

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: Keane Bhatt
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 7-29-25 Return: 7-31-25
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington DC Destination: Mexico City, MX Return City: Washington DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Partnership for Participatory International Policy
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Civil society organizations, government ministries
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: 8-18-25

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: Rep. Greg Casar Date: 8-18-25

Signature of Supervising Member: 

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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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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Partnership for Participatory International Policy (P-PIP) and Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR)

2. Travel Destination(s): Mexico City, Mexico

3. Date of Departure: 07/29/25 Date of Return: 07/31/25

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Keane Bhatt


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	\$296	\$214	\$207	\$90 taxis/ground transportation
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:  Date: 08/06/2025

Name: Elise Roberts Title: Director

Organization: Partnership for Participatory International Policy

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

Address: 5732 Standish Avenue; Minneapolis, MN 55417

Telephone: 9204212269 Email: elise@p-pip.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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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: Keane Bhatt

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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): Congressional Progressive Caucus

Office Address: 6200 O'Neill Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-5553

Email Address of Contact Person: keane.bhatt@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: Keane Bhatt
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Partnership for Participatory International Policy
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Mexico City, MX
4. a. Date of Departure: 7-29-25 Date of Return: 08/01/25
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: Aug 1st-11th
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 Policy Director for the Congressional Progressive Caucus, I liaise between the lawmakers, develop legislative products related to these issues, and handle foreign policy for the caucus, including U.S. Mexico bilateral relations.

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: 6-27-25

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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:

Partnership for Participatory International Policy (P-PIP)

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: Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR)

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 attached)

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

6. Date of Departure: 07/29/25 Date of Return: 08/01/25

7. a. City of departure: Washington DC or district office location

b. Destination(s): Mexico City, Mexico

c. City of return: Washington DC or district office location

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 attached) _____

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): \$100
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: (see attached)

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

Hotel Name: Hotel Sevilla Palace City: Mexico City Cost Per Night: \$85.00
 Reason(s) for Selecting: Secure, affordable, and close to meeting locations

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 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	\$750.00	\$255.00	\$230
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	\$150	taxis and ground transportation
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: 6/24/25
 Name: Elise Roberts Title: Director
 Organization: Partnership for Participatory International Policy
 Address: 5732 Standish Ave; Minneapolis, MN 55417
 Email: elise@p-pip.org Telephone: 920.421.2269

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4: Invitees & Reason for Invite

- Representative Delia Ramirez was invited to hear directly from Mexican government and civil society leaders about the impacts of US policy on outward migration, gun violence, and trade. Rep. Ramirez serves on the Committee of Homeland Security and the Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement, and she is the co-founder of the Congressional Caucus on Global Migration. Rep. Ramirez is a co-sponsor of the Stop Arming Cartels Act of 2025.
- Marina Sangit was invited to hear directly from Mexican government and civil society leaders about the impacts of US policy on outward migration, gun violence, and trade. Marina works on these issues as a staffer in the office of Representative Ramirez.
- Representative Rashida Tlaib was invited to hear directly from Mexican government and civil society leaders about the impacts of US policy on outward migration, gun violence, and trade. Rep. Tlaib serves on the House Committee of Financial Services and is a member of the Congressional Caucus on Global Migration
- Joseph Leone was invited to hear directly from Mexican government and civil society leaders about the impacts of US policy on outward migration, gun violence, and trade. Joseph works on these issues as a staffer in the office of Representative Tlaib.
- Representative Greg Casar was invited to hear directly from Mexican government and civil society leaders about the impacts of US policy on outward migration, gun violence, and trade. Rep. Casar is a co-sponsor of the Stop Arming Cartels Act of 2025 and he is the co-founder of the Congressional Caucus on Global Migration.
- Arpi Karapetyan was invited to hear directly from Mexican government and civil society leaders about the impacts of US policy on outward migration, gun violence, and trade. Arpi works on these issues as a staffer in the office of Representative Casar.
- Representative Jonathan Jackson was invited to hear directly from Mexican government and civil society leaders about the impacts of US policy on outward migration, gun violence, and trade. Rep. Jackson serves on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- Benjamin Guerrero was invited to hear directly from Mexican government and civil society leaders about the impacts of US policy on outward migration, gun violence, and trade. Benjamin works on these issues as a staffer in the office of Representative Jackson.

