

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: William M. Christian
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: June 28, 2024 Return: July 2, 2024
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Paris, France Return City: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Organization of Iranian American Communities
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: _____
The Free Iran Summit; meeting with parliamentarians, former political prisoners, other refugees.
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: July 12, 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: RANDY K. WEBER (TX-14) Date: July 12, 2024

Signature of Supervising Member: 

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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated 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: _____
ORGANIZATION OF IRANIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES (OIAC.ORG)

2. Travel Destination(s): Paris

3. Date of Departure: June 28, 2024 Date of Return: July 2, 2024

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): William Christian, Sam Araboghli and Jordan Wood

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	2099.30 USD	615 USD	292 USD	225 USD (Local Travel)
Accompanying Family Member	N/A			

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

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

Signature: BABK DADVAND Date: JULY 11, 2024

Name: BABK DADVAND Title: PRESIDENT

Organization: ORGANIZATION OF IRANIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES (OIAC.ORG)

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

Address: 1717 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., NW, SUITE 1025, WASHINGTON, DC 20006

Telephone: 202-867-8123 Email: INFO@OIAC.ORG

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee'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:

Organization of Iranian American Communities (OIAC)

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: Friday, June 28, 2024 Date of Return: Tuesday, July 2, 2024

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC (IAD)

b. Destination(s): Auvers-sur-Oise, France.

c. City of return: IAD Airport

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:

The Organization of Iranian American Communities (OIAC) is a representative body for Iranian Americans in 40 states across the U.S. It is also the only sponsor of the trip being discussed. Over the years, the OIAC has sponsored many trips made by groups of U.S. Congress members to attend the Annual Free Iran Conferences. These sponsorships have typically been

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: Hilton City: Roissy-en-France Cost Per Night: \$350

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	\$2500	\$1050	\$450
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	N/A	
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	

19. **Check only one:**

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

20. **I certify by my signature that**

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

Signature: _____ Date: April 24, 2024
 Name: Babak Dadvand Title: President
 Organization: Organization of Iranian American Communities (OIAC)
 Address: 1717 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 1025
 Email: info@oiac.org Telephone: 202-876-8123

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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HOURLY GUEST ITINERARY

2024 Free Iran Conferences

Auvers-sur-Oise , France

June 28-July 2, 2024

Friday, June 28, 2024

6:30 p.m. Leaving Washington, DC (After the last votes)

Saturday, June 29, 2024

9:00 a.m. Arrive in Paris (Charles de Gaulle Airport)
9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Depart by car to Hyatt Regency, Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport 351 Avenue du Bois de la Pie, 95912 Roissy-en-France, France
10:30 a.m. Hotel check-in.
10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Personal time to rest/Lunch.
1:30 p.m. Depart Hotel to the Conference venue.
2:30 p.m. Arrive at the event venue. Meet & Chat in the Green Room.
3:00 p.m. Conference Opening
3:00 p.m. Opening Remarks
3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Video clips, young Iranian artists/athletics who recently left Iran speak about the "Iran Protests" and the protester's slogans. Video clips is about the role of women in organizing the Iran Protests, and the youth messages to the world.
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Remarks by prominent Iranian speakers

- Support for Iran Uprising and women led Revolution,
- What the protesters want/ What are their slogans?
- Change is possible from within, no need for military intervention,
- The Iranian oppositions and their program for a Free Iran,
- The importance of moral and political support for the Iranian protesters,

5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Remarks by speakers from EU, the United States and Canada.

- Iranian regime's human rights violations,
- Iranian regime's expansionism,
- U.S and EU policy on Iran.
- U.S. Congress call EU to designate IRGC.
- Support a secular, democratic, non-nuclear republic Iran.

7:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Conference ends (Closing remarks)

8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Reception & Dinner

We provide this opportunity for the Members of Congress and parliamentarian to communicate with the Iranian diaspora representatives, women, youth, and minorities leaders.

9:30 p.m.-10:30 Return to hotel



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Sunday, June 30, 2024

8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Breakfast-Personal time

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Briefing/discussion with leaders of Iranian diaspora, to coordinate their works in support of Free Iran and exchange their experiences/thought on future activates in support of a Free Iran.

12:00 p.m-3:00 p.m.

Lunch meeting with families and relatives of political prisoners and youths activists/artists to hear their stories/thoughts about the ongoing uprising in Iran.

3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Break.

3:30 pm- 7:30 p.m.

Meeting/briefing. Representatives of Iranian diaspora in Europe and U.S. to discuss the recent activities in U.S Congress in support of Iranian people, their future activities and how they can be effective by working with their representatives and coordinate the cross-party/bi-partisan MP/MC from different countries.

6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Personal time.

Monday, July 1, 2024

8:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.

Breakfast/Personal time

10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Meeting families and relatives of political prisoners Iran.

2:30 p.m.-:730 p.m.

Briefing/Meeting (Casual dress) with members of the Trip Sponsor (OIAC.org) to exchange suggestions for more activates by Iranian Americans in states/districts, how effectively they can inform American public about Iranian regime's rights violations and terror campaigns.

7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Dinner reception/Briefing. MC will brief the leaders of Iranian.

9:00 p.m.

Diaspora, including Iranian Americans, about the U.S. Congress activities on Anniversary of 1988 Massacre and 2022 Iran Protests.
Personal time.

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

7:00 a.m.

Breakfast (at Hotel).

8:00 a.m.

Depart to the airport.

11:00 a.m.

Return flight to U.S.



