



U.S. House of Representatives COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM [] Original [x] 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, 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: Tom B. Smith
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: OR None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify)
3. a. Dates: Departure: September 17, 2021 Return: September 19, 2021
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Portland, ME Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: 1. University of Maine tour of their Research lab 2. Bates Mill revitalization tour 3. Jackson Laboratory (JAX) animal medical research tour 4. Working dinner at with local elected officials and community leaders. 5. Tour of Acadia National Park with National Park Service 6. Tour of Frenchman Bay/Gulf of Main lobstering areas
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: Tom B. Smith Digitally signed by Tom B. Smith Date: 2021.10.19 15:22:17 -04'00' Date: 10/19/2021

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 Jared Golden Date: 10/19/2021

Signature of Supervising Member: Jared F Golden
Version date 3/2021 by Committee on Ethics



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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.

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- Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
 - Travel Destination(s): Portland, ME; Auburn, ME; Bar Harbor, ME
 - Date of Departure: Sept. 17, 2021 Date of Return: Sept. 19, 2021
 - Name(s) of Traveler(s): Tom Smith
- Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.
- 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	688.80	607.34	106.00	Car Rental: 899.92 Fuel: 70.66
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

- 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: 09/28/2021

Name: Jason Grumet Title: President

Organization: Bipartisan Policy Center

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

Address: 1225 I Street NW, Washington, DC 20005

Email: jgrumet@Bipartisanpolicy.org Telephone: 703-350-3736

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.

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: Thomas B. 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: T. B. Smith

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Rep Jared Golden

Office Address: 1222 Longworth, Washington, D.C. 20515

Telephone Number: 240-306-5599

Email Address of Contact Person: TomB.Smith@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.



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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Thomas B. Smith
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Portland, Maine
4. a. Date of Departure: September 17, 2021 Date of Return: September 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.
I am the policy director for the For Country Caucus, which Rep Golden and Rep Taylor are the co-chairs. This trip was to show Rep Taylor and I the key concerns of Rep Golden's 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 20 Oct 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) 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: Bipartisan Policy Center

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): _____
Thomas Bertram Smith, Policy Director for Country Caucus

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

6. Date of Departure: September 17, 2021 Date of Return: September 19, 2021

7. a. City of departure: Arlington, Virginia
b. Destination(s): Portland, Maine
c. City of return: Arlington, Virginia

8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: **OR**
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: **OR**
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following:**
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: **OR**
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____



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:
 See attached addendum

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:
 N/A

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*
15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
 a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: **OR**
 b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation:
 If "b" is checked:
 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$70.00

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

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
 Hotel Name: Hilton Garden Inn Auburn Riverwa City: Auburn, Maine Cost Per Night: \$296.64
 Reason(s) for Selecting: proximity to events (see addendum)
 Hotel Name: Atlantic Oceanside Hotel City: Bar Harbor, Maine Cost Per Night: \$325.00
 Reason(s) for Selecting: proximity to events (see addendum)
 Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
 Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$442.00	\$621.64 *	\$140
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	\$566	Car rental/fuel
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 that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 8/17/2021

Name: Jason Grumet

Title: President

Organization: Bipartisan Policy Center

Address: 1225 I Street NW, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone: 202-218-6778

Email: jgrumet@bipartisanpolicy.org

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

Committee on Ethics

U.S. House of Representatives

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

Phone: 202-225-7103 General Fax: 202-225-7392

Version date 12/2018 by Committee on Ethics *Please note: Hotel rooms were very challenging to secure, and we tried to find lowest rates possible where there were actually vacancies. We suspect this might be due to peak foliage season.*

Theodore E. Deutch, Florida
Chairman

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Ranking Member

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September 13, 2021

Mr. Tom Smith
Office of the Honorable Jared Golden
1222 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 Portland, Maine, scheduled for September 17 to 19, 2021, sponsored by the Bipartisan Policy Center. We note that you will not accept return airfare from the sponsor.

