

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

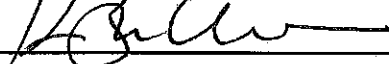
EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

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: Ben Chao
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 3/22/2024 Return: 3/25/2024
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Sacramento, CA Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Visits and meetings with agricultural producers in CA-01; local officials in Paradise, CA, to discuss disaster recovery; a craft brewery; the Thunderhill Raceway; and Oroville Dam.
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: 4/5/2024

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: Jill N. Tokuda Date: 4/5/2024

Signature of Supervising Member: 

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

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.

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 or provided in-kind support 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: Lisel Loy Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

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

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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.

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 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: Ben Chao

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): Wendy Clerinx

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Rep. Jill Tokuda

Office Address: 1005 Longworth HOB, Washington DC 20515

Telephone Number: 202-225-4906

Email Address of Contact Person: ben.chao@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 email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Ben Chao
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Sacramento, CA; Chico, CA
4. a. Date of Departure: March 22, 2024 Date of Return: March 25, 2024
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, 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.**
Ben Chao is the Legislative Director for Rep. Jill Tokuda. He advises her on all policy issues but has also taken the lead on addressing the impacts of the fires that broke out on Maui on August 8, 2023. This trip will provide the opportunity to see the impact and efforts to address the fire damage in Paradise, CA as well as some shared agricultural concerns.

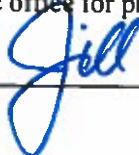
9. Yes No **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**

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: 2/21/2024

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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'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.

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. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

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, 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: _____

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. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

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; **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 the statement is true by clicking the 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 the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

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

	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		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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: Lisel Loy Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

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

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March 7, 2024

Mr. Ken-Ben Chao
Office of the Honorable Jill N. Tokuda
1005 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chao:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Chico and Sacramento, California, scheduled for March 22 to 25, 2024, sponsored by Bipartisan Policy Center.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$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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Addendum – Primary Trip Sponsor Form

Item 4

Congresswoman Jill Tokuda is a first-term member of Congress, and a member of the House Agriculture Committee along with Rep. Doug LaMalfa who is also chair of the Forestry Subcommittee. In addition to the Farm Bill that is pending before Congress, the two members have a deep interest in disaster response, relief and recovery issues given the natural disasters that have struck in both their districts.

The trip to CA-1 will afford Rep. Tokuda the opportunity to visit Paradise, CA, which was devastated by the “Camp Fire” in 2018. The island of Maui, within the congresswoman’s district, was also struck by a deadly wildfire in 2023 that ravaged the historic town of Lahaina as well as other areas of western Maui. The visit to Paradise will comprise three tours/discussions centered on disaster recovery and prevention.

In addition, the trip will include a number of farm and agriculture-related stops. Visits to an almond farm, which is also a successful small business, as well as a local farmers market where she will interact with a variety of local food entrepreneurs and Rep. LaMalfa’s rice farm will provide an opportunity to compare and contrast successes, opportunities and challenges with agriculture in her own home district.

Ben Chao is Rep. Tokuda’s Legislative Director. Mr. Chao is involved in the full range of Rep. Tokuda’s legislative activities from strategic visioning to implementation, and issues pertinent to her committee assignment.

Item 7(b):

**American Congressional Exchange Itinerary
Jill Tokuda (D-HI-2) visiting Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1)
March 22-25**

Fri., March 22

5:40 p.m.	Rep. Tokuda and Ben Chao depart IAD, UA #2435
8:41 p.m.	Arr. SMF
9:00-10:30	Drive to Hampton Inn & Suites, 1651 Springfield Dr., Chico for check-in.

Sat., March 23

8:30-8:45 a.m.	Drive to Chico Certified Farmers’ Market, 2 nd St. & Wall St.
8:45-9:50	Led by Dana Freeman, Operations Manager, and Chairman Richard Coon.
	Rep. Tokuda and Ben Chao will have a working breakfast at the Chico Farmers’ Market, while meeting and talking with local food entrepreneurs.

