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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 giftravelreports@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: Jamie Hopkins
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: OR None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify)
3. a. Dates: Departure: 10/12/2022 Return: 10/13/2022
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Miami, FL Return City: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Florida East Coast Industries

6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Committee staff toured the Brightline passenger rail terminals and trains including a breakfast background briefing and overview of Operations Center; tour of several railroad crossings to discuss and view safety upgrades and related safety grants; lunch briefing on Brightline West and Brightline Florida expansion, Train travel/briefing on train features, innovations, and guest experience, and future plans.

- 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: Jamie F Hopkins Date: 10/19/2022

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: Sam Graves Date: 10/19/2022

Signature of Supervising Member: Sam Graves





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## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Travel Destination(s): \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Return: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*Note:* You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler				
Accompanying Family Member				

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.



## 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:  
**Florida East Coast Industries**
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 Attached List**
5. Yes  No  Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: October 12, 2022 Date of return: October 13, 2022
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.  
b. Destination(s): Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Florida  
c. City of return: Washington, D.C.
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a.  The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: **OR**
  - b.  The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: **OR**
  - c.  The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. **Check only one of the following:**
  - a.  I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
  - b.  I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
  - c.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
  - d.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:



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10.  Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*
11. **Check only one of the following:**  
 a.  I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box; OR*  
 b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:  
 The sponsor is the parent company of the intercity passenger rail system, Brightline Trains. Operating between Miami and West Palm Beach, FL, it is the first new private passenger rail system since Congress created Amtrak. Sponsor will familiarize staff on the project's scope, safety systems, economics and operations.
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**  
 a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
14.  I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*
15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:  
 a.  The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**  
 b.  The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation.  
 If "b" is checked:  
 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided):  
 10/12 dinner, approx \$31; 10/13 breakfast, approx \$16; 10/13 lunch, approx \$17  
 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:  
 It is the operational site of the passenger rail system and the subject matter of the trip.
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:  
 Hotel Name: Hyatt Regency Miami City: Miami, FL Cost Per Night: \$146  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: Favorable price and close proximity to the rail station  
 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	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	\$320	\$146	\$64
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	\$30	ground rail/bus transportation
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	


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### 19. Check only one:

- a.  I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b.  *Not Applicable*. Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

### 20. I certify by my signature that

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

Signature:  Date: 08/29/2022

Name: Husein Cumber Title: Chief Strategy Officer

Organization: Florida East Coast Industries

Address: 700 NW 1st Avenue, Suite 1620, Miami, FL 33136

Email: husein.cumber@feci.com Telephone: (904) 996-2813

## 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)

**Detailed Agenda – Congressional Staff Briefing  
Florida East Coast Industries –  
Brightline Intercity Passenger Rail South Florida System**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2022**

- 1:47 pm: Depart Washington Reagan Airport (DCA) via American Airlines Flight 2877
- 4:32 pm: Arrive Miami International Airport
- 5:15 pm: Depart via Coach Bus to Hyatt Regency Miami
- 6:00 pm: Arrive Hyatt Regency Miami, 400 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL
- 7:00 pm: Dinner – Meraki Bistro, 142 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL

