

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: Dave Straka
2.	a. Name of Accompanying Relative:OR None
	b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Other (specify):
3.	a. Dates: Departure: 11/9/2023 Return: 11/11/2023
	b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any:
4.	Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: New Orleans, LA Return City: Washington, DC
5.	Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: LouisianaSugarCaneFoundation,Inc.
6.	Describe Meetings and Events Attended: I visited as sguar cane famr, a sugar refiniery, a John Deere Factory,
	and a sugar processing facility. We had several presentations, including at the reseasch center.
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 <i>Primary Trip Sponsor Form</i> completed by the trip sponsor <i>prior</i> to the trip, <i>including all</i> attachments <i>and</i> the <i>Additional Sponsor Form(s)</i> ;
	c. apage 2 of the completed <i>Traveler Form</i> 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 c	ertify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.
Sig	nature of Traveler: November 22, 2023
Dis	athorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel sclosure Form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not atte the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.
Na	me of Supervising Member: Michael R. Turner Date: November 22, 2023
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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 in the trip within 10 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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		r(s): Ashley Lund, An						
		t more than one traveler	•		•			
5.	Actual amount of	expenses paid on behalf	of, or reimbursed to, e	ach individual named in	Question 4:			
		Total Transportation	Total Lodging	Total Meal	Total Other Expenses			
		Expenses	Expenses	Expenses	(dollar amount per item			
	CD 1				and description)			
	Traveler	\$566.23 air	\$269.00	\$128.25				
		\$100.00 bus						
	Accompanying							
	Family Member				7.			
6	All expenses co	onnected to the trip were	for actual costs incurr	ed and not a ner diem or	lumn cum navment			
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NT	Konnoth Gravois							
Name: Kenneth Gravois Title: President								
Örg	Organization: Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation, Inc.							
I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.								
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Add	ress: POBox 8	374, Thibodaux, LA	70302-0874					
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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.

Email: admin@lasugarfoundation.org

Telephone: 225-281-9472



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 submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or 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: Dave Straka					
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): Michael R. Turner					
Office Address: 2183 Rayburn House Office Building					
Telephone Number: 2022256465					
Email Address of Contact Person: Dave.Straka@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, <i>and</i> 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 email: travel.reguests@mail.house.gov.



TRAVELER FORM

1.	Name of Traveler: Dave Straka
2.	Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation, Inc.
3.	City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Houma, Thibodaux, Paincourtville, Gramercy, New Orleans, LA
4.	a. Date of Departure: November 9, 2023 Date of Return: November 11, 2023
	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:
	(l) Name of Accompanying FamilyMember:
	(2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify):
	(3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6.	a. Yes Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the <i>Primary Trip Sponsor Form</i> (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 D Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitation, 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 Congressman Turner's Clair lative Assistant for Agriculture, I work to learn about the production of products and their source materials from a cross the country. Sugar care is assertial to many foods made in Ohio.
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0	Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in
9.	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: Signature Of Employing Member: Date: Signature Of Employing Member: 29, 2023



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's website (ethics. house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

§ 1	OTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor ure trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.
1.	Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:
	Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation, Inc.
2.	I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agen 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, services, or in-kind assistance 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:
1.	Provide names and titles of ALL House Members <i>and</i> 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. 6.	Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? Date of Departure: Thursday, November 9, 2023 Date of Return: Saturday, November 11, 2023
7.	a. City of departure: Washington Reagan Airport in Washington, DC
	b. Destination(s): Houma, Thibodaux, Paincourtville, Gramercy, New Orleans, LA
	c. City of return: Washington, DC
3.	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 <i>and</i> lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was <i>de minimis</i> 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. 				
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). <i>Indicate agenda is attached by checking box</i> .				
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 the statement is true by clicking the box; OR 				
	b. Not Applicable. Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.				
12.	For <i>each</i> sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip <i>and</i> its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip: The Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation, Inc. is the sole sponsor of this congressional staffers trip. The mission of the Louisiana				
	Sugar Cane Foundation is to provide educational and stewardship opportunities within the Louisiana sugar industry. Each stop				
	on this trip represents an important part of the Louisiana sugar industry,				
	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): Thursday meals for \$44.25; Friday meals for \$67.00; Saturday breakfast for \$17.00				
	Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:				
	Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility: Hotel Name: Hampton Inn City: Thibodaux, LA Cost Per Night: \$107				
	Reason(s) for Selecting: Located on the tour route and in the Bayou Lafourche sugarcane region				
	Hotel Name: Omni Riverfront Hotel City: New Orleans, LA Cost Per Night: \$162				
	Reason(s) for Selecting: Located near where sugarcane was first grown by Jesuit priests on Baronne St.				
	Hotel Name: City: Cost Per Night:				
	Reason(s) for Selecting:				

17.	Γ	I represent that al	l expenses c	onnected to th	e trip will	be for actual	costs i	ncurred a	and not a	per di	iem or	lump
	sui	m payment. Signify	that the state	ement is true b	y checking	the box.						

