



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, 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: Zach Rodvold
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None ☒
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 6/30/22 Return: 7/1/22 **OR** None ☒
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____
4. Departure City: Minneapolis, MN Destination: Sioux Falls, MN Return City: Minneapolis, MN
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Bipartisan Policy Center / American Congressional Exchange
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:
Meetings with the Flandreau Sioux Community and an area Hutterite colony to discuss concerns specific to those populations; business visits to Prairie AquaTech, SAB Biotherapeutics, Raven, and 3M to see local innovation; a roundtable with area small business owners; a visit to a family farm; and a briefing and tour of the SDNG Air Base.
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: 8/18/22

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. Dean Phillips Date: 8/18/22
Signature of Supervising Member: Dean Phillips Digitally signed by Dean Phillips
Date: 2022.08.18 13:41:12 -05'00'



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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip *within ten days of their return*. You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
2. Travel Destination(s): Sioux Falls, SD
3. Date of Departure: June 30, 2022 Date of Return: July 1, 2022
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Zach Rodvold

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	597.20	165.91	49.61	Rental Car/Fuel: 410.67 (shared w/Phillips)
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: 07/08/2022

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, Suite 1000, 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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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): _____
U.S. Representative Dean Phillips; District Director, Zach Rodvold (see addendum)
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
6. Date of Departure: June 30, 2022 Date of Return: July 1, 2022
7. a. City of departure: Minneapolis, Minnesota
b. Destination(s): Sioux Falls, South Dakota
c. City of return: Minneapolis, Minnesota
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: _____



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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:
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: Comfort Inn & Suites Avera City: Sioux Falls, South Dakota Cost Per Night: \$165.90
Reason(s) for Selecting: proximity to events

- Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
- Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:* ☒



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

☐ Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
☒ Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$597.20 (Zach Rodvold)	\$165.90 (Zach Rodvold)	\$140.00 (Phillips and Rodvold)
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$662.09 (Phillips and Rodvold)	Car rental/fuel
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 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: Jason Grumet Date: May 31, 2022

Name: Jason Grumet

Title: President

Organization: Bipartisan Policy Center

Address: 1225 I St. NW Washington, DC 20005

Telephone: 202-240-2400

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



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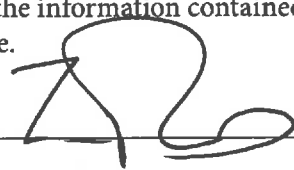
This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee,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

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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): Office of Rep. Dean Phillips

Office Address: 13911 Ridgedale Dr, Suite 200, Minnetonka, MN 55305

Telephone Number: 952-207-9960

Email Address of Contact Person: zach.rodvold@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.

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1. Name of Traveler: Zach Rodvold
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Bipartisan Policy Center
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : South Dakota (Sioux Falls, Brookings, Flandreau, and Volga)
4. a. Date of Departure: June 30, 2022 Date of Return: July 1, 2022
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.
Zach Rodvold, District Chief of Staff to Rep. Dean Phillips will accompany the Congressman on a Congressional Exchange with Rep. Dusty Johnson. Rep. Johnson visited MN-03 in 2021 and we are returning the exchange. Zach will staff the Congressman as well as make South Dakota connections that will value our office as neighboring states.
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

05/31/2022

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June 21, 2022

Mr. Zachary Rodvold
Office of the Honorable Dean Phillips
13911 Ridgedale Drive, Suite 200
Minnetonka, MN 55305

Dear Mr. Rodvold:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, scheduled for June 30 to July 1, 2022, sponsored by Bipartisan Policy Center.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$415 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman

Jackie Walorski
Ranking Member

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American Congressional Exchange

June 30-July 1, 2022

NOTE: BPC only covered rental car expenses for Rep. Phillips.

Wed., June 29

8:20 p.m. Jonathan Perman (BPC) departs ORD, AA #3505
9:59 p.m. Arr. FSD, walk to adjacent hotel.

10:15 p.m. Check-in to AeroStay Hotel, 2821 N. Jaycee Ln., Sioux Falls

Thur., June 30

6:05 a.m. Erin Meade, Audrey Cope (BPC) depart DCA, DL #1740
7:41 a.m. Arr. MSP
8:56 a.m. Zach Rodvold, Rep. Phillips, Erin Meade, Audrey Cope depart MSP, DL #5468
10:09 a.m. Arr. FSD

10:10 Jonathan Perman picks up rental car at FSD and then meets Zach Rodvold, Rep. Phillips, Rep. Johnson, Courtney Heitkamp (Johnson staff), BPC staff at FSD.