They will see a selection of fresh picked, locally grown fruit, vegetables, nuts, honey, olive oil, rice, grass fed beef, lamb, ham, chicken, pork, eggs, herbs, flowers, plants, fresh baked artisan breads, handcrafts and prepared foods. The visit relates directly to her service on the House Agriculture Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture Subcommittee.

9:50 Farmers Market visit ends.

9:50-10:00 Drive to Beber Almond Milk, 144 Meyers St., Chico

10:00-11:10 Led by Beber founder/owner Arielle Danan.

Rep. Tokuda and Mr. Chao will tour this local business success story, founded in 2012. Also joining in the discussion will be two other small food business entrepreneurs.

Beber is a “farm to bottle” beverage with almonds sourced within 15 miles of its milk operation. The company has set a new standard for organic almond milk by using local organic almonds and sprouting them, using purified water, a cold-press technique, a low-temperature pasteurization, topped off with no thickeners or preservatives. Part of Beber’s transformation and growth has been attributed to working with the local small business development center, ChicoSTART. Beber is one of many businesses that have been able to benefit from additional resources brought to the region by ChicoSTART’s Accelerate CA Hub designation.

This stop relates directly to Rep. Tokuda’s service on the House Agriculture Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture Subcommittee which has jurisdiction on policies, statutes, and markets relating to horticulture, including fruits, vegetables, nuts, and ornamentals; bees; and organic agriculture; marketing and promotion orders; nutrition, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and domestic commodity distribution and consumer initiative.

11:10 Visit to Beber ends.

11:10-11:30 Drive to Mooney Farm, 1220 Fortress St., Chico

11:30-1:00 Working lunch at Mooney Farms, maker of Bella Sun Luci products, Led by owner Maryellen Mooney. The entirety of the lunch is an officially connected activity.

Three generations work at Mooney Farms. They have a history of using premium ingredients to create a line of healthy Mediterranean inspired products for today’s consumer. Rep. Tokuda and Ben Chao will tour the entire operation, from the tomato fields and processing operation to the bottling, packing and distribution warehouse and trucking.

Mooney Farms began in 1987 as a family-owned kiwi farming operation. In 1994, Mooney Farms moved to a larger facility located in Chico to meet

the growing demand for their products. The 100,000 square foot facility reflects their family's rich history of the Mediterranean with 200-year-old olive trees planted among the rows of lavender and rosemary.

In addition to their full line of sun-dried tomatoes, the company also sells award-winning Extra Virgin Olive Oil from the family estate, risottos, bruschetta, pesto, and even a plant-based tomato jerky.

Again, this visit relates directly to Rep. Tokuda's service on the House Agriculture Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture Subcommittee but also her leadership on the Agriculture Research Caucus.

1:00

Mooney Farms visit ends.

1:00-1:45 p.m.

Drive to Paradise Town Hall, 5555 Skyway, Paradise. Stop briefly at Butte Creek Watershed Overlook on way.

1:45-4:50

Recovery Tour led by Paradise City Council Member Steve Crowder.

Rep. Tokuda and Mr. Chao will meet with key local, county, and federal officials to learn about the significant progress Paradise has made at rebuilding its community after the deadly and destructive Camp Fire in 2018.

The visit will comprise three tours/discussions built around the subjects of disaster recovery and prevention. The first will be with local Paradise officials explaining the history of the region, the Camp Fire's causes and response, and the recovery efforts that have taken place since.

The second meeting will be led by Butte County District 5 Supervisor Doug Teeter and Butte County Fire Safety Council Executive Director Calli-Jane West, who will showcase the Paradise Lake Restoration Project, a partnership between Butte County and the U.S. Forest Service involving forest management plans and fuels reduction. Also joining this discussion will be Stephanie Gomes, Legislative Specialist with U.S. Forest Service Region 5.

Finally, Rep. Tokuda and Ben Chao will receive a presentation from Marc Mattox, Paradise Public Works Director, and Town Manager Jim Goodwin; about the city's new sewer system which is under construction.

