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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](mailto:gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov), within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

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

1. Name of Traveler: Coby Sammis
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None ☒  
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: May 4 Return: May 5  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None ☒
4. Departure City: Washington DC Destination: New Orleans Return City: Washington DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Retreat or Restore, Inc.
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:  
Tours of coastal restoration projects, a port, and a lunch and learn.
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: 05/11/2023

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Clay Higgins

Date: 5/11/23

Signature of Supervising Member: \_\_\_\_\_



March 29, 2023

**Dear Friend,**

We are writing to invite you to join us this May in Southeast Louisiana for a site visit to learn about ongoing restoration efforts in the Mississippi River Delta and their economic implications. With the funding from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, we have a unique opportunity to work across state lines at all levels of government toward a more resilient, comprehensively restored Gulf Coast.

In particular, we would like to share the latest update on our 2023 Coastal Master Plan, which contains projects that have been Congressionally authorized through Water Resources Development Acts. These restoration projects are critically important tools for addressing our land loss crisis, which has serious implications for the entire Gulf Coast's natural resource dependent economy. As we get closer to implementing these cornerstone projects, we want Congressional staff members to have opportunities to see the exciting possibilities associated with success of these projects, and to ask any questions about how the State of Louisiana is working with partners – both NGO and industry – and state and federal agencies to proactively address stakeholder concerns.

This two-day, one-night trip will include briefings from state officials, industry representatives, and local NGOs, centered around interactive boat tours of ongoing or recently completed restoration projects in coastal Louisiana. We will also take a tour of Port Fourchon, which is at the very leading edge of both land loss and large-scale restoration. Transportation, lodging, and meals will be covered.

The date of the trip will be May 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. **Please RSVP to [Joseph.Orgeron@Nicholls.edu](mailto:Joseph.Orgeron@Nicholls.edu) as soon as possible, as spots are limited, and ethics forms will have to be submitted by each participating office 30 days in advance.** This trip has been planned in accordance with ethics rules, and we will provide a full agenda for submission to the Ethics Committees.

We hope to see you on the Bayou!

Sincerely,

Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority  
Greater Lafourche Port Commission  
Restore or Retreat



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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: Restore or Retreat, Inc.
2. Travel Destination(s): New Orleans, LA; (w/ day trip to Port Fourchon, LA)
3. Date of Departure: Thursday, May 4, 2023 Date of Return: Friday, May 5, 2023
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Courtney Broderick, Samantha DeVito, Rachel Gentile, Al David Saab, Coby Sammis, Alexa Williams  
*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		\$185.60 including tax and surcharge		
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: Joseph A. Orgeron Digitally signed by Joseph A. Orgeron, Ph.D.  
Date: 2023.05.09 16:58:07 -05'00' Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Joseph A. Orgeron Title: Executive Director

Organization: Restore or Retreat, Inc.

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

Address: P.O Box 2048-NSU, Thibodaux, LA 70310-2048

Email: Joseph.Orgeron@nicholls.edu Telephone: office: 985-448-4963 mobile: 985-637-9838

**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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## ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation.

**Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.**

**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. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of your organization: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Yes ☐ No ☐ Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes ☐ No ☐ Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. **Check one.** I certify that my organization:
  - a. ☐ Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
  - b. ☐ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to  
Destination: \_\_\_\_\_ on Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
  - c. ☐ Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. **Check only one:**
  - a. ☐ My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
  - b. ☐ My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
7. 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;
  - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
  - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Natalie Snider Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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



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## INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Additional Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the forms directly to the Primary Trip Sponsor.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

**Willful or knowing misrepresentation on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.**

**For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:**

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

[ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov](mailto:ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov) | 202-225-7103  
More information and forms available at [ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)



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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_
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): \_\_\_\_\_
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Return: \_\_\_\_\_
7. a. City of departure: \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Destination(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
c. City of return: \_\_\_\_\_
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:
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
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 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): \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_
- Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total <b>Transportation</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Lodging</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Meal</b> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee			
For each Accompanying Family Member			

  

	<b>Other</b> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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**19. Check only one:**

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

20. I certify 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: Joseph A. Orgeron Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## LIST OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE EMPLOYEES THAT ATTENDED

Courtney Broderick, Deputy Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia.

Samantha DeVito, Legislative Assistant for Congressman Joe Courtney.

Rachel Gentile, Staff Director for House Natural Resources Water, Wildlife and Fisheries Subcommittee.

Abigail Michos, Senior Legislative Assistant for Congressman David Rouzer.

Al David Saab, Legislative Director for Congressman Mike Ezell.

Coby Sammis, Legislative Assistant for Congressman Clay Higgins.

Anderson Tran, Legislative Assistant for Congressman Garret Graves.

Alexa Williams, Professional Staff Member for House Transportation and Infrastructure Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee.

# **ATTACHMENT 1**

## **LIST OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE EMPLOYEES INVITED**

Courtney Broderick, Deputy Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia.