10:30-11:15 Drive to Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Health Center.

11:15-11:35 Introductory briefing and then tour Health Center
Contact: Seth Pearman.

Led by Seth Pearman, Tribal Attorney; and Anthony Reider, Tribal Council President. The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe is comprised primarily of descendants of "Mdewakantonwan", a member of the Isanti division of the Great Sioux Nation, and refer to themselves as Dakota, which means friend or ally. During the great Dakota Conflict of 1862, many members of the Sioux nation were killed in battle, executed, imprisoned, or forcibly removed from their lands.

In 1869, twenty-five families gave up tribal rights and annuities to become citizens, and acquired homesteads along the Big Sioux River at an area that would become Flandreau, S.D. In 1934, the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe was formally organized and recognized under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934.

Today, the Flandreau Santee Sioux Indian Reservation is 2,500 acres of land located along and near the Big Sioux River in Moody County in a region known as the Prairie Coteau.

Rep. Phillips, and Zach Rodvold, will learn about the health center services available to the tribal community through the Indian Health Service, an agency within the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human services. Just outside of Rep. Phillips MN-3 district is the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux (Dakota) Community.

11:35-11:50 Walk through Tribal housing projects. Led by Seth Pearman, Tribal Attorney; and Anthony Reider, Tribal Council President, the two members will discuss the housing situation in the community, which is able to access U.S. HUD low-rent housing projects.

11:50-12:30 Working lunch with tribal leaders at Royal River Casino-Hotel, owned by the Tribe. Rep. Phillips and Rodvold will discuss the governance and economic development of the tribal community, which, besides the casino-hotel, also includes ranching/farming, and a small industrial park, where there are plans underway for a clean energy project involving fertilizer.

12:30-12:45 p.m. Drive to Pleasant Valley Colony of Hutterian Brethern,
22941 487th Ave., Flandreau

12:45-1:30 Pleasant Valley Colony meeting led by Jeff Sveen, attorney for the Colony.

The Hutterites are a communal people living on hundreds of scattered Bruderhöfe or colonies throughout the prairies of northwestern North America. On average, fifteen families live and work on the typical Hutterite colony, where they farm, raise livestock and produce manufactured goods for sustenance.

The communal and monastic lifestyle of the Hutterites finds its roots in the biblical teachings of Christ and the Apostles. Emerging as a distinct culture and religious group in the early 16th century, this non-resistant Anabaptist sect endured great persecution and death at the hands of the state and church in medieval Europe.

The organizational structure of most colonies is very similar. Each colony is led by a group of leaders, including the minister, the colony manager and the farm manager. Most Hutterites continue to earn their living in the agricultural fields, but with a greater number entering the manufacturing field in the last two decades.

The Hutterite community at Pleasant Valley is noted for its extensive turkey farm business, which we will see. Rep. Phillips and Rodvold will learn about the Hutterites at Pleasant Valley and the visit corresponds with Rep. Phillips' work on the Small Business Committee.

1:30-2:15 Drive to Prairie Aquatech, 705 32nd Ave., South, Brookings

2:15-3:30 Prairie Aquatech is a plant-based agriculture technology company. The visit will be led by Mark Luecke, CEO; and John Mollison, V.P of Communications.

Prairie Aquatech produces powerful plant-based nutritional ingredients that help innovators bring their agriculture and aquaculture products to market. The company uses a patented fermentation technology, developed at nearby South Dakota State Univ., that creates a high protein ingredient without the anti-nutritional factors common to other alternative protein sources. This process enables producers to lower their feed costs while improving operating metrics, such as animal survivability and growth. The ingredients are responsibly sourced to protect the environment and raise sustainability standards in the industry.

Rep. Phillips and Zach Rodvold will tour two Aquaculture Research Labs, one of which also has a pilot-scale manufacturing facility. These state-of-the-art labs are equipped to investigate the attractability, palatability, growth, and digestibility of novel feed ingredients in aquafeeds. The products being developed are designed for maximum versatility in young terrestrial and aquatic species.

Important to the growth of Prairie Aquatech has been their ability to access research dollars through the National Science Foundation and the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program of the Small Business Administration (SBA). Reps. Phillips and Johnson, along with Mr. Rodvold, will discuss the utility of those programs and the company's experience with these federal resources. Again, the committees Rep. Phillips serves on are highly relevant to this visit.