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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American Congressional Exchange

Rep. Van Taylor (TX-3) visiting Rep. Jared Golden (ME-2), Sept. 17-19, 2021

Fri., Sept. 17

- 10:40 a.m. Jonathan Perman (BPC) departs ORD – UA #1762
- 2:04 p.m. Perman arrives PWM
- 3:05 p.m. Rep. Taylor, Tom Smith, John Richter (BPC) and Lisel Loy (BPC) depart DCA – AA #5151
- 4:40 Taylor, Smith, Richter, Loy arr. PWM
- 5:15 Drive to Hotel – Hilton Garden Inn Riverwatch, 14 Great Falls Plaza, Auburn
- 6:00 Check into hotel
- 6:30 Depart hotel for Fish Bones restaurant, 70 Lincoln Street, Lewiston; 207-333-3663
- 6:45 Arrive restaurant
- 8:45 Depart restaurant for hotel
- 9:00 Arrive hotel for overnight

Sat., Sept. 18

- 8:15-8:45 a.m. Breakfast at hotel.
- 8:50-9:00 Check out of hotel, drive to Bates Mill Complex, 35 Canal St., Lewiston.
- 9:00-10:30 Tour led by: Tom Platz, Platz Associates (207-576-4666). Brief Power Point presentation followed by walking tour of mills.

Parking/Meet-up: Park/meet at 35 Canal Street between Mills 1 & 2.

For decades, the Bates Mill in Lewiston was where iconic Bates bedspreads were made, and stood as an example of the economic powerhouse that textiles once represented for many New England cities. The mill hit hard times in the 1970's, and most workers had been laid off by the 1990's, representing a significant blow to the economy and identity of the twin cities of Lewiston and Auburn.

The mill complex was purchased from the city in 1996 and since has undergone massive renovations and is now home to a T.D. Bank, restaurants, residential space, small businesses including Baxter Brewing, and more. At the literal and

figurative core of the city, this redevelopment can serve as a blueprint for other similar efforts nationwide.

Rep. Taylor and Tom Smith will tour the complex and discussion will focus on economic redevelopment, small business interests and concerns, and importance of financing for projects key to economic vitality and community rejuvenation. They will also gain an understanding of the history of the mills, which is inexorably tied to the immigration of labor from places as diverse as French-speaking Canada and Greece.

10:30 Tour and discussion conclude.

10:35 Drive to University of Maine Advanced Structures and Composites Center (ASCC), 35 Flagstaff Road, Orono.

12:30-2:00 Working lunch/tour of ASCC. The entirety of the lunch will constitute officially connected activity. Contact: Mehan Collins (207-852-8414)

Led by: Dr. Habib Dagher, Executive Director, Advanced Structures and Composites Center.

Parking/Meeting: Reserve parking in the South Jenness Lot, just behind the ASCC. Will be cones and signage marking the parking spaces. Staff will meet us at the W2 lab entrance and escort to the conference room.

This visit will highlight how traditional industries such as pulp and paper production, logging, shoes and textile production are transitioning to more cutting edge, value-added economic activity; including for example the use of wood for high-strength, durable bridges (important as infrastructure dollars are spent wisely) and also wind energy technologies.

The University of Maine's Advanced Structures and Composites Center is a world-leading, interdisciplinary center for research, education, and economic development encompassing material sciences, manufacturing, and the engineering of composites and structures. The Center is housed in a 100,000 ft² testing laboratory with more than 260 full and part-time personnel.

The Center has a highly diverse list of industrial clients on state, national, and international levels – ranging from small, start-up companies to large, Fortune 500 corporations. The Center's capacity for industrial cooperation has led to more than 500 product development and testing projects, along with leading awards for innovation in the composite materials and civil engineering fields.

