

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: Deena Tauster
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 10/5/24 Return: 10/13/24
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Kenya Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation, Eleanor Crook Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Visited clinics, hospitals, schools and with local groups to learn about child malnutrition in Kenya and the intersection between conservation and food security.
7. Attached to this form are *each* of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor *prior* to the trip, *including all* attachments *and* the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; *and*
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
b. If not, explain: _____

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

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 10/25/24

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:  Date: 10/25/24

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.

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- Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation; Eleanor Crook Foundation
- Travel Destination(s): Nairobi, Kenya ; Ol Kinyei Conservancy, Kenya
- Date of Departure: Oct. 5, 2024 Date of Return: Oct. 13, 2024
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): Deena Tauster

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.

- 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	\$1786.78	\$1620.00	\$286.75	\$483.00
Accompanying Family Member				

- 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: John B Gantt Jr Date: 10/21/2024

Name: John Basil Gantt Title: President

Organization: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

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

Address: 1200 Potomac St NW Washington, DC 20007

Telephone: 202-471-4222 Email: johngantt@iccfoundation.us; cweis@iccfoundatoin.us

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

1. Name of Traveler: Deena Tauster
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Kenya
4. a. Date of Departure: 10/5/2024 Date of Return: 10/13/2024
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 Chief of Staff to Congressman Garbarino, this trip will better inform our work related to the Congressman's membership on the Conservative Climate Caucus and as Co-Chair of the Climate Solutions Caucus, especially as it pertains to international conservation and environmental protection.

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: 8/29/24

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: Deena Tauster

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

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

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

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

Office Address: 2344 Rayburn House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-7896

Email Address of Contact Person: Deena.Tauster@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

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:

International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF)

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: Eleanor Crook Foundation

4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): See addendum.

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

6. Date of Departure: 10/5/2024 Date of Return: 10/13/2024

7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.

b. Destination(s): Nairobi, Kenya, Ol Kinyei Conservancy, Kenya

c. City of return: Washington, D.C.

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

- a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
- b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
- c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**

- a. I checked 8(a) or(b) above; **OR**
- b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
- c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
- d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____

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:

See addendum.

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): _____
See addendum.
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See Addendum.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Fairmont the Norfolk City: Nairobi Cost Per Night: \$190
Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to meetings and site visits in Nairobi.

Hotel Name: OI Kinyei Cottages City: Maasai Mara Cost Per Night: \$350
Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to conservation and development project sites visited.

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 checked="" 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	\$2394	\$1620	\$150 See addendum.
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	\$528	\$348 (Conservancy fees) \$180 (Tips)
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: _____ Date: 8/30/2024
 Name: John Basil Gantt Title: President
 Organization: International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF)
 Address: 1200 Potomac St. NW, Washington, DC 20010
 Email: johngantt@iccfoundation.us; cweis@iccfoundation.us Telephone: 202-471-4222

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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October 3, 2024

Ms. Deena Tauster
Office of the Honorable Andrew R. Garbarino
2344 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Tauster:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Kenya,¹ scheduled for October 5 to 13, 2024, sponsored by the International Conservation Caucus Foundation and Eleanor Crook Foundation.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Guest". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Michael Guest
Chairman

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

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

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4. Each individual was invited to see the impact that malnutrition has on communities, particularly mothers and children, and see how conservation can play a role in improved access to health services, food production, and income.
- *Luke Sandlin, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Tom Emmer (R-MN)*
Luke Sandlin covers agriculture and food and environmental protection for Rep. Emmer.
 - *Lydia Angel, Policy Analyst, Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD)*
Lydia Angel covers environmental protection and natural resources for Rep. Hoyer.
 - *Nancy Peele, Chief of Staff, Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR)*
Nancy Peele is Chief of Staff to Rep. Bruce Westerman, who chairs the House Natural Resources Committee and is a member of the International Conservation Caucus.
 - *Chris Crawford, Chief of Staff, Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA)*
Chris Crawford is Chief of Staff to Rep. Buddy Carter, who is a member of the International Conservation Caucus.
 - *Deena Tauster, Chief of Staff, Rep. Andrew Garbarino (R-NY)*
Deen Tauster is Chief of Staff to Rep. Andrew Garbarino, who is co-chair of the House Climate Solutions Caucus and is a member of the International Conservation Caucus.