The officials will also comment on several other major fires that occurred in the region including the North Complex and August Complex (2020), Carr (2018), and Dixie (2021).

This series of conversations is directly related to Rep. Tokuda's HI-2 district, which last August in Lahaina, Maui, experienced the deadliest U.S. fire in over 100 years. Before that, the Camp Fire had been the deadliest since 1910. It is that experience that both Reps. Tokuda and LaMalfa have in common. Rep. Tokuda is anxious to learn about the

federal response to the Camp Fire and how Paradise is dealing with the recovery so she can apply these lessons in her district in Maui.

4:50 Paradise visit ends.

4:50-5:30 Drive to Oroville Dam Overlook, Canyon Dr., Oroville

5:30-6:30 Oroville Dam meeting and discussion led by Kamie Loeser, Director, Butte County Dept. of Water & Resource Conservation.

With a height of 770 feet, Oroville Dam is the tallest dam in the United States. Completed in 1968 and located north of Sacramento in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains, this large earthfill embankment dam is owned by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and is one of the key features of the California State Water Project, which supplies water to more than 23 million people throughout California and is the largest state-owned water storage and delivery system in the U.S.

In 2017, the service spillway experienced a sudden failure, followed by rapid erosion of the foundation and adjacent ground. To monitor and control the damage to the chute while managing the reservoir level, adjustments were made to the chute flow, but major storms in the large watershed ultimately resulted in the reservoir rising until the crest of the emergency spillway was overtopped for the first time in its history. This risk prompted opening of the gates for the service spillway in order to increase the chute flow and lower the reservoir level, as well as evacuation of about 188,000 people.

Due to the very large size of the dam and spillways, and the number of people at risk, this was one of the most serious dam safety incidents in United States history, and the estimated cost for the repairs and recovery was about \$1.1 billion.

Rep. Tokuda and Mr. Chao will learn about the investigation and causes of the dam breach, the reconstruction project, and how the current operation provides both hydroelectricity and water supply, as well as flood control and the Feather River Fish Hatchery.

The visit relates directly to Rep. Tokuda's membership on the Sustainable Energy and Environmental Coalition and Invasive Species Caucus.

6:30 Dam visit ends.

6:30-7:15 Drive to Grana restaurant, 198 E. 2nd Street.

7:15-9:00 Dinner with LaMalfa family & friends.

9:00-9:15 Drive to hotel.

Total Content Time: 73/4 hrs.

Sun., March 24

9:00-9:30 a.m.

Drive to LaMalfa Rice Farm, 16 LaMalfa Lane, Oroville

9:30-11:00

Rice Farm tour and discussion led by Rep. LaMalfa, a 4th generation rice farmer.

Commercial rice production began in California in 1912 and is grown on approximately 500,000 acres statewide. Rice production is concentrated in the Sacramento Valley. Over 90% of the rice acreage in California is planted to medium grain varieties, with limited area planted to short and long grain varieties.

California is unique among the U.S. rice producing states in its geography, climate and environmental regulations. The growing season is characterized by a Mediterranean climate with negligible rainfall, high solar radiation, and relatively cold night-time temperatures. Because of its dry Mediterranean climate, California varieties and many of the agronomic practices are quite different from other rice production zones in the U.S. Additionally, California's urbanized population demands that rice (and other crops) be produced with environmentally benign methods with no off-farm impacts. There is frequently conjunctive use of farmland for wildlife habitat and other purposes.

Rep. Tokuda and Ben Chao will learn about the rice crop and development cycle plus they will discuss water use management, fertilizer, production costs, insects and pests, and other challenges for this high-demand crop.

The visit relates directly service on the House Agriculture Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture Subcommittee.

11:00

LaMalfa farm visit ends.

11:00-11:45

Drive to Thunderhill Raceway Park, 5250 CA-162, Willows.

11:45-1:30

Led by David Vodden Thunderhill President & CEO, and Matt Busby, General Manager.