18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

☐ Actual Amounts ☐ Good Faith Estimates		0 0 1	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	Air \$566.23 Bus \$100.00	\$269.00	\$128.25
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	
For each Accompanying Family Member	

19. Check only one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; OR
- b. \square *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: Kenneth Gravois	Digitally signed by Kenneth Gravois Date: 2023,09,12 08:09:36 -05'00'	Date: 09/12/2023	
Name: Kenneth Gravois		Title: President	
Organization: Louisiana Sugar Car	e Foundation, Inc.		
Address: P O Box 874, Thibodaux,	LA 70302-0874		
Email: admin@lasugarcanefoundat	Telephone: (225) 281-9472		

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Michael Guest, Mississippi Chairman Susan Wild, Pennsylvania Ranking Member

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October 31, 2023

Mr. David Straka Office of the Honorable Michael R. Turner 2183 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Straka:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Thibodaux and New Orleans, Louisiana, scheduled for November 9 to 11, 2023, sponsored by Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation, Inc.

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,

Michael Guest Chairman

Susan Wild Ranking Member

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Congressional Staff Participants

	Staffer		<u>Office</u>	<u>Title</u>
1	Derron Bennett	D-FL	Rep. Frederica Wilson	Legislative Director
2	Catelyn Caldwell	D-IL	Sen. Tammy Duckworth	Ag Legislative Director
3	Brian Duckworth	D-NC	Rep. Jeff Jackson	Legislative Director
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7	Jaylene Kennedy	R-GA	Rep. Austin Scott	Jr. Legislative Assistant
8	Ashley Lund	D-IL	Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi	Legislative Assistant
9	Antwoin Monach	D-GA	Rep. Hank Johnson	Legislative Assistant
10	Caitlin Moore	R-FL	Sen. Marco Rubio	Legislative Correspondent
11	Hugh Connor Murphy	R-OH	Rep. Bill Johnson	Policy Advisor
12	Matthew Palmer	R-LA	Rep. Garret Graves	Staff Assistant
13	David Straka	R-OH	Rep. Michael Turner	Legislative Assistant

ITINERARY FOR CONGRESSIONAL STAFF SITE VISIT LOUISIANA SUGAR INDUSTRY

(November 9-11, 2023)

Thursday, November 9, 2023

8:09 a.m 10:15 a.m.	Group travels to New Orleans, LA on American Airlines flight # 4437 from Washington-Reagan National Airport.
10:30 a.m.	Group arrives at the New Orleans International Airport.
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.	Group Leaders will pick up the group at the New Orleans Airport and transport the group for the duration of the trip. Travel to Houma, LA.
11:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch at the USDA-ARS, Sugarcane Research Unit in Houma. During this lunch, a briefing on the history of the Louisiana sugarcane industry and a description of the process of creating sugar from sugarcane will be provided.
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Site visit of the USDA-ARS, Sugarcane Research Unit. The focus will be on the research to improve sugarcane production practices to help farmers manage risks through improved plant breeding and varietal selection. Participants will visit the sugarcane crossing greenhouse complex and field plots.
2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Travel to the John Deere Thibodaux Factory, Thibodaux, LA.
2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Site visit of the John Deere Thibodaux Factory. The group will learn of the local, national, and international economic impact of the largest producer of sugarcane harvesting equipment. The group will participate in a site visit of the factory to observe equipment being built.
4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Travel to the Hampton Inn in Thibodaux.
4:45 p.m.	Arrive at the Hampton Inn in Thibodaux – break and prepare for dinner.
6:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	Travel to the Tractor Barn in Thibodaux, LA for dinner.
6:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Dinner at the Tractor Barn in Thibodaux, LA. Here the group will interact with growers and processors to discuss important sugar industry issues. Dinner will be served consisting of local Louisiana dishes.
8:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.	Depart from the Tractor Barn for the Hampton Inn in Thibodaux.
8:45 p.m.	Arrive at Hampton Inn for the night.

Friday, November 10, 2022

Please check out before leaving for tours. You will not return to this hotel. Continental breakfast will be in lobby of hotel prior to our departing.

8:30 a.m 9:00 a.m.	Travel from the Hampton Inn to Joel Landry Farms for a site visit of a sugarcane farm in Paincourtville, LA.
9:00 a.m 10:30 a.m.	Field site visit to observe the various steps for growing and harvesting sugarcane. Participants will observe sugarcane harvesting and talk with the producer to learn of the challenges and rewards of growing sugarcane in south Louisiana.
10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	Travel to Westfield Factory in Paincourtville, LA.
10:40 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Site visit of the Westfield Sugar factory to observe the various steps for processing sugarcane into raw sugar that include preparation, clarification, evaporation, and crystallization.
12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Travel to Louisiana Sugar Refinery in Gramercy, LA A box lunch will be provided enroute.
1:45 p.m 2:15 p.m.	Dr. Michael Deliberto, Agricultural Economist with the LSU AgCenter, will discuss the impact of the sugar industry on the Louisiana economy.
2:15 p.m 4:30 p.m.	Site visit of Louisiana Sugar Refinery. Participants will observe the process of converting raw sugar into refined sugar. Participants will learn of the recent business venture regarding vertical integration within the Louisiana sugar industry. A site visit of the refinery will be provided.
4:30 p.m 6:00 p.m.	Travel to the Omni Riverfront in New Orleans, LA
6:00 p.m.	Arrive at the Omni Riverfront.
7:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Dinner at One River Place. Staffers will continue interactions with local sugarcane growers and processors. Participants will debrief from the

the field to the table.

events of the day. They will learn of the day's sugar production from

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Check out prior to breakfast.

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Briefing - meeting room in the Omni Riverfront. A final

review and summary of Louisiana sugar industry highlights will be

provided.

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Van shuttle will transport you back to the New Orleans airport for your

American Airlines flight # 4437 departing New Orleans at 10:46 a.m.

arriving Washington Reagan at 2:19 p.m.