12. The International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF) educates U.S. policymakers and other global political and business leaders on the vital links between good natural resource management, sustainable economic development, conflict avoidance, and regional security. ICCF organized the logistics of lodging and travel for the trip and identified topics and expert speakers.

The Eleanor Crook Foundation (ECF) was founded in 1997 with a single goal: to eradicate global malnutrition. ECF invests in research that proves what methods work, policy analysis to drive systems reform, and advocacy that makes the case for urgent action to address this global crisis. In 2017, the Foundation pledged \$100 million towards the elimination of global malnutrition.

- 15(b) The purpose of this mission is to familiarize and educate the delegation about the impact that malnutrition has on communities, particularly mothers and children, and see how conservation can play a role in improved access to health services, food production, and income. The delegation will visit acute malnutrition health clinics and maternal nutrition programs in hospitals while in Nairobi and visit sites within Ol Kenyei Conservancy to see how the conservancy model not only helps protect wildlife and habitat, but involves local communities by providing income generation through land lease programs, tourism, and agricultural development.

Rates at Ol Kenyei Cottages are inclusive of lodging, meals, and vehicle and guide costs. Rates at the Fairmont the Norfolk are inclusive of breakfast.

18. The cost of lodging reflects the full amount of inclusive rates offered at each location as outlined above. These rates are exclusive of conservation fees and tips.

Other expenses description: Mara Conservancy Conservation fee (\$116 per person/per day), tips (\$30 per person/per day)



Congressional Staff Delegation to Kenya

October 5th-13th, 2024

Saturday, October 5th - Travel Day

21:05 Flight departs Washington, DC

Sunday, October 6th - Travel Day

16:45 Flight arrives in Doha

16:45 - 18:30 Layover in Doha

18:30 Flight departs Doha

23:50 Flight arrives in Nairobi

Accommodations: Fairmont The Norfolk

Monday, October 7th

01:30 Clear customs, transfer to hotel and check in

09:00 - 9:30 Breakfast and briefing with ICCF representatives

ICCF representatives will outline the purpose and agenda of the mission, give an overview of ICCF, and provide background on US government support for conservation, food security, and human development in Kenya.

09:00 - 09:30 Transfer to US Embassy Nairobi

09:30-11:00 Meeting with US Ambassador Margaret (Meg) Whitman

The delegation will meet with Ambassador Whitman to hear about current US - Kenya relationship dynamics in the national and regional context. The Ambassador will also update the group on the US role in malnutrition and conservation efforts in Kenya.

11:00 - 11:30 Return to hotel

12:00 - 13:30 Lunch briefing with Edgar Okoth Onyango, National Coordinator for Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Civil Society Network



The SUN Civil Society Network (CSN) encourages the formation of vibrant civil society alliances, with such alliances existing in 39 SUN Countries today. The network represents over 3,000 organizations locally, nationally and internationally, spanning multiple sectors and backgrounds, including four regional coordination groups – two of which (covering Asia and East and Southern Africa) were set up in 2016-2017. The network, in 2016-2017, developed a theory of change to provide a shared framework within which national alliances and the global network can work – to inform the development of national and regional strategies and support implementation.

13:30 - 14:00 Transfer to Ministry of Health

14:00 - 17:00 Meeting with Gladys Mugambi, SUN Movement Executive Committee Co-Chair and Project Visit

SUN coordinates with Kenya's Ministry of Health on important nutrition programs and initiatives. The group will get a brief introduction from Ms. Mugambi before visiting an acute childhood malnutrition clinic that serves Nairobi and surrounding communities.

17:00 - 17:30 Return to hotel

18:30 - 20:30 Dinner briefing with leaders of the Parliamentary Conservation and Climate Change Caucus - Kenya (P4CK)

The P4CK is a multiparty coalition of Members of Parliament with a commitment to elevating the role that stewardship of natural resources plays in Kenyan domestic policy and East Africa's regional development strategy. The members of this coalition recognize that a focus on resource security within Parliament is vital to ensuring Kenya's stability and prosperity, and to addressing its food, water, poaching, deforestation, and energy challenges. They also recognize that solving these challenges will require the public and private sectors to work together.