Since 1996, the Center has:

- Financially supported more than 2,600 positions for undergraduate and graduate students
- Served more than 500 industrial and governmental clients including 150 Maine companies
- Formed 14 spinoff companies through licensing agreements of patents or trade

secrets

– Received more than 40 national and international awards

Working lunch with Dr. Dagher, UMaine leadership, ASCC staff, and students (lunch provided by UMaine catering). Dr. Dagher has testified before Congress regarding sustainable infrastructure solutions. Rep. Taylor and Mr. Smith will then tour the facilities that provide innovation in areas such as wind blade testing, offshore model testing, wood composites, and structural and material property testing.

2:00 Tour concludes.

2:05 Drive to The Jackson Laboratory (JAX), 600 Main Street, Bar Harbor.

3:30-5:00 Tour of JAX. Contact: Lori Morneault (Cell: 207-951-4063)

Led by: Jill Homer Stewart, Director, Federal Government Relations External and Government Affairs; Michael McKernan, Director, Government and Community Relations, Maine External & Government Affairs; Lori Morneault, Administrative Assistant IV External & Government Affairs.

Parking: Continue past the JAX sign on the left to access the visitor's parking lot. Will meet us either in the parking lot, or lobby.

The Jackson Laboratory is a world-renowned, independent, nonprofit biomedical mammalian research institution and National Cancer Institute-designated Cancer Center (NCI is a part of the National Institutes of Health). It sits adjacent to Acadia National Park and is one of the primary employers on Mount Desert Island (MDI).

JAX's mission is to discover precise genomic solutions for disease and empower the global biomedical community in the shared quest to improve human health. Its research staff of more than 200 Ph.D.s and M.D.s investigates the genetic basis of cancers, heart disease, osteoporosis, Alzheimer's disease, glaucoma, diabetes and many other human diseases and disorders, as well as normal development, reproduction and aging.

JAX is also the world's source for more than 7,000 strains of genetically defined mice, is home of the mouse genome database and is an international hub for scientific courses, conferences, training and education.

Rep. Taylor and Tom Smith will have the opportunity to see how this facility supports the goals of the National Cancer Institute, as well as its impact on addressing issues of national health prominence and concern including Alzheimer's, diabetes and other disorders that effect all aspects of American life and families across the country.

5:00 Lab tour concludes.

5:05 Drive to Hotel.

- 5:15 Check in, Atlantic Oceanside Hotel, 119 Eden Street, Bar Harbor
- 6:15 Depart hotel for Geddy's restaurant, 19 Main St., Bar Harbor; 207-288-5077.
- 6:30-8:00 Working dinner at Geddy's with local elected officials and community leaders. Entirety of the dinner will constitute officially connected activity.

Led by: Rep. Brian Hubble (D-Bar Harbor); Sen. Louis Luchini (D-Hancock); Leah Graham, associate director, Maine Cancer Genomics Initiative, JAX

Area leaders will discuss the challenges and opportunities associated with a region heavily dependent on seasonal tourism for its economic well-being. One key issue is that of finding employees who are able and willing to work service-oriented jobs on a temporary basis during the relatively short tourist season. This issue implicates areas of federal jurisdiction such as H2B visas. Acadia National Park and other nearby natural attractions bring millions of visitors to MDI and the surrounding region.

Officials and local leaders will also discuss additional challenges to growth and economic opportunity with respect to issues such as rural broadband, and the ability for small and micro-businesses to start-up and continue to thrive, which is especially important in an area where small businesses (some under 5 persons) comprise the vast majority of jobs and employers.

- 8:00 Dinner concludes.
- 8:05 Depart restaurant for hotel.
- 8:15 Arrive hotel, overnight.

Sun., Sept. 19

- 6:45– 7:15 Breakfast at hotel.
- 7:15 Check out of hotel (hold luggage at desk), shuttle bus from Acadia National Park (ANP) arrives, picks up for ANP tour.
- 7:15-7:35 Guided tour of park enroute to Cadillac Mt. summit.

Led by: Park Superintendent Kevin Schneider (cell: 207-412-1147); David MacDonald, president and CEO, Friends of Acadia; Nicholas Fisichelli, president and CEO with Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park.