- Representative Ayanna Pressley was invited to hear directly from Mexican government and civil society leaders about the impacts of US policy on outward migration, gun violence, and trade. Rep. Pressley serves on the House Committee on Financial Services.
- Representative Ilhan Omar was invited to hear directly from Mexican government and civil society leaders about the impacts of US policy on outward migration, gun violence, and trade. Rep. Omar is a member of the Global Migration Caucus, the Congressional Labor Caucus, and the International Workers Rights Caucus.
- Ryan Morgan was invited to hear directly from Mexican government and civil society leaders about the impacts of US policy on outward migration, gun violence, and trade. Ryan works on these issues as a staffer in the office of Representative Omar.
- Representative Maxwell Frost was invited to hear directly from Mexican government and civil society leaders about the impacts of US policy on outward migration, gun violence, and trade. Rep. Frost serves on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and is a co-sponsor of the Stop Arming Cartels Act of 2025.
- River Curt was invited to hear directly from Mexican government and civil society leaders about the impacts of US policy on outward migration, gun violence, and trade. River works on these issues as a staffer in the office of Representative Frost.
- Representative Jesus “Chuy” Garcia was invited to hear directly from Mexican government and civil society leaders about the impacts of US policy on outward migration, gun violence, and trade. Rep. Garcia serves on the House Committee on Financial Services, and is a co-sponsor of the Stop Arming Cartels Act of 2025.
- Naomi Lake was invited to hear directly from Mexican government and civil society leaders about the impacts of US policy on outward migration, gun violence, and trade. Naomi works on these issues as a staffer in the office of Representative Garcia.
- Representative Summer Lee was invited to hear directly from Mexican government and civil society leaders about the impacts of US policy on outward migration, gun violence, and trade. Rep. Lee serves on the Committee for Oversight and Government Reform and is the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Federal Law Enforcement. Rep. Lee is a member of the Congressional Labor Caucus.
- Representative James McGovern was invited to hear directly from Mexican government and civil society leaders about the impacts of US policy on outward migration, gun violence, and trade. Representative McGovern is the co-chair of the Tom

Lantos Human Rights Commission and co-chair of the International Workers Rights Caucus, and he is a member of the Congressional Caucus on Global Migration.

- Representative Joaquin Castro was invited to hear directly from Mexican government and civil society leaders about the impacts of US policy on outward migration, gun violence, and trade. Rep. Castro is the author of the Stop Arming Cartels Act of 2025. Rep. Castro serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, where he is the ranking Member of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee.

- Michael “Mike” Darner was invited to hear directly from Mexican government and civil society leaders about the impacts of US policy on outward migration, gun violence, and trade. Mike works on these issues as the executive director of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, a 101-member caucus chaired by Congressman Greg Casar, alongside CPC Deputy Chair, Congresswoman Ilhan Omar, and CPC Whip, Congressman Jesús “Chuy” Garcia.

- Keane Bhatt was invited to hear directly from Mexican government and civil society leaders about the impacts of US policy on outward migration, gun violence, and trade. Keane works on these issues as the policy director of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, a 101-member caucus chaired by Congressman Greg Casar, alongside CPC Deputy Chair, Congresswoman Ilhan Omar, and CPC Whip, Congressman Jesús “Chuy” Garcia.

10: Schedule

Tuesday, July 29th

6:00 am - 9:55 am: Congressman Maxwell Frost, Ryan Morgan, Joseph Leonne, and River Curt fly from Washington DC (DCA) to Mexico City (MEX) on Delta flight 577

9:02 am - 11:25 am: Congresswoman Tlaib flies from Detroit (DTW) to Mexico City (MEX) on Delta flight 646

6:53 am - 11:50 am: Mike Darner flies from BWI (Baltimore) to Mexico City (MEX) on Delta flight 0588

9:16 am - 12:45 pm: Congresswoman Delia Ramirez and Congressmen Jonathan Jackson and Jesus “Chuy” Garcia fly from Chicago (ORD) to Mexico City (MEX) on United flight 359