Accommodations: Fairmont The Norfolk

Tuesday, October 8th

08:00 - 09:00 Breakfast briefing with Dr. Emily Njuguna, Director Maternal and Newborn Health for PATH Africa Region

PATH's Maternal, Newborn, Child Health & Nutrition (MNCHN) program focuses on crucial supports to enable populations to both survive and thrive. Their work spans the value chain from discovery to delivery, and PATH uses science and evidence to drive their approach and efforts to achieve impact.



09:00 - 09:30 Transfer to Pumwani Human Milk Bank

09:30 - 11:30 Visit Pumwani Human Milk Bank

Studies have shown that breastmilk carries essential nutrients and benefits for babies, especially neonates or premature babies. Pumwani hospital has the first human milk bank that provides essential nutrients and lactation support to mothers and babies during the first critical days and weeks of life. Without the proper lactation consulting, mothers can tend to opt out of breastfeeding and not have the means or access to proper formula and nutrients when returning home - oftentimes to a village with limited access to goods and services.

11:30 - 12:00 Transfer to lunch

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch with Ministry of Health Officials

The Ministry of Health partners with organizations like SUN, PATH and other stakeholders (including USAID and the UN) to run malnutrition programs that aim to both treat and more importantly prevent malnutrition among mothers and children. Ministry officials will prepare the delegation on the acute malnutrition program the group will visit in the afternoon.

13:00 - 14:00 Transfer to clinic

14:00 - 17:00 Visit the acute malnutrition clinic

In Kenya, more than a quarter of children under the age of five, or two million children, have stunted growth. Stunting is the most frequent form of under-nutrition among young children. If not addressed, it has devastating long-term effects, including diminished mental and physical development. In addition, 11 percent of children are underweight, with four percent wasted. Wasting and severe wasting are linked to increased and preventable deaths among young children.

17:00 - 18:00 Return to hotel

18:30 - 20:30 Dinner briefing with local conservation, food security, and human development organizations

ICCF partners and others implementing food security and conservation initiatives will convene to discuss the overlapping issues facing Kenya and East Africa. Invited participants include: PATH, USAID, UN Environment Programme, World Wildlife Fund, SUN CSN, Wildlife Conservation Society, Members of the Kenyan P4CK, African Wildlife Foundation, African Parks,



BAND Foundation, UNICEF, Kenyan Ministry of Health, and World Food Programme.

Accommodations: Fairmont The Norfolk

Wednesday, October 9th

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| 08:30 - 09:30 | Transfer to airport |
| 10:30 | Flight departs Nairobi |
| 11:10 | Flight arrives at Naboisho airstrip |
| 11:10 - 12:10 | Transfer to Ol Kinyei Cottages in the Ol Kinyei Conservancy |
| 12:10 - 12:30 | Check in |
| 12:30 - 14:00 | Lunch briefing with Gamewatchers CEO Dr. Mohanjeet Brar on tourism and conservation |

Mohanjeet started his career as the Managing Director of Gamewatchers Safaris & Porini Camps in 2005. In 2019, he became a Trustee of the Wildlife Habitat Trust and a Board Member of the Kenya Tourism Board. Mohanjeet also served as a Board Member of the Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association from 2013 to 2021. In 2021, he co-founded Earthacre and became a Board Member of the African Wildlife Foundation, the Kenya Association of Tour Operators, and the African Conservation Center. Overall, Mohanjeet Brar has held various leadership positions and contributed significantly to the tourism and conservation sectors. Mohanjeet earned a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree from the University of Arkansas.

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| 14:00 - 14:30 | Transfer to local school program |
| 14:30 - 16:00 | Visit local school to see the conservancy role in programs such as the Digital Learning and Empowering Girls programs. |

The Digital Learning Project is a collaborative effort with WiLearn 4 Life, backed by the PD Foundation, with a mission to empower the community with digital and tech skills.

The Empowering Girls Program is a partnership with Gamewatchers Safaris and PadMad, a Kenyan social enterprise, to tackle period poverty through the provision of a sustainable solution: reusable sanitary towels. In addition to supplying these eco-friendly pads, the organization offers comprehensive education on Menstrual Health Management and Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights to underprivileged and marginalized



communities. The sanitary towels are stitched in rural Kenyan communities using locally sourced materials, thereby not only meeting a crucial need but also empowering marginalized women through employment opportunities.