Rep. Tokuda and Ben Chao will tour and meet with track leadership during a working lunch. The entirety of the lunch is an officially connected activity. Thunderhill is a motorsports complex that offers the longest road course in the U.S., and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Sports Car Club of America.

The facility is a major tourism draw for the region and visitors come from all over the state and beyond. Besides racing and facility rentals, the venue is also used for film shoots of commercials and movies, as well as vehicle testing.

Rep. Tokuda and Mr. Chao will learn about the development of Thunderhill and its economic impact on the region. She will also be given a “behind the scenes” tour of the paddock, garages, and different tracks.

The visit relates directly to Rep. Tokuda’s interest in tourism economies given its importance to her district in Hawaii. In particular she is acquainted with the value of unique experiential tourism and how places like Thunderhill are able to carve out a niche in a crowded marketplace that lures visitors.

1:30 Raceway park visit ends.

1:30-2:00 p.m. Drive to Farmers Brewing Company, 880 County Rd. WW, Princeton.

2:00-3:15 Led by Bill and Kristen Weller, owners.

Rep. Tokuda and Ben Chao will tour and discuss the brewery which uses many of the ingredients that are grown on their adjacent farm. The 25,000-square-foot operation is capable of producing up to 30,000 barrels of beer annually.

The new brewery and taproom overlook his family's rice and wheat fields—key ingredients in the lineup of Farmers Brewing Co. beers. Family-farmed almonds are also featured in some of Weller's seasonal brews. The family has farmed rice, wheat, almonds and walnuts in Glenn County for three generations.

Rep. Tokuda and Mr. Chao will discuss and learn about the use of federal agriculture programs that incent investment and reduce risk, while also encouraging sustainable growing practices. The visit relates directly to her assignment on the Agriculture Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture Subcommittee but and her involvement on the Agriculture Research Caucus.

3:15 Brewery tour ends.

3:15-4:15 Drive to Montna Farms, 12755 Garden Hwy., Yuba City.

4:15-6:30 Tour and dinner led by Nicole Montna Van Vleck, president and CEO.

The family owned and operated farm is a major grower of Japanese short grain specialty rice as well as a leader in working lands conservation. Rep. Tokuda will also meet with other key officials for a themed discussion about agriculture and conservation including: Tim Johnson, president & CEO; and Paul Butner, Manager of Environmental Affairs, California Rice Commission; Shannon Douglas, president, California Farm Bureau, and Eric Johnson, State Chairman, Ducks Unlimited.

Besides the tour and conversation, the visit will also include a working dinner. The entirety of the dinner is an officially connected activity.

This stop relates directly to Rep. Tokuda's work on the Agriculture Committee including its jurisdiction with farm commodities, risk management, and credit; conservation and research; nutrition; and rural development, all of which will be part of the discussions with the invited stakeholders.

6:30 Tour/Dinner ends.

6:30-7:00 Drive to Hyatt Place Sacramento Intl. Airport Hotel, 4850 Duckhorn Dr., Sacramento for check-in.

Total Content Time: 63/4 hrs.

Mon., March 25

7:30-7:45 a.m. Dep. Hyatt Place Sacramento Intl. Airport Hotel via shuttle.

7:45-8:00 a.m. Flight check-in.

8:55 a.m. Rep Tokuda depart SMF, Hawaiian Airlines #19

9:30 a.m. Ben Chao departs SMF, UA #714 and UA #1836

11:50 a.m. Arr. HNL

8:47 p.m. Arr. DCA

Item 12: *Bipartisan Policy Center*: The Bipartisan Policy Center is a non-profit organization that combines the best ideas from both parties to promote health, security, and opportunity for all Americans. BPC drives principled and politically viable policy solutions through the power of rigorous analysis and painstaking negotiation.

As a Washington, D.C.-based think tank that actively promotes bipartisanship, BPC works to address the key challenges facing the nation. Our policy solutions are the product of informed deliberations by former elected and appointed officials, business and labor leaders, and academics and advocates who represent both ends of the political spectrum. We are currently focused on such issues as health, energy, national security, the economy, financial regulatory reform, housing, immigration, infrastructure, and governance.