8:20 am - 1:15 pm: Keane Bhatt flies from Washington DC (DCA) to Mexico City (MEX) on United flight 1088

1:15 - 2:30 pm: Deplane, clear customs and secure baggage

2:30 - 3:00 pm: Change money and get coffee/snacks

3:00 - 3:30 pm: Drive to Hotel Sevilla Palace and check in

3:30 - 4:00 pm: Executive time

4:00 - 4:30 pm: **Briefing for meeting with the Mexican President**

- *Delegates will learn about Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum and her administration's positions on issues US-Mexican relations, including the issues of migration, trade, and arms trafficking. Delegates will have time to discuss their priorities and questions for the day's meetings. This meeting is critical for delegates to prepare to meet with the Mexican President, to coordinate priorities and ensure the meeting is productive and efficient.*
- *Facilitators: Elise Roberts, Francesca Emanuele, Michael Galant*
- *Location: Hotel Sevilla Palace; Av. P.º de la Reforma 105, Tabacalera, Cuauhtémoc, 06030, Mexico City*

4:30 - 5:00 pm: travel from Hotel Sevilla Palace to National Palace

5:00 - 6:00 pm: **Meeting with President Claudia Sheinbaum**

- *Delegates will have the opportunity to hear from President Claudia Sheinbaum, ask questions, and discuss aspects of the delegation or broader themes in US-Mexican relations. This meeting is important because it provides the opportunity for delegates to hear from the Mexican President personally and to discuss ongoing US-Mexican relations directly with the current Mexican administration.*
- *Presenter: Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum*
- *Location: Palacio Nacional, Plaza de la Constitución S/N, Centro Histórico de la Cdad. de México, Cuauhtémoc, 06066 Mexico City*

6:00 - 6:30 pm: Travel from National Palace to Masala y Maiz Restaurant

6:30 - 8:00 pm: **Working Dinner and Orientation**

- *Delegates will review (1) the final agenda, (2) leadership roles for the trip, and (3) expectations and protocols. Delegates will have an opportunity to introduce themselves and hear from delegation leaders and interpreters. This meeting is important because it provides expectations and logistical information that delegates will need throughout the trip. The entirety of the allotted time for the working breakfast will be spent covering officially-connected activity.*

Presenters: Elise Roberts, Francesca Emanuele, Michael Galant

Location: Masala y Maiz; C. Artículo 123 116, Colonia Centro, Centro, Cuauhtémoc, 06040, Mexico City

8:00 - 8:15 pm: Travel from Masala y Maiz Restaurant to Hotel Sevilla Palace

- *Overnight at Hotel Sevilla Palace; Av. P.º de la Reforma 105, Tabacalera, Cuauhtémoc, 06030, Mexico City*

Wednesday, July 30th

8:00 - 9:00 am: Breakfast at Hotel Sevilla Palace

9:00 - 10:00 am: **Meeting with Mexican Office of Foreign Affairs**

- *Delegates will have the opportunity to hear from leading advisors to the Mexican President on issues that relate to US- Mexican relations, including migration, trade, and arms trafficking. Delegates will have opportunities to ask questions and discuss aspects of the delegation or broader themes in US-Mexican relations. This meeting is important because it provides the opportunity for delegates to discuss regional cooperation on migration, trade, and arms trafficking.*
- *Presenters: Robert Velasco, Mexican Secretary of Foreign Affairs - North America*
- *Location: Hotel Sevilla Palace; Av. P.º de la Reforma 105, Tabacalera, Cuauhtémoc, 06030, Mexico City*

10:00 - 10:30 am: Travel from Hotel Sevilla Palace to Casa Tochan

10:30 am - 12:00 pm: **Casa Tochan Briefing on Migration**

- *Delegates will have the opportunity to meet with migrants staying at Casa Tochan and hear from the director and staff. This meeting will provide the delegates with first-hand information about the reasons Mexicans and Central Americans are migrating to the US, and the work of Casa Tochan. The delegates will learn about the effects of US foreign policies on outward migration, and Mexican-led initiatives to protect migrants.*
- *Presenters: Gabriela Hernández Chalte, Directora del Albergue; Casa Tochan staff.*
- *Location: Casa Tochan, Pavoreal 40, José María Pino Suárez, Álvaro Obregón, 01140 Mexico City*