3:30-3:45 Drive to 3M, 601 22nd Ave., South, Brookings

Led by: Jim Burkhardt, Plant Director

3:45-5:00 3M Brookings is a major manufacturing facility that produces complex medical dressings, medical tapes, surgical drapes, biological indicators and food safety products. Rep. Phillips and Rodvold will have an opportunity to tour the plant that provides these products that are important nationwide, including Minnesota. Additionally, 3M is a major presence in and around Rep. Phillips's district. Contact: Jim Burkhardt

5:00-5:15 Drive to VanderWal Farms, 730 N. Samara Ave., Volga

5:15-6:15 Led by Scott VanderWal, Rep. Phillips and Rodvold will tour a working corn and soybean farm. VanderWal is a third-generation farmer and is both the president of the South Dakota Farm Bureau and the vice president of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

This region of South Dakota is a fertile center for soybean and corn crops. South Dakota is the 8th ranked soybean producing state and 7th largest producer of corn in the U.S. This stop will provide the chance for the two members to meet directly with a farm industry leader and his employees and learn their views on trade, regulatory reform, immigration, tax reform, and rural infrastructure.

Rep. Phillips service on the Foreign Affairs Committee corresponds with his interest in agriculture trade and tariff issues and the food supply chain, particularly now with the conflict in Ukraine interrupting world food production and prices.

6:15-7:15 Drive to Crawford's restaurant, 214 S. Phillips Ave., Sioux Falls

7:15-8:45 Working Dinner with the two members and Rodvold along with two guests: Jesse Fonkert, President & CEO, Sioux Falls Development Foundation, an economic development corporation, who also leads the Sioux Metro Growth Alliance that supports the economy and stakeholders of the metro area outside

Sioux Falls; and Wendy Mamer, Assistant Director of Admissions at Augustana University in Sioux Falls. They will be discussing the economic growth strategies employed by Sioux Falls leaders as well as workforce and higher education.

8:45-9:00 Drive to Comfort Inn & Suites Avera Southwest, 3721 W. Avera Dr., Sioux Falls for check-in.

Friday, July 1

8:00-8:30 a.m. Check out of hotel, drive to Raven Innovation Campus, 47513 254th St., Baltic
Contact: Margaret Carmody, Executive Director of Corporate Culture, Communications, & Strategic Marketing.

8:30-9:30 Visit Raven Industries, which manufactures precision agriculture systems and products, high altitude balloons, and plastic film and sheeting. Led by Margaret Carmody and Steve Tims, Director of Operations.

Rep. Phillips and Rodvold will learn about Raven's unique agriculture technology that maximizes operational efficiencies. These include a suite of autonomous products such as field computers, sprayers and planter controls, GPS guidance systems, and logistics.

After meeting for briefings at the headquarters, Rep. Phillips and Rodvold will tour Raven's laboratories in the Sanford Research Center. There, technologies are developed for Raven Aerostar division for stratospheric balloons, persistent communications platforms, and radar systems. Last, they will be briefed about Raven's specialty film and sheeting designs for agriculture liners/covers, construction films, solutions for the energy industry; and geo liners and covers for ponds, landfills, waste lagoons, mining, and brownfield barriers.

Rep. Phillips' position on the Foreign Affairs Committee will draw conversations about regulators issues, product exports, and workforce development, as well as federal contracting which provides an important part of Raven's sales.

9:30-9:45 Drive to SAB Biotherapeutics Plasma Production Facility, 48042 279th St., Canton

9:45-11:35 Meeting/tour at SAB Biotherapeutics, led by Sheila Carlson, Corporate Communications & Investor Relations.

SAB Therapeutics, founded in 2014, is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company leveraging its novel immunotherapy platform, DiversitAb™, to produce a new class of specifically targeted, high-potency, fully-human polyclonal antibodies without the need for human donors and is applicable to a wide range of serious unmet needs in human diseases. SAB has applied advanced genetic engineering and antibody science to develop transchromosomal (Tc) Bovine™ (humanized animal models) that produce fully human antibodies targeted at specific diseases. By harnessing the native human antibody immune response, SAB's platform enables a scalable and reliable production of these highly-efficacious polyclonal (using several different immune cells) therapies with the potential to address the emergence, mutation, and diversity of modern health challenges such as diabetes, organ transplant, and COVID-19.