While a healthy, civil debate among those with differing viewpoints is an essential component of our democracy, the current partisan tone in government is impeding progress. BPC is focused on how to overcome political divides and help make our government work better.

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

The American Congressional Exchange (ACE) Program is a systematic approach to building better relationships and bipartisanship in Congress. ACE is focused on members of the U.S. House of Representatives and is built upon three precepts:

- To develop trust, Members of Congress must listen to one another to understand what it is that motivates them and concerns them.
- Once they listen to each other, they often learn they actually have more in common than meets the eye – and if they can see each other in that vein, impactful legislation can be achieved.
- A shared experience based on close interaction can be what brings Members of Congress together to take action on behalf of the American people.

The central goal of ACE is to build connections and trust, which will create conditions for intentional negotiation and compromise on issues of importance to the participants' constituencies as well as the nation. The trips will increase mutual understandings, and further collaboration on policy matters and legislation. Additionally, as a result, Congress will operate more effectively. BPC representative will accompany traveler on the trip to provide logistics and coordinate functioning of meetings, events, and site visits.

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As noted above, the congressional district of CA-1 affords Congresswoman Tokuda a variety of learning opportunities relevant to her home district and his committee assignment.

In particular, both districts have been hit hard by wildfires. The area including and surrounding Paradise, CA is further along in the recovery process than in Maui, where the fires occurred just six months ago. This is an exceptional opportunity for Rep. Tokuda to observe and learn firsthand how the restoration process has progressed in CA-1, what have been the pitfalls and lessons they have experienced, and what are procedures and practices that can be helpful in rebuilding.

American Congressional Exchange Itinerary
Jill Tokuda (D-HI-2) visiting Doug LaMalfa (R-CA-1)
March 22-25

Fri., March 22

5:40 p.m. Rep. Tokuda and Ben Chao depart IAD, UA #2435
8:41 p.m. Arr. SMF

9:00-10:30 Drive to Hampton Inn & Suites, 1651 Springfield Dr., Chico for check-in.

Sat., March 23

8:30-8:45 a.m. Drive to Chico Certified Farmers' Market, 2nd St. & Wall St.

8:45-9:50 Led by Dana Freeman, Operations Manager and Chairman Richard Coon. Also, Jenni Dye, Registered Dietitian & Project Director at the Center for Healthy Communities; and Kevin White, Co-Owner, Gold Roots Farm.

Rep. Tokuda and Ben Chao will have a working breakfast at the Chico Farmers' Market, while meeting and talking with local food entrepreneurs. They will see a selection of fresh picked, locally grown fruit, vegetables, nuts, honey, olive oil, rice, grass fed beef, lamb, ham, chicken, pork, eggs, herbs, flowers, plants, fresh baked artisan breads, handcrafts and prepared foods. The visit relates directly to her service on the House Agriculture Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture Subcommittee.

9:50 Farmers Market visit ends.

9:50-10:00 Drive to Beber Almond Milk, 144 Meyers St., Chico

10:00-11:10 Led by Beber founder/owner Arielle Danan.

Rep. Tokuda and Mr. Chao will tour this local business success story, founded in 2012. Also joining in the discussion will be two other small food business entrepreneurs.

Beber is a "farm to bottle" beverage with almonds sourced within 15 miles of its milk operation. The company has set a new standard for organic almond milk by using local organic almonds and sprouting them, using purified water, a cold-press technique, a low-temperature pasteurization, topped off with no thickeners or preservatives. Part of Beber's transformation and growth has been attributed to working with the local small business development center, ChicoSTART. Beber is one of many businesses that have been able to benefit from additional resources brought to the region by ChicoSTART's Accelerate CA Hub designation.