12:00 - 12:30 pm: Travel from Casa Tochan to LagoAlto Community Center

12:30 - 2:00 pm: Lunch at LagoAlgo Cultural Center

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm: **Civil Society Briefing on Arms Trafficking**

- *Delegates will have the opportunity to hear from organizations working to address gun violence in Mexico and discuss strategies to prevent and combat arms trafficking from the U.S. to Mexico. Delegates will hear first-hand testimony from people affected by arms trafficking and will have the opportunity to ask questions. This meeting is important because it provides the opportunity for delegates to discuss regional cooperation on arms trafficking with leading civil society groups.*
- *Presenters: Organizational Members from Desarmando el Miedo Coalition*
- *Location: LagoAlgo Cultural Center, Bosque de Chapultepec, Pista El Sope S/N, Bosque de Chapultepec II Secc, Miguel Hidalgo, 11100 Mexico City*

4:00 - 4:30 pm: Travel from Lago Alto to Pocha House

4:30 - 6:00 pm: **Meeting with Pocha House**

- *Delegates will have the opportunity to hear about the mission and work of Pocha House, a community center and nonprofit committed to supporting young people deported from the United States, known as “Lxs Otrxs Dreamers.” Delegates will have the opportunity to meet with young people deported from the United States and to hear from the director and staff. This meeting will provide the delegates with first-hand information about the experiences of young people deported from the United States and the opportunity to learn about Mexican-led initiatives to support them.*
- *Presenters: Leni Alvarez, Co-Director, Otros Dreams en Acción; Pocha house staff and members*
- *Location: Pocha House; Tonalá 194-int. C, Roma Nte., Cuauhtémoc, 06700 Mexico City*

6:00 - 6:30 pm: Travel from Pocha house to Baldio

6:30 - 8:00 pm: Dinner at Baldio

8:00 - 8:15 pm: Travel from Baldio to Hotel Sevilla Palace

- *Overnight at Hotel Sevilla Palace; Av. P.º de la Reforma 105, Tabacalera, Cuauhtémoc, 06030, Mexico City*

Thursday, July 31st

7:30 - 8:30 am: Breakfast at Hotel Sevilla Palace

8:30 - 9:00 am: travel to government meetings

9:00 - 11:00 am: **Meeting with Members of the President’s Cabinet**

- *Delegates will have the opportunity to hear from leading advisors to the President about issues that relate to US- Mexican relations, including migration, trade, and arms trafficking. Delegates will have opportunities to ask questions and discuss aspects of the delegation or broader themes in US-Mexican relations. This meeting is important because it provides the opportunity for delegates to learn about the current effects*
- *Presenters: Alicia Barcena, Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources and Marcelo Ebrard, Secretary of the Economy*
- *Location: Hotel Sevilla Palace; Av. P.º de la Reforma 105, Tabacalera, Cuauhtémoc, 06030, Mexico City*

11:00 am - 12:00 pm: Travel from government meetings to Maizajo, with stop at hotel

12:00 - 1:00 pm: **Meet with Maizajo Workers** about their work to preserve traditional farming and cooking practices

- *Delegates will have the opportunity to hear about the mission and work of Maizajo, a restaurant committed to preserving traditional farming and cooking practices. Delegates will hear about their initiative to support local food sovereignty and support job creation in the restaurant and farming industries. This meeting will provide the delegates with first-hand information about the experiences of Mexican workers, and the impacts of trade agreements on corn production, food sovereignty, and migration.*
- *Presenters: Maizajo owners and workers*
- *Location: Maizajo, Fernando Montes de Oca 113, Colonia Condesa, Cuauhtémoc, 06140 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico*

