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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original ☒ Amendment ☐

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, 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: Mark Ratto
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None ☒
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. **Dates:** Departure: October 12, 2022 Return: October 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:
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.
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: 10-26-22

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. Sam Graves Date: 10/27/2022

Signature of Supervising Member: 



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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.

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Florida East Coast Industries, LLC
2. Travel Destination(s): Miami, West Palm Beach, Florida
3. Date of Departure: October 12, 2022 Date of Return: October 13, 2022
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Robert Feeley, Mark Ratto, Jamie Hopkins

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	357.20	146.00	56.00	139.79 ground rail/bus
Accompanying Family Member	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: 10/19/2022

Name: Husein Cumber Title: Chief Strategy Officer

Organization: Florida East Coast Industries, LLC

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

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

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

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:
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:

☐ 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	\$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 | 202-225-7103
More information and forms available at 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 2nd Avenue, Miami, FL
- 7:00 pm: Dinner – Meraki Bistro, 142 SE 1st 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

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



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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: _____

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: _____

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): _____

Office Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address of Contact Person: _____

☐ 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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1. Name of Traveler: _____
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:
7. Yes ☒ No ☐ *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties.
Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.
As Professional Staff on the House Transportation Committee Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials, I help exercise the committee's authorization and oversight authorities involving federal rail transportation programs and regulations.
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 10/19/2022



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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Washington, DC 20515

October 7, 2022

Mr. Mark Ratto
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
590 Ford House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Ratto:

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Susan Wild".

Susan Wild
Acting Chairwoman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Guest".

Michael Guest
Acting Ranking Member

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