The premise of SAB's technology is using its ability to treat disease in the normal natural way that our bodies fight disease. Using genetic engineering and antibody science, SAB creates large animal species that can produce full human antibodies in response to specific disease targets.

During the visit, the two members and Rodvold are expected to discuss the SAB's collaboration with the U.S. Government that has allowed the company to capacity-build to not only develop the products but be able to manufacture clinical lots of products to move into clinical trials. One example is the Rapid Response Antibody Program through SAB's contract with the U.S. Department of Defense, initiated in 2019, which has expanded and advanced significantly due to the accelerated progress made during the COVID-19 pandemic response.

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Item 7 (b):

American Congressional Exchange

June 30-July 1, 2022

NOTE: BPC will only be covering rental car expenses for Rep. Phillips.

Wed., June 29

8:20 p.m. Jonathan Perman (BPC) departs ORD, AA #3505

9:59 p.m. Arr. FSD, walk to adjacent hotel.

10:15 p.m. Check-in to AeroStay Hotel, 2821 N. Jaycee Ln., Sioux Falls

Thur., June 30

6:05 a.m. Erin Meade, Audrey Cope (BPC) depart DCA, DL #1740

7:41 a.m. Arr. MSP

8:56 a.m. Zach Rodvold, Rep. Phillips, Erin Meade, Audrey Cope depart MSP, DL #5468

10:09 a.m. Arr. FSD

10:10 Jonathan Perman picks up rental car at FSD and then meets Zach Rodvold, Rep. Phillips, Rep. Johnson, Courtney Heitkamp (Johnson staff), BPC staff at FSD.

10:30-11:15 Drive to Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribal Health Center.

11:15-11:35 Introductory briefing and then tour Health Center
Contact: Seth Pearman, 605-573-4206

Led by Seth Pearman, Tribal Attorney; and Anthony Reider, Tribal Council President. The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe is comprised primarily of descendants of "Mdewakantonwan", a member of the Isanti division of the Great Sioux Nation, and refer to themselves as Dakota, which means friend or ally. During the great Dakota Conflict of 1862, many members of the Sioux nation were killed in battle, executed, imprisoned, or forcibly removed from their lands.

In 1869, twenty-five families gave up tribal rights and annuities to become citizens, and acquired homesteads along the Big Sioux River at an area that would become Flandreau, S.D. In 1934, the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe was formally organized and recognized under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934.

Today, the Flandreau Santee Sioux Indian Reservation is 2,500 acres of land located along and near the Big Sioux River in Moody County in a region known as the Prairie Coteau.

Rep. Phillips, and Zach Rodvold, will learn about the health center services available to the tribal community through the Indian Health Service, an agency

within the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human services. Just outside of Rep. Phillips MN-3 district is the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux (Dakota) Community.

11:35-11:50 Walk through Tribal housing projects. Led by Seth Pearman, Tribal Attorney; and Anthony Reider, Tribal Council President, the two members will discuss the housing situation in the community, which is able to access U.S. HUD low-rent housing projects.

11:50-12:30 Working lunch with tribal leaders at Royal River Casino-Hotel, owned by the Tribe. Rep. Phillips and Rodvold will discuss the governance and economic development of the tribal community, which, besides the casino-hotel, also includes ranching/farming, and a small industrial park, where there are plans underway for a clean energy project involving fertilizer.

12:30-12:45 p.m. Drive to Pleasant Valley Colony of Hutterian Brethern,
22941 487th Ave., Flandreau

12:45-1:30 Pleasant Valley Colony meeting led by Jeff Sveen, attorney for the Colony (605-380-6613).

The Hutterites are a communal people living on hundreds of scattered Bruderhöfe or colonies throughout the prairies of northwestern North America. On average, fifteen families live and work on the typical Hutterite colony, where they farm, raise livestock and produce manufactured goods for sustenance.

The communal and monastic lifestyle of the Hutterites finds its roots in the biblical teachings of Christ and the Apostles. Emerging as a distinct culture and religious group in the early 16th century, this non-resistant Anabaptist sect endured great persecution and death at the hands of the state and church in medieval Europe.

The organizational structure of most colonies is very similar. Each colony is led by a group of leaders, including the minister, the colony manager and the farm manager. Most Hutterites continue to earn their living in the agricultural fields, but with a greater number entering the manufacturing field in the last two decades.