This stop relates directly to Rep. Tokuda's service on the House Agriculture Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture Subcommittee which has jurisdiction on policies, statutes, and markets relating to horticulture, including fruits, vegetables, nuts, and ornamentals; bees; and organic agriculture; marketing and promotion orders; nutrition, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and domestic commodity distribution and consumer initiative.

- 11:10 Visit to Beber ends.
- 11:10-11:30 Drive to Mooney Farm, 1220 Fortress St., Chico
Contact: Mary Mooney.
- 11:30-1:00 Working lunch at Mooney Farms, maker of Bella Sun Luci products. Led by owner Maryellen Mooney. The entirety of the lunch is an officially connected activity.
- Three generations work at Mooney Farms. They have a history of using premium ingredients to create a line of healthy Mediterranean inspired products for today's consumer. Rep. Tokuda and Ben Chao will tour the entire operation, from the tomato fields and processing operation to the bottling, packing and distribution warehouse and trucking.
- Mooney Farms began in 1987 as a family-owned kiwi farming operation. In 1994, Mooney Farms moved to a larger facility located in Chico to meet the growing demand for their products. The 100,000 square foot facility reflects their family's rich history of the Mediterranean with 200-year-old olive trees planted among the rows of lavender and rosemary.
- In addition to their full line of sun-dried tomatoes, the company also sells award-winning Extra Virgin Olive Oil from the family estate, risottos, bruschetta, pesto, and even a plant-based tomato jerky.
- Again, this visit relates directly to Rep. Tokuda's service on the House Agriculture Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture Subcomm. and also her leadership on the Agriculture Research Caucus.
- 1:00 Mooney Farms visit ends.
- 1:00-1:45 p.m. Drive to Paradise Town Hall, 5555 Skyway, Paradise. Stop briefly at Butte Creek Watershed Overlook on way.
- 1:45-4:50 Recovery Tour led by Paradise City Council Member Steve Crowder and Katie Simmons, Paradise Disaster Recovery Director. Jennifer Gray Thompson, Founder & CEO, After the Fire USA. Calli-Jane West, Executive Advisor, Butte County Fire Safe Council.
- Rep. Tokuda and Mr. Chao will meet with key local, county, and federal officials to learn about the significant progress Paradise has made at rebuilding its community after the deadly and destructive Camp Fire in 2018.

The visit will comprise three tours/discussions built around the subjects of disaster recovery and prevention. The first will be with local Paradise officials, including Councilmember Steve Crowder, Town Manager Jim Goodwin, and Recovery and Economic Development Director Colette Curtis, explaining the history of the region, the Camp Fire's causes and response, and the recovery efforts that have taken place since. The tour will also stop at Downtown Fir & Almond (2:15 p.m.) to discuss economic impact, sewer, and housing. and the Billie Park & Gazebo (2:30 p.m.) to highlight buffer zones and risk/insurance. Finally, the group will stop at the Eagle Pointe Housing Development, 5975 Maxwell Dr.(2:45 p.m.) to talk about housing and federal funding.

In the second meeting (3:00-3:45 p.m.), Rep. Tokuda and Ben Chao will receive a presentation from Town Manager Jim Goodwin about the city's new sewer system which is under construction. The officials will also comment on several other major fires that occurred in the region including the North Complex and August Complex (2020), Carr (2018), and Dixie (2021).

The final meeting (3:45-4:45 p.m.) will be led by Butte County Fire Safety Council Executive Director Taylor Nilsson, who will showcase the Paradise Lake Restoration Project, a partnership between Butte County and the U.S. Forest Service involving forest management plans and fuels reduction. Also joining this discussion will be Chris Carlton, Forest Supervisor with U.S. Forest Service Region 5.

This series of conversations is directly related to Rep. Tokuda's HI-2 district, which last August in Lahaina, Maui, experienced the deadliest U.S. fire in over 100 years. Before that, the Camp Fire had been the deadliest since 1910. It is that experience that both Reps. Tokuda and LaMalfa have in common. Rep. Tokuda is anxious to learn about the federal response to the Camp Fire and how Paradise is dealing with the recovery so she can apply these lessons in her district in Maui.