16:00 - 18:30

Field briefing with conservancy representatives to introduce the delegation to the Maasai Mara ecosystem

The Maasai Mara is Kenya's most important wildlife and tourism area. Roughly 25% of Kenya's wildlife resides within the greater Maasai Mara region, a 4,500 km² wildlife landscape comprised of the 1,510 km² Maasai Mara National Reserve (MMNR) and 3,000 km² of adjacent community and private lands. This area includes the key dry season range for the largest animal migration left on Earth.

18:30 - 19:00

Return to camp

19:00 - 21:30

Dinner briefing on critical landscape conservation, including protected areas management and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) like the Maasai Mara conservancies

ICCF staff will lead a discussion on management challenges of protected areas and OECMs and explore partnership models that make these areas effective. Protected areas are widely recognized as the "anchors" to any effort to preserve and regenerate nature and restore ecosystems for the benefit of wildlife, human well-being, and Africa's economies. Yet, most African countries lack the funding and capacity necessary to effectively manage protected areas.

OECMs are defined as "a geographically defined area other than a Protected Area, which is governed and managed in ways that achieve positive and sustained long-term outcomes for the in situ conservation of biodiversity, with associated ecosystem functions and services and, where applicable, cultural, spiritual, socioeconomic, and other locally relevant values."

Accommodations: Ol Kinyei Cottages

Thursday, October 10th

06:30 - 09:00

Field briefing to observe predator activity

Conservancy representatives will guide participants to track lion pride movements, discussing the important role lions and other predators play in the ecosystem as well as the Maasai's historical relationship with lions and present threats of human-wildlife conflict.

09:00 - 10:30

Breakfast and field briefing with Senior Warden Simon Nkoitoi, a Maasai



from the community who leads the OI Kinyei Conservancy management on the ground. He will discuss the model of a community conservancy, the benefits and challenges.

10:30 - 11:00 Return to camp

11:30 - 13:30 Lunch with Daniel Sopia, CEO of the Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association (MMWCA)

The Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association is a membership organization of the Mara Conservancies established in 2013. They have a mandate from landowners and tourism parties to play an overarching coordination role for Greater Mara Ecosystem stakeholders. Currently, they have a membership of 24 conservancies at different stages of development, covering about 450,000 acres. The member conservancies bring together over 15,000 landowners who annually receive approximately 7.5 Million paid as lease fees.

13:30 - 15:00 Afternoon Break. No activities are planned at this time, and members of the delegation will have an opportunity to rest before evening activities.

15:00 - 18:00 Field briefing and visit to a local boma (Maasai homestead) to see one of the lion-proof enclosures and discuss with a few community members led by Sammy Ole Mpusia, the community liaison officer.

Human-wildlife conflict is a serious obstacle to wildlife conservation worldwide and is becoming more prevalent as human population increases, development expands, and other human and environmental factors put people and wildlife in greater direct competition for a shrinking resource base. The delegation will learn about cost-effective solutions, like the lion-proof enclosures, to mitigating these conflicts, as well as ways in which conservation benefits humans living in proximity to parks and protected areas.

Sammy Ole Mpusia was instrumental in setting up the OI Kinyei conservancy 19 years ago and getting community buy-in, which is still an ongoing process.

18:00 - 19:00 Return to camp

19:00 - 20:30 Dinner briefing on combating wildlife trafficking (CWT)

ICCF representatives will lead a discussion of global efforts to combat wildlife trafficking. As both populations and economies have grown in East Asia, the demand for wildlife products has surged, sending the black-market price of ivory, rhino horn, and other products to historic highs. Poaching and wildlife trafficking in Africa are destabilizing economies,



decimating iconic species, financing violent insurgent groups and international criminal organizations, contributing to the deterioration of governance, and creating large swaths of land in which insurgent groups can train and operate. The delegation will learn about recent legislative and policy successes in Kenya and the region.

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Friday, October 11th

06:00 - 09:00 Field briefing with conservancy representatives to learn about wildlife tracking methods and their application for conservation. The delegation will also learn about the process and training to become a guide or ranger in Kenya and the opportunities these roles create for local employment.

09:00 - 10:30 Field breakfast with Viraj Sikand, CEO of EarthAcre
EarthAcre pairs community knowledge with technology to ensure landowners are paid for their role in the protection of nature. EarthAcre works with communities and local partners to implement regenerative and sustaining activities on the land. Biodiversity assets are measured through on-ground and spatial technologies, and payments are distributed from the markets equitably, transparently and directly to individuals for their sustainable contributions as part of the community.