The Hutterite community at Pleasant Valley is noted for its extensive turkey farm business, which we will see. Rep. Phillips and Rodvold will learn about the Hutterites at Pleasant Valley and the visit corresponds with Rep. Phillips' work on the Small Business Committee.

1:30-2:15 Drive to Prairie Aquatech, 705 32nd Ave., South, Brookings

2:15-3:30 Prairie Aquatech is a plant-based agriculture technology company. The visit will be led by Mark Luecke, CEO (605-366-3151); and John Mollison, V.P of Communications.

Prairie Aquatech produces powerful plant-based nutritional ingredients that help innovators bring their agriculture and aquaculture products to market. The company uses a patented fermentation technology, developed at nearby South

Dakota State Univ., that creates a high protein ingredient without the anti-nutritional factors common to other alternative protein sources. This process enables producers to lower their feed costs while improving operating metrics, such as animal survivability and growth. The ingredients are responsibly sourced to protect the environment and raise sustainability standards in the industry.

Rep. Phillips and Zach Rodvold will tour two Aquaculture Research Labs, one of which also has a pilot-scale manufacturing facility. These state-of-the-art labs are equipped to investigate the attractability, palatability, growth, and digestibility of novel feed ingredients in aquafeeds. The products being developed are designed for maximum versatility in young terrestrial and aquatic species.

Important to the growth of Prairie Aquatech has been their ability to access research dollars through the National Science Foundation and the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program of the Small Business Administration (SBA). Reps. Phillips and Johnson, along with Mr. Rodvold, will discuss the utility of those programs and the company's experience with these federal resources. Again, the committees Rep. Phillips serves on are highly relevant to this visit.

3:30-3:45 Drive to 3M, 601 22nd Ave., South, Brookings

Led by: Jim Burkhardt, Plant Director

3:45-5:00 3M Brookings is a major manufacturing facility that produces complex medical dressings, medical tapes, surgical drapes, biological indicators and food safety products. Rep. Phillips and Rodvold will have an opportunity to tour the plant that provides these products that are important nationwide, including Minnesota. Additionally, 3M is a major presence in and around Rep. Phillips's district.

5:00-5:15 Drive to VanderWal Farms, 730 N. Samara Ave., Volga

5:15-6:15 Led by Scott VanderWal (605-695-5479), Rep. Phillips and Rodvold will tour a working corn and soybean farm. VanderWal is a third-generation farmer and is both the president of the South Dakota Farm Bureau and the vice president of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

This region of South Dakota is a fertile center for soybean and corn crops. South Dakota is the 8th ranked soybean producing state and 7th largest producer of corn in the U.S. This stop will provide the chance for the two members to meet directly with a farm industry leader and his employees and learn their views on trade, regulatory reform, immigration, tax reform, and rural infrastructure.

Rep. Phillips service on the Foreign Affairs Committee corresponds with his interest in agriculture trade and tariff issues and the food supply chain, particularly now with the conflict in Ukraine interrupting world food production and prices.

6:15-7:15 Drive to Crawford's restaurant, 214 S. Phillips Ave., Sioux Falls

- 7:15-8:45 Working Dinner with the two members and Rodvold along with two guests: Jesse Fonkert, President & CEO, Sioux Falls Development Foundation, an economic development corporation, who also leads the Sioux Metro Growth Alliance that supports the economy and stakeholders of the metro area outside Sioux Falls; and Wendy Mamer, Assistant Director of Admissions at Augustana University in Sioux Falls. They will be discussing the economic growth strategies employed by Sioux Falls leaders as well as workforce and higher education.
- 8:45-9:00 Drive to Comfort Inn & Suites Avera Southwest, 3721 W. Avera Dr., Sioux Falls for check-in.

Friday, July 1

8:00-8:30 a.m. Check out of hotel, drive to Raven Innovation Campus, 47513 254th St., Baltic
Contact: Margaret Carmody, Executive Director of Corporate Culture, Communications, & Strategic Marketing, 605-359-6082.

8:30-9:30 Visit Raven Industries, which manufactures precision agriculture systems and products, high altitude balloons, and plastic film and sheeting. Led by Margaret Carmody and Steve Tims, Director of Operations.

Rep. Phillips and Rodvold will learn about Raven's unique agriculture technology that maximizes operational efficiencies. These include a suite of autonomous products such as field computers, sprayers and planter controls, GPS guidance systems, and logistics.