4:50

Paradise visit ends.

4:50-5:30

Drive to Oroville Dam Overlook, Canyon Dr., Oroville

5:30-6:30

Oroville Dam meeting and discussion led by Kamie Loeser, Director, Butte County Dept. of Water & Resource Conservation. Butte County District #1 Supervisor Bill Connelly. David Gordon, Principal Engineer, Calif. Dept. of Water Resources. Also, Oroville Field Division Manager, Scott Turnquist

With a height of 770 feet, Oroville Dam is the tallest dam in the United States. Completed in 1968 and located north of Sacramento in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains, this large earthfill embankment dam is owned by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and is one of the key features of the California State Water Project, which

supplies water to more than 23 million people throughout California and is the largest state-owned water storage and delivery system in the U.S.

In 2017, the service spillway experienced a sudden failure, followed by rapid erosion of the foundation and adjacent ground. To monitor and control the damage to the chute while managing the reservoir level, adjustments were made to the chute flow, but major storms in the large watershed ultimately resulted in the reservoir rising until the crest of the emergency spillway was overtopped for the first time in its history. This risk prompted opening of the gates for the service spillway in order to increase the chute flow and lower the reservoir level, as well as evacuation of about 188,000 people.

Due to the very large size of the dam and spillways, and the number of people at risk, this was one of the most serious dam safety incidents in United States history, and the estimated cost for the repairs and recovery was about \$1.1 billion.

Rep. Tokuda and Mr. Chao will learn about the investigation and causes of the dam breach, the reconstruction project, and how the current operation provides both hydroelectricity and water supply, as well as flood control and the Feather River Fish Hatchery.

The visit relates directly to Rep. Tokuda's membership on the Sustainable Energy and Environmental Coalition and Invasive Species Caucus.

6:30	Dam visit ends.
6:30-6:45	Drive to Union Restaurant, 2053 Montgomery St., Oroville
6:45-8:30	Dinner with LaMalfa family & friends.
8:30-9:00	Drive to hotel.

Total Content Time: 7 3/4 hrs.

Sun., March 24

9:00-9:30 a.m.	Drive to LaMalfa Rice Farm, 16 LaMalfa Lane, Oroville
9:30-11:00	Rice Farm tour and discussion led by Rep. LaMalfa, a 4 th generation rice farmer.

Commercial rice production began in California in 1912 and is grown on approximately 500,000 acres statewide. Rice production is concentrated in the Sacramento Valley. Over 90% of the rice acreage in California is planted to medium grain varieties, with limited area planted to short and long grain varieties.

California is unique among the U.S. rice producing states in its geography, climate and environmental regulations. The growing season is characterized by a Mediterranean climate with negligible rainfall, high

solar radiation, and relatively cold night-time temperatures. Because of its dry Mediterranean climate, California varieties and many of the agronomic practices are quite different from other rice production zones in the U.S. Additionally, California's urbanized population demands that rice (and other crops) be produced with environmentally benign methods with no off-farm impacts. There is frequently conjunctive use of farmland for wildlife habitat and other purposes.

Rep. Tokuda and Ben Chao will learn about the rice crop and development cycle plus they will discuss water use management, fertilizer, production costs, insects and pests, and other challenges for this high-demand crop.

The visit relates directly service on the House Agriculture Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture Subcommittee.

11:00

LaMalfa farm visit ends.

11:00-11:45

Drive to Thunderhill Raceway Park, 5250 CA-162, Willows.

11:45-1:30

Led by David Vodden Thunderhill President & CEO, and Matt Busby, General Manager.

Rep. Tokuda and Ben Chao will tour and meet with track leadership during a working lunch. The entirety of the lunch is an officially connected activity. Thunderhill is a motorsports complex that offers the longest road course in the U.S., and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Sports Car Club of America. Michael Smith, chairman of the board and board member Joe Briggs will also join the lunch discussion.