10:30 - 11:30 Continue walk to Youth Beekeeping Initiative
The Youth Beekeeping Initiative teaches local youth to harvest honey from hives that help local bee populations and provide youth with livelihood and incomes for their communities.

11:30 - 12:00 Walk back to camp

12:00 - 13:30 Afternoon Break. No activities are planned at this time, and members of the delegation will have an opportunity to rest before evening activities.

13:30 - 15:00 Lunch with Dr. John Sankok, CEO of Community Health Partners
Community Health Partners (CHP) has been on the forefront of healthcare since 1980, and played an especially big role during the COVID-19 pandemic. They work on two fronts: primary health care services and community development initiatives. Their overall strategic plan is to contribute to the delivery of quality, accessible, and affordable health services.

15:00 - 18:00 Field briefing in the neighboring Mara Ripoi conservancy, to see a vital corridor linking habitats, which is key to restore biodiversity and



ensure healthy ecosystems for the wildlife and Maasai people.

The Mara has traditionally dealt with fencing put up by landowners trying to protect their land and livestock. The Mara is home to the migration of many of Africa's iconic species, namely the wildebeest migration. The fencing in the region disrupts the migration patterns, which leads to the animals being disoriented and/or trapped. The conservancy model has worked with local landowners to reduce the amount of fencing through education, livestock, and land leasing programs.

19:00 - 20:30

Dinner briefing on global biodiversity and habitat loss, land use change, and environmental migration

ICCF representatives will lead a discussion on global biodiversity loss and its implications. More than one million species may be in danger of extinction this century, creating grave threats to human health, well-being, food security, regional stability, and continued economic success. Africa is the most vulnerable continent to the impacts of these changes, subject to increasing frequency and severity of natural disasters, unpredictable rainfall, and widespread crop failure. An estimated 36 million people across Africa are displaced, mostly from conflict. This number has tripled since 2011, representing 44% of the global total.

This discussion will tie together information learned on the trip, more closely examine linkages to broader global issues, and include a discussion of various development mechanisms available to finance global conservation efforts and how these efforts can work in tandem.

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Saturday, October 12th - Travel Day

08:00 - 9:00

Breakfast and wrap-up. Participants will discuss what they have learned during the visit and have the opportunity to ask final questions.

09:00 - 10:30

Check out and transfer to airstrip

11:15

Flight departs Naboisho airstrip

13:00

Flight arrives in Nairobi (WIL)

13:00 - 13:30

Transfer to nearby restaurant

13:30 - 15:00

Lunch

15:00 - 15:30

Transfer to airport



18:10 Flight departs Nairobi (NBO)

23:25 Flights arrives in Doha

23:25 - 01:20*¹ Layover in Doha

Sunday, October 13th - Travel Day

01:20 Flight departs Doha

08:45 Flight arrives in Washington, DC

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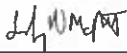
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August 6, 2024

Ms. Deena Tauster
Office of Congressman Andrew Garbarino
By Electronic Delivery

Dear Deena,

We are pleased to invite you to join a Congressional Staff Delegation to visit Kenya from October 5-13, 2024, inclusive of travel days. The primary purpose of this mission is to familiarize and educate the delegation about the increasingly overlapping issues of natural resource management and food security.

While in Kenya, participants will observe the impact that malnutrition has on communities, particularly mothers and children, and see how conservation can play a role in improved access to health services, food production, and income. The delegation will visit acute malnutrition health clinics and maternal nutrition programs in hospitals while in Nairobi before visiting Ol Kinyei Conservancy to see how the conservancy model not only helps protect wildlife and habitat, but involves local communities by providing income generation through land lease programs, tourism, and agricultural development.

We will share a more detailed agenda in due course, as well as provide required private sponsor travel forms. Trip expenses, including transportation, lodging, meals, and associated fees, will be covered by ICCF.

ICCF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which acts as an informal secretariat to the leadership of the bipartisan International Conservation Caucus and Oceans Caucus, with the mission to advance U.S. leadership in international conservation and develop the next generation of congressional conservation leaders.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the impacts of malnutrition on children and communities and how good natural resource management can support human development in at-risk communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John B. Gantt", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

John B. Gantt
President