1:00 - 2:00 pm: Lunch at Maizajo Taqueria

2:00 - 4:00 pm: **Civil Society Briefing on Labor and Trade**

- *Delegates will have the opportunity to hear from leading unions and labor advocates about recent efforts to unionize workers in Mexico and to discuss their perspectives on labor rights and enforcement under the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). The delegates will hear about recent reforms in Mexico's labor system and their implementation. The discussion will include opportunities for cooperation on labor justice and fair working conditions, and delegates will have the opportunity to ask questions. This meeting is important because it provides the opportunity for delegates to discuss regional cooperation on labor rights and to hear directly from leading Mexican unions about how their work to protect workers rights in Mexico is impacted by past and current trade agreements with the United States.*
- *Presenters: Hector de la Cueva, Casa Obrera; Alejandra Morales, SINTTIA; Gilberto Garcia, ITF- Mexico*
- *Location: Maizajo, Fernando Montes de Oca 113, Colonia Condesa, Cuauhtémoc, 06140 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico*

4:00 - 4:30 pm: travel from Maizajo to Hotel Sevilla Palace

4:30 - 5:30 pm: **Final Debrief**

- *Delegates will debrief the delegation's meetings and have time to ask questions and consider follow up communications. Delegates will have the opportunity to review notes and discuss possible next steps related to the meetings, and facilitators will ensure they have all proper contact information for follow up communications. This meeting is important to help delegates determine next steps and to increase their capacity to navigate continued work related to US-Mexico relations.*
- *Facilitators: Elise Roberts, Francesca Emanuele, Michael Galant*
- *Location: Hotel Sevilla Palace; Av. P.º de la Reforma 105, Tabacalera, Cuauhtémoc, 06030, Mexico City*

5:30 - 7:00 pm: Executive time

7:00 - 8:00 pm: Dinner at Hotel Sevilla Palace

- *Overnight at Hotel Sevilla Palace; Av. P.º de la Reforma 105, Tabacalera, Cuauhtémoc, 06030, Mexico City*

Friday, August 1st

8:00 - 9:00 am: Breakfast at Hotel Sevilla Palace

9:00 - 9:30 am: Travel from Hotel Sevilla Palace to Mexico City airport

9:30 - 11:35 am: Check in, clear security, board plane

11:35 am - 8:56 pm: Delegates fly from Mexico City (MEX) to Washington DC (DCA) on United flight 1089

12: The Partnership for Participatory International Policy (P-PIP) is a national organization with a mission focused on facilitating meaningful interactions between elected officials, their staff, and individuals directly affected by US policies and practices. Our core commitment lies in supporting international grassroots delegations, allowing policymakers to engage directly with those impacted; our goal is fostering informed policy-making and a greater understanding of the historical and current real-world implications of US policies. P-PIP supported the logistical planning for the trip and invited participants for the delegation, and P-PIP's director and staff will travel on the delegation. P-PIP will provide the funding for Congressional travel by using general operating funds.

The Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR) is a national organization based in Washington D.C. CEPR promotes democratic debate on issues that affect people's lives, in the US and other parts of the world. Through rigorous, independent research and analysis CEPR strives to provide the general public and policymakers with the tools to better understand the problems and choices that they face. CEPR is committed to presenting issues in an accurate and understandable manner, so that the public is better prepared to choose among various policy options. CEPR provided meeting planning support for the trip and helped in inviting participants for the delegation. Three CEPR staff will be attending the delegation. CEPR did not provide any funding for Congressional travel.

15(b)2: The objective of the delegation is to hear directly from Mexicans about the impacts of US policies on migration, gun violence, and trade. The specific locations and meetings were chosen based on where Mexican organizations are located and where P-PIP can ensure the safety of the delegates.