**Thursday, October 13, 2022**

- 8:00 am: Depart Hyatt Regency via bus
- 8:15 am: Breakfast Background Briefing at Brightline Headquarters by Patrick Goddard, Brightline President (*Overview on Brightline Florida and Brightline West systems, construction progress and economic impacts/benefits.*)
- 9:00 am: Brief Tour of Brightline MiamiCentral Station with tour of Operations Center by Michael Lefevre, VP of Operations (*Tour includes overview on Brightline’s 9-acre multi-modal station in downtown Miami and general operations of the system, including response and safety*)
- 9:15 am: Bus departs to North Miami Beach
- 10:00 am: Bus tour of 141st Street crossing in North Miami Beach (*Tour includes site visit of at-grade crossing and Brightline-funded safety enhancement - red light camera.*)
- 10:15 am: Depart to Hollywood to tour several crossings and speak with Hollywood Police Department & Broward Sheriff’s Office (*Tour includes site visit to several crossings that have received safety upgrades from the 2017 CRISI grant. Law enforcement organizations that have received federal funds for trespassing grants will be on site to discuss their operations and results of such activity.*)
- 11:00 am: Depart to Lantana (snacks and drinks provided on bus)  
(*During driving portion, Brightline staff will provide an overview on commuter rail proposals and Tampa 2022 CRISI grant that was recently awarded.*)
- 12:00 pm: Arrive at Hypoluxo crossing and Brightline’s trespasser intrusion landscaping and fencing project; joined by Palm Beach Sheriff’s Office  
*Tour includes site visit to several crossings that have received safety upgrades from the 2017 CRISI grant. Brightline also invested in landscaping and fencing in the area. Law enforcement organizations that have received federal funds for trespassing grants will be on site to discuss their operations and results of such activity.*)
- 12:30 pm: Bus departs for Brightline’s West Palm Beach Station

- 1:00 pm: Lunch and tour of Brightline's West Palm Beach Station  
*Tour of the in-line station will be focused on passenger safety, amenities, and multi-modal connectivity.*
- 2:38 pm: Board Brightline train for southbound departure to Miami
- 2:48 pm: Brightline departs WPB to Miami  
*(While onboard, Brightline staff to provide overview of Brightline innovations on train and highlight service/guest experience.)*
- 4:00 pm: Arrive at Brightline MiamiCentral Station
- 4:15 pm: Bus to Miami International Airport
- 4:45 pm: Arrive at Miami International Airport
- 6:58 pm: American Airlines Flight 2648 to DCA
- 9:29 pm: Arrive Washington Reagan International Airport (DCA)

2022 Brightline Staffdel\_ Final Attendee List

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Office Representing</b>	<b>Email Address</b>	<b>Reason for Invitation</b>
Frances	Bourne	House Railroad Subcommittee	<a href="mailto:frances.bourne@mail.house.gov">frances.bourne@mail.house.gov</a>	Majority Senior Professional Staff Member of the House Railroad Subcommittee
Katherine	Ambrose	House Railroad Subcommittee	<a href="mailto:katherine.ambrose@mail.house.gov">katherine.ambrose@mail.house.gov</a>	Majority Professional Staff Member of the House Railroad Subcommittee
Andrea	Wohleber	House Railroad Subcommittee	<a href="mailto:andrea.wohleber@mail.house.gov">andrea.wohleber@mail.house.gov</a>	Majority Professional Staff Member of the House Railroad Subcommittee
Robert "Drew"	Feeley	House Railroad Subcommittee	<a href="mailto:drew.feeley@mail.house.gov">drew.feeley@mail.house.gov</a>	Minority Staff Director of the House Railroad Subcommittee
Melissa	Beaumont	House Railroad Subcommittee	<a href="mailto:melissa.beaumont@mail.house.gov">melissa.beaumont@mail.house.gov</a>	Minority Professional Staff Member of the House Railroad Subcommittee
Mark	Ratto	House Railroad Subcommittee	<a href="mailto:mark.ratto@mail.house.gov">mark.ratto@mail.house.gov</a>	Minority Professional Staff Member of the House Railroad Subcommittee
Jamie	Hopkins	House Railroad Subcommittee	<a href="mailto:jamie.hopkins@mail.house.gov">jamie.hopkins@mail.house.gov</a>	Minority Professional Staff Member of the House Railroad Subcommittee



**FLORIDA EAST COAST  
INDUSTRIES**



August 29, 2022

Jamie Hopkins  
Staff Member  
Subcommittee on Railroads  
H590 Ford HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Jamie,

Florida East Coast Industries and Brightline Trains cordially invite you to participate in a senior staff delegation trip to South Florida on October 12-13 to experience the Brightline intercity passenger rail system connecting Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach. In late 2021, the U.S. Congress passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act that included discretionary funding for significant investments in passenger rail. This trip will offer background on the history of the project and a first-hand look at our state-of-the-art trains and stations.