Broderick oversees a variety of policies related to environment, infrastructure, and energy for the Congresswoman, who has an active role in national coastal and energy policy issues.

Samantha DeVito, Legislative Assistant for Congressman Joe Courtney.

DeVito leads on policies related to environment and energy for the Congresswoman, who has an active role in national coastal and energy policy issues.

Rachel Gentile, Staff Director for House Natural Resources Water, Wildlife and Fisheries Subcommittee.

Gentile oversees on key issues related to oceans, fisheries, energy, and environment for this House subcommittee, which has critical oversight over coastal issues exemplified in Louisiana.

Abigail Michos, Senior Legislative Assistant for Congressman David Rouzer.

Michos leads on policies related to environment and energy for the Congressman, who has an active role in national coastal and energy policy issues.

Al David Saab, Legislative Director for Congressman Mike Ezell.

Saab oversees policy leads on key issues such as water resources, environment, transportation, and energy for the Congressman, who participates in relevant Congressional committees such as House Transportation and Infrastructure.

Coby Sammis, Legislative Assistant for Congressman Clay Higgins.

Sammis leads on key issues such as water resources, environment, and coastal issues for the Congressman, who represents Louisiana.

Anderson Tran, Legislative Assistant for Congressman Garret Graves.

Tran leads on key issues such as fisheries and oceans for the Congressman, who represents Louisiana. He also contributes to policies related to water resources, environment, and coastal infrastructure.

Alexa Williams, Professional Staff Member for House Transportation and Infrastructure Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee.

Williams leads on key issues related to water resources and environment for this House subcommittee, which has critical oversight over coastal issues exemplified in Louisiana.

## Itinerary

**Purpose:** To provide Congressional offices an informational field visit about ongoing restoration efforts in the Mississippi River Delta and their economic implications, including site visits to active projects related to the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill and other federal projects, as well as demonstrate national economic importance of restoration, specifically by highlighting Port Fourchon operations, development and involvement in restoration activities.

### Thursday, May 4, 2023

**Attire:** Business Casual

**2:59 PM – 4:59 PM Travel to New Orleans Airport (MSY)**  
**American Airlines flight #4392**

**5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Grab Bags/Travel to Hotel/Check-in at Hotel**  
*The Westin New Orleans (100 Rue Iberville, New Orleans, LA 70130)*

### May 5, 2023

**Attire:** Casual. For boat tours, please wear appropriate shoes and bring sun protection.

**7:15 AM – 7:30 AM Board Van at the Westin New Orleans**

**7:30 AM – 10:00 AM Travel to Grand Isle, LA and Port Fourchon, LA**

**8:00 AM – 8:45 AM Brief Detour to Davis Pond Structure in Luling, LA**  
A tour of the diversion structure provided attendees with an understanding of the complexity of the structure and impacts of operating an ecosystem restoration diversion. This Freshwater Diversion was authorized initially with the goals of reducing saltwater intrusion, increasing commercial and recreational fishery productivity, and enhancing vegetative growth through the introduction of freshwater, nutrients, and limited sediment deposition. Dr. Theryn Henkel of the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority presented.

**9:00 AM Louisiana's Chief Resilience Officer, Charles Sutcliffe, joins van in Raceland, LA for commentary on state's restoration efforts**

**9:45 AM Stop by South Lafourche Levee near Galliano and Golden Meadow, LA**

Nick Matherne, General Manager of the South Lafourche Levee District, called in to the van to discuss point out the importance of restoring marsh to protect critical coastal infrastructure such as levees, as well as keep the Gulf of Mexico from intruding further north. Additionally, staff saw the construction of an elevated highway, underscoring the investment needed to adapt to coastal hazards.

**10:15 AM – 11:00 AM Windshield tour of the Caminada Headland Project, Elmer's Island, LA**

This project aims to create and enhance 303 acres of beach and dune, reinforcing almost six miles of barrier headland habitat, reducing the impacts of storm events on Port Fourchon and Highway 1, a vital hurricane evacuation route for Fourchon and Grand Isle. The Caminada Headland also provides important habitat for nesting shorebirds as well as migratory birds as it is one of the first available stopover sites during migration.

**11:00 AM – 11:45 AM Tour Michael C. Voisin Oyster Hatchery in Grand Isle, LA**

This oyster hatchery was funded with a 2010 BP Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment grant for projects identified as helping speed recovery of public oyster grounds. Elizabeth Robinson with Louisiana Sea Grant served as the guide for the tour.

**11:45 AM – 12:00 PM Depart for Port Fourchon, LA**

**12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch Briefing by Davie Breaux, Greater Lafourche Port Commission and Charles Sutcliffe, Louisiana's Chief Resilience Officer (CRO)**

Port Fourchon plays a strategic role in furnishing the country with about 18% of its entire oil supply. While the Greater Lafourche Port Commission actively pursues its purpose of stimulating commercial development, it accepts as part of its mission the responsibility of acknowledging the environmental value of the setting in which Port Fourchon is located. The Port Commission works diligently to protect and restore the coastal landscape and habitats the surround it.