Tuesday, July 29th

- 5:45- 7:27 am: Congresswoman Summer Lee flew from Pittsburgh (PIT) to Atlanta (ATL) on Delta flight 1504
- 6:00 - 7:44 am: Ryan Morgan, Joseph Leone, Marina Sangit, Naomi Lake, River Curt, Keane Bhatt, and Joycelyn Pickens flew from Washington DC (DCA) to Atlanta (ATL) on Delta flight 410
- 6:15 - 7:45 am: Congressman Frost flew from Orlando to Atlanta on Delta flight 1494
- 6:53 - 8:43 am: Michael Darner flew from Baltimore (BWI) to Atlanta (ATL) on Delta flight 2579
- 8:27 - 9:55 am: Congressman Maxwell Frost and Congresswoman Summer Lee flew from Atlanta (ATL) to Mexico City (MEX) on Delta flight 577
- 9:02 - 11:25 am: Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib flew from Detroit (DTW) to Mexico City (MEX) on Delta flight 646
- 9:16 am - 12:45 pm: Congresswoman Delia Ramirez, Congressman Jesus “Chuy” Garcia, and Benjamin Guerrero flew from Chicago (ORD) to Mexico City (MEX) on United flight 359
- 9:56 am - 1:40 pm: Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and Sarah Groh flew from Boston (BOS) to Mexico City (MEX) on Delta flight 8979
- 10:20 - 11:50 am: Michael Darner, , Ryan Morgan, Joseph Leone, Marina Sangit, Naomi Lake, Keane Bhatt, Joycelyn Pickens, and River Curt flew from Atlanta (ATL) to Mexico City (MEX) on Delta flight 588
- 9:55 am - 2:30 pm: Delegates deplaned, cleared customs, secured baggage, changed money, got coffee/snacks
- 2:30 - 3:30 pm: Traveled to Hotel Sevilla Palace and checked in to hotel rooms
- 3:45 - 4:00 pm: **Welcome briefing**
- *Delegates held an initial meeting to introduce the delegation team, set top-line expectations and goals, and share pertinent information for the coming briefing. Delegates had an opportunity to introduce themselves and hear from delegation leaders and interpreters.*
 - *Presenter: Elise Roberts*
 - *Location: Hotel Sevilla Palace; Av. P.º de la Reforma 105, Tabacalera, Cuauhtémoc, 06030, Mexico City*
- 4:00 - 4:30 pm: Travel from Hotel Sevilla Palace to Centro Prodh
- 4:30 - 6:30 pm: **Civil Society Briefing on Arms Trafficking**
- *Delegates had the opportunity to hear from organizations working to address gun violence in Mexico and discuss strategies to prevent and combat arms trafficking from the U.S. to Mexico. Delegates heard first-hand testimony from people affected by arms trafficking and had the opportunity to ask questions. This meeting was important because*

it provided the opportunity for delegates to discuss regional cooperation on arms trafficking with leading civil society groups.

- *Presenters: María Luisa Aguilar Rodríguez - Centro Prodh; Desarmando el Miedo Coalition; Gerardo Álvarez - México Contra la Delincuencia; Sara San Martín Romero - Movimiento por Nuestros Desaparecidos en México; Grace Mahogany Fernández Morán - Buscando Desaparecidos México; Javier Barajas and María del Tránsito Piña, father and mother of Javier and Guadalupe Barajas Piña — the latter forcibly disappeared by organized crime, and the former murdered by organized crime after locating his sister. .*
- *Location: Centro Prodh, Serapio Rendon 57B, San Rafael, Cuauhtémoc, 06470 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico*

6:30 - 7:00 pm: Travel from Centro Prodh to Escuela de Gastronomía Mexicana

7:00 - 8:30 pm: **Working Dinner and Orientation**

- *Delegates reviewed (1) the final agenda, (2) leadership roles for the trip, and (3) expectations and protocols. This meeting was important because it provided expectations and logistical information that delegates would need throughout the trip. The entirety of the allotted time for the working dinner was spent covering officially-connected activity. Presenters: Elise Roberts, Francesca Emanuele, Michael Galant*
- *Location: Escuela de Gastronomía Mexicana, Manuel María Contreras 107, San Rafael, Cuauhtémoc, CDMX*

8:00 - 8:15 pm: Travel from Escuela de Gastronomía Mexicana to Hotel Sevilla Palace

- *Overnight at Hotel Sevilla Palace; Av. P.º de la Reforma 105, Tabacalera, Cuauhtémoc, 06030, Mexico City*