After meeting for briefings at the headquarters, Rep. Phillips and Rodvold will tour Raven's laboratories in the Sanford Research Center. There, technologies are developed for Raven Aerostar division for stratospheric balloons, persistent communications platforms, and radar systems. Last, they will be briefed about Raven's specialty film and sheeting designs for agriculture liners/covers, construction films, solutions for the energy industry; and geo liners and covers for ponds, landfills, waste lagoons, mining, and brownfield barriers.

Rep. Phillips' position on the Foreign Affairs Committee will draw conversations about regulators issues, product exports, and workforce development, as well as federal contracting which provides an important part of Raven's sales.

9:30-9:45 Drive to SAB Biotherapeutics, 2301 E. 60th St., Sioux Falls

9:45-11:35 Meeting/tour at SAB Biotherapeutics, led by Sheila Carlson, Corporate Communications & Investor Relations, 605-789-3868.

SAB Therapeutics, founded in 2014, is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company leveraging its novel immunotherapy platform, DiversitAb™, to produce a new class of specifically targeted, high-potency, fully-human polyclonal antibodies without the need for human donors and is applicable to a wide range of serious unmet needs in human diseases. SAB has applied advanced genetic engineering and antibody science to develop transchromosomal (Tc) Bovine™ (humanized animal models) that produce fully human antibodies targeted at specific diseases. By harnessing the native human antibody immune response,

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Regardless of deep policy disagreements, Congress must operate with mutual respect, decency, and civility which are foundational to forging collaborative solutions. While there are disparities and regional differences, as elected officials, members of Congress all have a responsibility to address challenges confronting their constituents and the nation, as well as strengthen the institution itself.

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The congressional district of South Dakota affords Congressman Phillips and Mr. Rodvold a variety of learning opportunities relevant to his home district and his committee assignments. Like Minnesota, South Dakota's economy is very much agriculture dependent. They will also be able to see the similarities and differences between two neighboring states particularly when it comes to health care science and learn from the comparisons and distinctions. In particular, 3M is one of the major health product manufacturing companies in the country, with a large presence in both Minnesota and South Dakota.

At the same time, this trip to South Dakota will provide Rep. Phillips and Zach Rodvold an opportunity to experience and understand the particular challenges and issues of a growing mid-sized urban area (Sioux Falls) that sits within a state with vast agricultural lands and natural resources. This will provide Rep. Phillips and Mr. Rodvold with a different perspective that they can also bring to their official congressional duties, particularly as Rep. Phillips considers national interests along with those of his state of Minnesota.

Addendum – Primary Trip Sponsor Form

Item 4: Rep. Dean Phillips

Congressman Dean Phillips represents the 3rd District of MN, a neighboring state to South Dakota. Rep. Phillips district is urban/suburban and encompasses the western and southern suburbs of Minneapolis. He is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Small Business Committee, where he serves as the chair of the Oversight, Investigations, and Regulations Subcommittee; and is also on the Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development Subcommittee. Rep. Phillips also serves on the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress.

The trip to South Dakota will provide Rep. Phillips with information relevant to his positions on the Small Business Committee, particularly with the visits to agriculture technology firms and health care-based companies. At Prairie Aquatech, he will see a great example of a growing company whose aquaculture innovations are the result of research and expertise developed at South Dakota State University, also in Brookings. Raven Industries will show Rep. Phillips advances that are being made for driverless vehicles to be used on farms. Rep. Phillips has major agriculture facilities and headquarters in his district including Cargill and General Mills. Meanwhile, at visits to 3M (which is headquartered in St. Paul, MN) and SAB Therapeutics, Rep. Phillips will have conversations about supply chain and manufacturing issues related to health care products such as surgical dressings and biological indicators; as well as learning about new approaches to immunotherapies. Rep. Phillips district is also home to many major health care product companies, like Medtronic, which Rep. Johnson visited when he came to MN-3 last year.

Rep. Phillips will engage in a small business roundtable at the Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce, where the conversation will focus on topics such as access to capital, workforce development, and entrepreneurial assistance.

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Mr. Zach Rodvold (District Director for Rep. Dean Phillips): In this capacity, Mr. Rodvold helps staff Rep. Phillips across the entire range of issues pertinent to his district and constituency. This includes agriculture, science, military affairs, and small business development. With Rep. Phillips' service on the House Small Business and Foreign Affairs Committees, the trip is relevant to his responsibilities in MN-3. As referenced above, much of the trip will focus on providing insight and real-world experience with these topics, and will enhance Mr. Rodvold's work for Rep. Phillips.