Supporting the third option for
a democratic, secular and
non-nuclear republic in Iran

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**LIST OF HOUSE INVITEES TO
"2024 Free Iran Conference"**

Attachment # 1

Rep. Tom McClintock <i>CAPT. Rocky Deal</i>	Member of Iran Human Rights Democracy Caucus. <i>Chief of Staff, Rep. McClintock- Responsible for Iran issue portfolio.</i>
Rep. Randy Weber <i>Mr. William Christian</i>	Member of Iran Human Rights Democracy Caucus. <i>Deputy Chief of Staff, Rep. Weber- Responsible for Iran issue portfolio.</i>
Rep. Lance Gooden Rep. Ami Bera <i>Mr. Chad Obermiller</i>	Member of Iran Human Rights Democracy Caucus. Committee on Foreign Affairs, MENA Subcommittee. <i>Chief of Staff, Rep. Ami Bera.</i>
Rep. Raul Ruiz Rep. Greg Steube <i>Mr. Sami Araboghli</i>	Member of Iran Human Rights Democracy Caucus. Support democracy in Iran and a Free Iran. <i>Legi. Correspondent, office of Rep, Steube.-Responsible for Iran issue portfolio.</i>
Rep. Rich McCormick <i>Mr. Nathan Barker</i>	Committee on Foreign Affairs, MENA Subcommittee. <i>LS, office of Rep. McCormick-Responsible for Iran issue portfolio.</i>
Rep. Nancy Mace <i>Dr. Lorie Khatod</i>	Co-Chair of Iran Human Rights and Democracy Congressional Caucus. <i>Chief of Staff, Rep. Nancy Mace</i>

**** OIAC has also invited the spouses of all MC to attend this year conferences. ****



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**Partial list of invitees
International Convention for Free Iran
June 29, 2024**

UK

Anna Firth, MP,	Member of the House of Commons
Rt Hon. David Jones, MP	Member of the House of Commons
Bob Blackman, MP	Member of the House of Commons
Steve McCabe, MP	Member of the House of Commons
Olivia Blake, MP	Labor member of House of Commons

France

Bruno Studer	Député
Alain NERI	
Michel TERROT	
Guy SCHMITT	
Pierre BERCIS	

Italy

Stefania Ascari	MP
Emanuele Pozzolo	MP
Marco Scurria	MP
Giangiacoimo Calovini	MP
Monica Claburro	MP
Giulio Terzi	MP
Elisabetta Gardini	MP

Ireland

Senator Gerry Horkan	Member of Irish Senate
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Malt

David Agius Member of Malta Parliament

Ivan Bartolo Member of Parliament

Slovakia

Anna Zaborska Member of Parliament - Slovakia (Christian Union)

Romana Tabak Member of Parliament - Slovakia (We the People)

Jordan

Dr. Ahmad Alkhalayeleh First deputy President of the Parliament

Dr. Taysir Kerishan Head of Parliamentary Faction

Dr. Asma Alravaheneh Head of Parliamentary Faction

Dr. Zaynab Albadool Member of Parliament

Romania

Ben Pavel Popescu Member of Parliament - Romania

Oni Ardelean Current deputy

Iceland

Lenya Run Taha Karim Member of Parliament - Iceland

Kosovo

Enver Hoxhaj Deputy Prime minister (2017-2020) - Minister of Foreign affairs (2011-2014/
2016-2017) / Leader of the Democratic Party of Kosovo / Vice President Assembly of the
Republic of Kosovo



William Christian
Office of Rep. Randy Weber
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

April 25, 2024

Dear Mr. Christian,

On behalf of the Organization of Iranian American Communities-US (OIAC), a proud sponsor of the 2014, 2015, 2017 and 2018, 2023 Annual International Convention for Democracy, I have the honor of inviting you to attend at 2024 Free Iran (Series A) Conference. The conference will be held on **Saturday, June 29 in Auvers-sur-Oise France.**

Iranian expatriates and their supporters from U.S, Canada, and European countries will participate in this gathering to support a secular, democratic, non-nuclear republic Iran. The event highlights the 1988 Massacre and 2022 Iran Uprising, deteriorating human rights situation in Iran, worsening of women's rights violation, and desire of the Iranian people for democratic change.

The Organization of Iranian American Communities-US (OIAC), as a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) institution, will cover the appropriate expenses including travel, lodging, and food for the guests, and any other expenses related to event itself, such as audio visual, production, dissemination, facility rental, VIP location, etc. (as the estimated cost/per attendee), according to the House ethics rules and regulations.

Pursuant to the requirements of House Rule XXV, clause 5, and to assist your preparation for receiving approval from the House Committee on Ethics, we have prepared the attached "Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form." **You must submit this form along with your "Traveler Form" to the Ethics Committee no later than thirty (30) days prior to travel on Wednesday, May 29, 2024**

Please review the attached form and contact us at your earliest convenience if you have any questions.

Babak Dadvand
B. Dadvand
President

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: William M. Christian
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: _____
Organization of Iranian American Communities (OIAC)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: France
4. a. Date of Departure: June 28, 2024 Date of Return: July 2, 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.**
As Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director, I handle the Foreign Affairs portfolio for Rep. Weber. I have been the key point of contact for Rep. Weber's bipartisan resolution to condemn the current Iranian regime and to promote a democratic alternative for the opposition in exile.

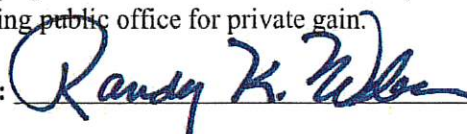
9. Yes No **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**

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: May 24, 2024

Michael Guest, Mississippi
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June 26, 2024

Mr. William M. "Bill" Christian
Office of the Honorable Randy K. Weber, Sr.
107 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Christian:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to France,¹ scheduled for June 28 to July 2, 2024, sponsored by Organization of Iranian American Communities.

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.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$480] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

¹ Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Michael Guest in blue ink.

Michael Guest
Chairman

Handwritten signature of Susan Wild in blue ink.

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

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