The CRO briefing will present a 'Coastal 101' talk about the challenges facing Louisiana's coast, the efforts to address those, and the future needs for restoration the state has in order to achieve coastal resilience.



- 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM      Waterside boat tour of Port Fourchon, LA**  
Waterside tour of Port facilities will include an up close look at current development, large scale offshore services facilities, as well as the first LNG vessel fueling station in the US. Participants will see the Port's mitigation area, maritime forest ridge in the distance, as well as the West Belle Pass project and Caminada Headlands on our way out to the jetties.
- 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM      Tour concludes and group departs to New Orleans Airport (MSY)**
- 5:51 PM – 9:30 PM      Return flight to DCA**  
**American Airlines flight #4367**

## **RECOMMENDED AGENDA FOR VISIT TO LOUISIANA MAY 4-5, 2023**

**Purpose:** To provide Congressional offices an informational field visit about ongoing restoration efforts in the Mississippi River Delta and their economic implications, including site visits to active projects related to the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill and other federal projects.

Restore or Retreat will cover all travel and accommodation expenses, consistent with all House and Senate Ethics Committee rules.

### **Thursday, May 4, 2023**

**Attire:** Business Casual

**2:59 PM – 4:59 PM   Travel to New Orleans Airport (MSY)  
American Airlines flight #4392**

**5:00 PM – 6:00 PM   Grab Bags/Travel to Hotel/Check-in at Hotel  
The Westin New Orleans (100 Rue Iberville, New Orleans, LA 70130)**

### **May 5, 2023**

**Attire:** Casual

**7:15 AM – 7:30 AM   Board Tour Bus/Van at Hilton New Orleans Riverside**

**7:30 AM – 9:30 AM   Travel to Caminada Headland Project**

**9:30 AM – 10:15 AM   Visit the Caminada Headland Project**

This project aims to create and enhance 303 acres of beach and dune, reinforcing almost six miles of barrier headland habitat, reducing the impacts of storm events on Port Fourchon and Highway 1, a vital hurricane evacuation route for Fourchon and Grand Isle. The Caminada Headland also provides important habitat for nesting shorebirds as well as migratory birds as it is one of the first available stopover sites during migration.

**10:15 AM – 10:45 AM   Travel to Port Fourchon**

**10:45 AM – 11:30 AM   Tour Michael C. Voisin Oyster Hatchery**

This oyster hatchery was funded with a 2010 BP Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment grant for projects identified as helping speed recovery of public oyster grounds.

**11:30 AM – 12:30 PM   Seafood Boil Lunch at Port Fourchon Emergency Operations Center**

**12:00 PM – 1:00 PM   Briefing by Davie Breaux, Greater Lafourche Port Commission**

Port Fourchon plays a strategic role in furnishing the country with about 18% of its entire oil supply. While the Greater Lafourche Port Commission actively pursues its purpose of stimulating commercial development, it accepts as part of its mission the responsibility of acknowledging the environmental value of the setting in which Port Fourchon is located. The Port Commission works diligently to protect and restore the coastal landscape and habitats the surround it.

**1:00 PM – 2:00 PM   Boat tour of Port Fourchon**

Waterside tour of Port facilities will include an up close look at current development, large scale offshore services facilities, as well as the first LNG vessel fueling station in the US. Participants will see the Port's mitigation area, maritime forest ridge in the distance, as well as the West Belle Pass project and Caminada Headlands on our way out to the jetties.

**2:15 PM – 4:30 PM   Return to New Orleans to MSY**

**5:51 PM – 9:30 PM   Return flight to DCA  
American Airlines flight #4367**



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## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Coby Sammis
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: Restore or Retreat, Inc.
3. City and State or Foreign Country of Travel: New Orleans, Louisiana and Fourchon, Louisiana
4. a. Date of Departure: 5-4-23 Date of Return: 5-5-23  
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes:  
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age: ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. a. 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)? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: ☒ Yes ☐ No  
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.**  
Reasons for participation: I am the Legislative Assitant whou handles the energy, environment, trade, maritime, economy, etc. issues in Congressman Higgins office.
9. **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?** ☐ Yes ☒ No
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

3-31-23





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# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## 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 faxed to the Committee at 202-225-7392, sent or 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: Coby Sammis

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): Clay Higgins

Office Address: 572 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Telephone Number: 202-225-2031

Email Address of Contact Person: Coby.sammis@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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May 1, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Sammis:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to New Orleans, Louisiana, scheduled for May 4 to 5, 2023, sponsored by Restore or Retreat, Inc., and Environmental Defense Fund. 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 \$480 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 that reads "Michael Guest". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Michael Guest  
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Wild". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Susan Wild  
Ranking Member

MG/SW:rp