Wednesday, July 30th

8:00 - 9:00: **Travel to Ministry of the Environment, with briefing on the way**

- *Delegates received background information on the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, environmental initiatives undertaken by the present administration in Mexico, and environmental issues relevant to US-Mexico relations. The entirety of the allotted time for travel was spent covering officially-connected activity.*
- *Presenters: Elise Roberts, Francesca Emanuele, Michael Galant*
- *Location: Private bus, en route between hotel and Ministry of the Environment*

9:00 - 11:00 am: **Meeting with Ministry of the Environment**

- *Delegates had the opportunity to hear from leading advisors to the President on issues that relate to US-Mexican environmental initiatives.*
- *Presenters: Alicia Barcena, Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, and staff*
- *Location: Av. Ejército Nacional Mexicano 223, Anáhuac I Secc, Miguel Hidalgo, 11320 Mexico City.*

9:18 am - 12:40 pm: Congresswoman Ilhan Omar flew from Minneapolis (MSP) to Mexico City (MEX) on Delta flight 611

11:00 - 11:30: Travel from Ministry of the Environment to Hotel Sevilla Palace

11:30 - 12:30: Working Brunch and **Delegation Briefing at Hotel Sevilla Palace**

- *Delegates had the opportunity to discuss learnings from the first sessions of the delegation, to share thoughts regarding the challenges facing US-Mexico relations, and to ask questions about the political context in Mexico as it related to the remainder of the schedule. The entirety of the allotted time for the working brunch was spent covering officially-connected activity.*
- *Presenters: Elise Roberts*
- *Location: Hotel Sevilla Palace, Av. P.º de la Reforma 105, Tabacalera, Cuauhtémoc, 06030, Mexico City*

12:30 - 2:00: Executive time

12:40 - 2:00 pm: Congresswoman Ilhan Omar deplanes, clears customs, and travels to ESME to join Civil Society event

2:00 - 2:15 pm: Travel from Hotel Sevilla Palace to Teatro del Sindicato Mexicano de Electricistas - SME

2:15 - 5:00 pm: Working lunch and **Civil Society Briefing on Labor and Trade**

- *Delegates had the opportunity to hear from leading unions and labor advocates about recent efforts to unionize workers in Mexico and to discuss their perspectives on labor rights and enforcement under the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). The delegates heard about recent reforms in Mexico's labor system and their implementation, as well as other trade-related issues of food, land, and dispute settlement. The delegation heard about potential opportunities for cooperation on labor justice and fair working conditions, and delegates had the opportunity to ask questions. This meeting was important because it provided the opportunity for delegates to discuss regional cooperation on labor rights and to hear directly from leading Mexican unions about how their work to protect workers rights in Mexico is impacted by past and current trade agreements with the United States. The entirety of the allotted time for the working lunch was spent covering officially-connected activity.*
- *Presenters: Hector de la Cueva - CILAS; Alejandra Morales - SINTTIA; María Leticia López Zepeda - Sin Maíz No Hay País; Sindicato Mexicano de Electricistas; Dra. María Teresa Haces, UNAM*
- *Location: Insurgentes Centro 98, San Rafael, Cuauhtémoc, 06470 Mexico City*

5:00 - 5:30 pm: Travel from Teatro del Sindicato Mexicano de Electricistas - ESME to Hotel Sevilla Palace

5:30 - 6:30 pm: **Meeting with the Deputy Minister of Economy**

- *Delegates had the opportunity to hear an update on tariff negotiations, trade agreements, and economic cooperation between the United States and Mexico. Additionally, they gained insights into Mexico's trade policy priorities, main challenges, and opportunities in the bilateral relationship.*
- *Presenter: Vidal Llerenas, Deputy Minister of Economy.*

- *Location: Hotel Sevilla Palace; Av. P.º de la Reforma 105, Tabacalera, Cuauhtémoc,*
- *06030, Mexico City.*

6:30 - 7:00 pm: Travel from Hotel Sevilla Palace to Comedor Lucerna

7:00 - 8:30 pm: Dinner at Comedor Lucerna, C. Lucerna 51, Juárez, Cuauhtémoc

8:30 - 9:00 pm: Return to Hotel Sevilla Palace

Overnight at Hotel Sevilla Palace; Av. P.º de la Reforma 105, Tabacalera, Cuauhtémoc, 06030, Mexico City