The facility is a major tourism draw for the region and visitors come from all over the state and beyond. Besides racing and facility rentals, the venue is also used for film shoots of commercials and movies, as well as vehicle testing.

Rep. Tokuda and Mr. Chao will learn about the development of Thunderhill and its economic impact on the region. She will also be given a "behind the scenes" tour of the paddock, garages, and different tracks.

The visit relates directly to Rep. Tokuda's interest in tourism economies given its importance to her district in Hawaii. In particular she is acquainted with the value of unique experiential tourism and how places like Thunderhill are able to carve out a niche in a crowded marketplace that lures visitors.

1:30

Raceway park visit ends.

1:30-2:00 p.m. Drive to Farmers Brewing Company, 880 County Rd. WW, Princeton.

2:00-3:15 Led by Bill and Kristen Weller, owners.

Rep. Tokuda and Ben Chao will tour and discuss the brewery which uses many of the ingredients that are grown on their adjacent farm. The 25,000-square-foot operation is capable of producing up to 30,000 barrels of beer annually.

The new brewery and taproom overlook his family's rice and wheat fields—key ingredients in the lineup of Farmers Brewing Co. beers. Family-farmed almonds are also featured in some of Weller's seasonal brews. The family has farmed rice, wheat, almonds and walnuts in Glenn County for three generations.

Rep. Tokuda and Mr. Chao will discuss and learn about the use of federal agriculture programs that incent investment and reduce risk, while also encouraging sustainable growing practices. The visit relates directly to her assignment on the Agriculture Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture Subcommittee but and her involvement on the Agriculture Research Caucus.

3:15 Brewery tour ends.

3:15-4:30 Drive to Jeff Gallagher Rice Farm, 1998 Pleasant Grove Rd.

4:30-5:30 Tour and discussion at Jeff Gallagher Rio Oso Rice Farm, Cornelius Ave. & Pleasant Grove Rd., Sutter County.

The family owned and operated farm is a major grower of Japanese short grain specialty rice as well as a leader in working lands conservation. Rep. Tokuda will also meet with other key officials for a themed discussion about agriculture and Sacramento Valley conservation projects including: Tim Johnson president & CEO; and Paul Butner, Manager of Environmental Affairs, California Rice Commission; and Marc Egstrom, State Chairman, Ducks Unlimited; Mike Denney, Yuba-Sutter Counties Farm Bureau. Also, will discuss Pacific Flyway, salmon projects, and key policy elements needed for grower acceptance.

This stop relates directly to Rep. Tokuda's work on the Agriculture Committee including its jurisdiction with farm commodities, risk management, and credit; conservation and research; nutrition; and rural

development, all of which will be part of the discussions with the invited stakeholders.

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| 5:30 | Visit ends. |
| 5:30-6:00 | Drive to Carlito's Mexican Restaurant, 885 Richland Rd., Yuba City |
| 6:00-7:30 | Working Dinner, same content and discussions as farm visit above. The entirety of the dinner is an officially connected activity. |
| 7:30 | Dinner ends. |
| 7:30-8:00 | Drive to Hyatt Place Sacramento Intl. Airport Hotel, 4850 Duckhorn Dr., Sacramento for check-in. |

Total Content Time: 7 hrs.

Mon., March 25

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| 4:30-4:45 a.m. | Ben Chao departs Hyatt Place Sacramento Intl. Airport Hotel via shuttle. |
| 4:45-5:00 a.m. | Flight check-in. |
| 5:34 a.m. | Ben Chao departs SMF, UA #2080 |
| 11:15 a.m. | Arr. IAH |
| 12:05 p.m. | Dep. UA #2080 |
| 3:59 p.m. | Arr. IAD |
| 6:35-6:40 a.m. | Flight check-in. |
| 6:20-6:35 a.m. | Rep. Tokuda departs Hyatt Place Sacramento Intl. Airport Hotel via shuttle. |
| 7:30 a.m. | Rep Tokuda departs SMF, Hawaiian Airlines #59 |
| 10:00 a.m. | Arr. OGG |