Note: Clothing should reflect some walking on summit of Cadillac Mt. early in the day which may be cool/windy weather conditions, and following lobster boat tour/meeting. Substantial sneakers are sufficient. Please also note we may try to walk around some of the summit trails even if light precipitation unless directed otherwise.

Acadia National Park is one of the crown jewels of the national park system, and the first national park east of the Mississippi River. It protects the natural beauty of the highest rocky headlands along the Atlantic coastline of the United States, an abundance of habitats, and a rich cultural heritage.

At 3.5 million visits a year, Acadia is one of the top 10 most-visited national parks in the United States. Visitors have access to 27 miles of historic motor roads, 158 miles of hiking trails, and 45 miles of carriage roads. Acadia is about one-tenth the size of Grand Teton NP, yet gets about the same number of visitors.

Led by Park Superintendent, for part of the visit, the two members and Tom Smith hike a trail in ANP and will meet with park rangers along the trail. They will have an opportunity to discuss the allocation and implementation of federal dollars to support the park's activities, trail maintenance, address the serious crowding issues re: hikers, bikers, parking and the implications for park maintenance and rescue operations, and the key role the park and others like it across the country play in the economic health of the region in which it is located.

Discussion with park officials will also center on legislation allowing for free admission for veterans, which has been introduced by Reps. Taylor and Golden.

Shuttle Bus will enter Park Loop Road off West Street, drive to Gorham Trail head. Orientation briefing provided by Superintendent Schneider on bus. Followed by hike of trail, approximately one hour. Tour continues on bus up to Otter Cliffs and loops back on Rt. 3 to Bar Harbor Town Pier.

- 7:35-8:15 Discussion continues while walking Cadillac Mt. summit trails.
- 8:15-8:35 Discussion and tour continues from shuttle bus enroute to Bar Harbor Town Pier.
- 8:35 ANP visit concludes.
- 8:45-9:55 Depart pier for tour of Frenchman Bay/Gulf of Main lobstering areas, on *F/V Capt. Colie III*.

Led by: Jim Hanscom (207-266-3146), vice president of Maine Lobstering Union; Representative Billy-Bob Faulkingham (Winter Harbor); Virginia (Ginny) Olsen (Stonington) Richard Larrabee, Jr. (Stonington); Patrice McCarron, executive director, Maine Lobstermen's Association; Kristan Porter, president, MLA (Cutler); Dustin Delano, VP of MLA (Friendship); Jim Dow, lobsterman (Bass Harbor).

Rep. Taylor and Mr. Smith will have the opportunity to gain insight into a different region than their own, and issues with national implications that impact coastal regions of the U.S.

They will engage in conversations regarding the challenges this vital industry to Maine is facing, and the role of the federal government in areas such as right whale regulations, offshore wind energy construction and production, rising

ocean temperatures, and other legislative and regulatory actions directly affecting the important economic sector of fisheries for the nation.

9:55 Arrive Bar Harbor Town Pier.
10:00 Depart Bar Harbor Town Pier for Bangor International Airport (BGR). Pick up luggage at hotel enroute.
11:15 Arrive BGR
12:17 Rep. Taylor and Tom Smith depart BGR, AA #4561
2:21 Rep. Taylor and Smith arrive DCA
5:12 Richter departs BGR, AA #4562
7:15 Richter arrives DCA

(Mon., Sept. 20)

8:00 a.m., Perman Dep. BOS, UA #283

9:57 a.m., Perman arr. ORD

Contact Numbers

Taylor:

Rep. Taylor: 214 642 0920

Tom Smith – (Reps. Golden/Taylor/For Country Caucus policy director): 240-306-5599

Sara Garcia – (Rep. Taylor scheduler): 661-373-8298

Libby – (Taylor press sec.): 210 787 6501

Golden:

Ainsley Jamieson (Rep. Golden scheduler): 207-590-2240

Aisha Woodward (Rep. Golden CoS): 207-266-9553

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