Your itinerary will include briefings on Brightline's economic impact, grade crossing safety infrastructure and technology enhancements and meetings with local law enforcement agencies that received federal grants for trespasser enforcement. The Brightline team will show the improvements constructed as part of the 2017 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant and discuss its extensive public safety education program through Operation Lifesaver.

In addition, you will have an opportunity to tour our vehicle maintenance facility and experience our "Buy America" Siemens-built locomotives and passenger cars. Brightline is one of the first U.S. rail systems to receive these new "Charger" locomotives, which meet EPA Tier IV emission standards.

This trip, which includes one overnight stay, will familiarize Congressional staff on the planned extension to Orlando, now 83% completed, and our next Brightline project, Brightline West, connecting Las Vegas to Southern California. We will also provide a briefing on the recent CRISI grant to support an additional expansion segment between Orlando and Tampa.

Our delegation will depart Washington DC for Miami on October 12 at 1:47 pm on American Airlines Flight 2877. Overnight lodging will be at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Miami. You will return to Washington from Miami International Airport on October 13, departing at 6:58 pm on American flight 2648.

To accept this invitation, or if you have additional questions, please call Stacey Rinaldi at 904-996-2813, or respond by email to [Stacey.Rinaldi@FECI.com](mailto:Stacey.Rinaldi@FECI.com).



**FLORIDA EAST COAST  
INDUSTRIES**

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Your participation must be approved by the House Committee on Ethics before you may travel to be in accordance with the House Rules for privately sponsored trips.

To submit your request for approval to the Committee, please complete the attached traveler form, signed by your Member, and the additional forms accompanying this invitation, including:

- This letter of invitation
- The Primary Trip Sponsor Form
- The detailed, individualized Agenda
- The list of all House staff members invited to participate.

In order to complete our advance arrangements for the trip in a timely manner, please submit your request with the above forms to the Committee on Ethics as soon as possible, but before September 12, which is the Committee's deadline to receive approval requests for this trip.

If you cannot attend but wish to designate another person on the staff to participate, please notify Stacey as soon as possible so that we can update our participation list accordingly and submit a new invitation.

Brightline represents the return of private investment in express passenger rail in America and a new era in cost-effective solutions to the challenge of moving people safely and efficiently at reasonably higher speeds across distances that are "too long to drive, too short to fly".

We look forward to welcoming you to South Florida and introducing you to Brightline.

Sincerely,

Husein Cumber  
Chief Strategy Officer  
Florida East Coast Industries

Patrick Goddard  
President  
Brightline



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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: Jamie Hopkins

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: Jamie F Hopkins

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

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

Office Address: 592 Ford House Office Building

Telephone Number: (202) 495-8067

Email Address of Contact Person: jamie.hopkins@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: Jamie Hopkins
  
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:  
Florida East Coast Industries
  
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Miami, Florida
  
4. a. Date of Departure: October 12, 2022 Date of Return: October 13, 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:  
N/A
  
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.**  
My position is Research Assistant for the Subcommittee on Rail, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, which holds jurisdiction over railroad safety, practices, equipment, and federal agencies such as the FRA, who administer grants and oversight of railroads. The Brightline rail system is the first new private passenger rail system since the creation of Amtrak. The trip will give staff the opportunity to examine the new project's scope, safety systems, operations, and economics and its role in the federal rail systems and interactions with federal agencies.
  
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 09/08/2022



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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Washington, DC 20515

October 7, 2022

Ms. Jamie Hopkins  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
592 Ford House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Hopkins:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Miami, Florida, scheduled for October 12 to 13, 2022, sponsored by Florida East Coast Industries. We remind you that, because the trip sponsor employs a federal lobbyist, you may participate in officially-connected activity on one calendar day only.

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,



Susan Wild  
Acting Chairwoman



Michael Guest  
Acting Ranking Member

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