizations in LA and how they all work together to represent the rice industry.*

### **12:00 p.m. – 1:30 pm LSU AgCenter Rice Research Station for a Working Lunch: Poboys from Fezzo's**

*Dr. Dustin Harrell – Rice Production in Louisiana*

*Dr. Kurt Guidry – Disasters in Louisiana 2020/2021*

*CS and guests will self serve their lunch upon arrival and once seated and greeted, the presentations will begin lasting about 20 min each. Once lunch is done, Dr. Harrell will lead the group on driving tour of the research station. Beyond food service and general arrival, 100% of*

*the stop is dedicated to a working lunch and official activity.*

### **LSU Rice Research Station Driving Tour**

*Dr. Dustin Harrell – Resident Coordinator*

*Dr. Harrell will discuss research efforts, the importance of investment in research, and the importance of checkoff programs to the success of farmer-researcher interaction*

#### **1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Travel to Evangeline Parish (LA-4)**

*This travel time will be through the heart of rice country during the peak of harvest season. CSs will get to see rice harvest all along the way and use this time as Q&A from what they learned at the rice station and in preparation for the harvest activities they are heading to next.*

#### **2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Precision Agriculture and Rice Harvest**

*Hosted by Richard Fontenot and Kane Fontenot*

*These two farms will provide perspective on the two major equipment manufacturers, precision technology both on equipment and in grain storage. These farmers also will discuss disaster damages from 2020 and other rural needs in terms of infrastructure.*

#### **4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Travel - Return to Baton Rouge**

*This travel time will be used to debrief from the day's activities and discuss issues looking forward to the following day.*

#### **6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. LFBF Board of Directors Dinner**

*CSs would join the LFBF Board of Directors for dinner. This dinner is scheduled regardless of CS participation, and will provide networking opportunity with 20+ farm leaders from around the state.*

#### **8:00 p.m. Depart for Hotel – End of Day 1**

### **Day 2: Thursday, August 19th**

#### **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 am Depart Hotel and travel to Pointe Coupee Parish (LA-5)**

*Travel time will be used to brief the CS on the days activities, including labor issues currently impacting farmers and ranchers by Brian Breaux.*

#### **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 am Tour Sugar Planting/Labor Issues/Soybean Harvest**

*Hosted by George LaCour and other farmers in the area to provide hands on experience to CS on the need for labor in such labor intensive crops like sugarcane. Pesticide use will also be discussed by viewing a soybean harvest operation.*

#### **10:30 a.m. – 11:30 am Depart Sugar Farm Stop – Travel to Baton Rouge**

*Travel will be used to brief the CS on the LFBF Board of Directors that they are going to join in BR, how the organization is structured to source those leaders, and what current events the board has been working to remedy including solar power issues, pipeline issues, and other areas of interest.*

**11:30 p.m. – 1:00 pm          Lunch: Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation Board Meeting**

*Location: Renaissance Hotel, Baton Rouge, LA*

*Lunch Provided by: Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation*

*\*This is a part of the LFBF Regularly Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting. This event would happen regardless of Congressional staff participation.\**

*CS will be introduced, will sit with constituents, and hear some speakers update the board on various commodity issues as a part of the regularly scheduled Board meeting. 100% of the activity will fall in the scope of official activities listed on this agenda and under the intent of this tour.*

**1:00 p.m. – 1:30 pm Adjourn Lunch – Depart for LSU Water Campus (LA-2)**

*MS River Model, Climate Discussions, Flood Mitigation, etc.*

*This travel time will be used to brief the CS on water issues, flooding as it related to farming, and other involvement LFBF has on both water quantity and quality issues.*

**1:30 pm - 2:30 p.m. Water Campus Tour – Depart for Louis Dreyfus**

*The LSU Water campus staff will tour the river center and MS river model for the CS.*

**2:30 pm - 3:00 p.m. Travel to Louis Dreyfus**

*CS will travel across the river, viewing barge traffic and be briefed on the importance of river infrastructure to LA's farm economy; as well as the rest of the US.*

**3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tour Louis Dreyfus Grain Elevator (LA-2)**

*Louis Dreyfus staff will lead a tour showing barge loading, LA farmer trucks being unloaded, and discuss the public private partnerships that allow the Port of Baton Rouge to be successful. Discussions on MS River Infrastructure, International Trade, Grain Standards Act and other issues will also occur.*

**4:00 p.m. – 4:30 pm Stop Dreyfus Tour, Travel to Return to Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation and Adjourn**

*Final travel time will be a debrief of the entire tour and LFBF staff and LSU Faculty will answer questions CS may have or make note of members that CSs wish to follow up with.*

**4:30 p.m.          Tour ends**

**Louisiana Agricultural Tour ~ August 2021**  
**Louisiana Congressional Delegation Staff**  
**Invitee List**

**Explanation of why the individuals listed are invited:**

The following House of Representatives staff members facilitate the work revolving around agriculture and/or natural resources issues and serve as the primary contact for Louisiana farmers and ranchers in their respective districts for the Louisiana House delegation members of which they are employed. These staff members are the experts in this issue area for their respective offices, and by attending this tour will experience first-hand the needs and concerns of their farming and ranching constituents. Due to COVID-19 shutdowns, interactions on Capitol Hill have been limited between LFBB members and Congressional offices. Rather than attempt to bring large groups to Washington D.C., LFBB volunteer leaders thought it would be a good time to facilitate constituent/staff interaction on farms. We look forward to hosting the following:

- **Walton, Austin – No RSVP**  
Policy Adviser for Rep. Steve Scalise, LA-01
  
- **Strother, Nick – RSVP'd Yes**  
Legislative Assistant for Rep. Troy Carter, LA-02
  
- **Bridgforth, Turner – RSVP'd Yes**  
Legislative Assistant for Rep. Clay Higgins, LA-03
  
- **Fultz, Garrett – RSVP Uncertain**  
Legislative Director/Counsel for Rep. Mike Johnson, LA-04
  
- **Duvall, Zellie – RSVP'd Yes**  
Legislative Assistant for Rep. Julia Letlow, LA-05
  
- **Playforth, Taylor – RSVP'd Yes**  
Legislative Assistant for Rep. Garret Graves, LA-06