Thursday, July 31

8:00 - 8:15 am: Travel from Hotel Sevilla Palace to Cafe Habana

8:15 - 9:45 am: **Working breakfast at Cafe Habana with Otros Dreams en Accion**

- *Delegates had a working breakfast with members of Otros Dreams en Accion (ODA), an organization of people that have been affected by the experiences of deportation and forced return. They had the opportunity to discuss the work of ODA in building safe spaces for deportees in Mexico. This meeting was important as members learned more about the experience of those deported to Mexico and other impacts of US migration policy. The entirety of the allotted time for the working breakfast was spent covering officially-connected activity.*
- *Presenter: Leni Alvarez, Coordinator at Otros Dreams in Action*
- *Location: Av. Morelos 62, Juárez, Cuauhtémoc, 06600 Ciudad de México*

9:45 - 10:30 am: Travel from Cafe Habana to Casa Tochan

10:30 am - 12:30 pm: **Casa Tochan Briefing on Migration**

- *Delegates had the opportunity to meet with migrants staying at Casa Tochan and to hear from the director and staff. This meeting provided the delegates with first-hand information about the reasons Mexicans and Central Americans are migrating to the US, and the work of Casa Tochan. The delegates learned about the effects of US foreign policies on outward migration, and Mexican-led initiatives to protect migrants.*
- *Presenters: Gabriela Hernández Chalte, Shelter Director; Casa Tochan staff.*
- *Location: Casa Tochan, Pavoreal 40, José María Pino Suárez, Álvaro Obregón, 01140 Mexico City*

12:30 - 1:00 pm: **Travel from Casa Tochan to Baldío Restaurant, with migration root causes briefing on the way**

- *En route from Casa Tochan to Baldío, delegates were briefed on CEPR research regarding the root causes of migration. Delegates had the opportunity to discuss their learnings from Casa Tochan. This was important to allow for a discussion and debrief of the Casa Tochan experience, and to further delve into the policy issues underlying the experiences of migrants from South and Central America. The entirety of the allotted time for travel was spent covering officially-connected activity.*
- *Presenters: Michael Galant, Francesca Emanuele, delegate participants*

- *Location: Private bus en route between Casa Tochan and Baldío*
- 1:00 - 2:30 pm: **Working lunch and presentation on Food Sovereignty**
 - *Delegates had the opportunity to hear about the mission and work of Baldío, a zero-waste restaurant sourcing ingredients from regenerative farms and traditional chinampas. They learned about its initiatives to eliminate food waste, strengthen local agriculture, and preserve ancestral food practices. Delegates also heard from Procurador Agrario Víctor Suárez Carrera, an expert in Mexican food and agricultural policy. This meeting provided the delegates with first-hand information about the experiences of Mexican workers, and the impacts of trade agreements on corn production, food sovereignty, and migration. The entirety of the allotted time for the working lunch was spent covering officially-connected activity.*
 - *Presenters: Lucio Usobiaga, Owner of Baldío; Procurador Agrario Víctor Suárez Carrera*
 - *Location: El Baldío, Antonio Sola 26, Colonia Condesa, Cuauhtémoc, 06140 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico*
- 2:30 - 3:00 pm: Travel from Baldío to the Hotel Sevilla Palace
- 3:00 - 4:30 pm: **Final Debrief**
 - *Delegates debriefed the delegation's meetings and had time to ask questions and consider follow up communications. Delegates had the opportunity to review notes and discuss possible next steps related to the meetings, and facilitators ensured that they had all proper contact information for follow-up communications. This meeting was important to help delegates determine next steps and to increase their capacity to navigate continued work related to US-Mexico relations.*
 - *Facilitators: Elise Roberts, Francesca Emanuele, Michael Galant*
 - *Location: Hotel Sevilla Palace; Av. P.º de la Reforma 105, Tabacalera, Cuauhtémoc, 06030, Mexico City*
- 4:30 pm: Congresswomen Ilhan Omar, Summer Lee, Rashida Tlaib, Delia Ramirez, Congressman Jesus “Chuy” Garcia, Keane Bhatt, Michael Darner, Naomi Lake, Joseph Leone and Ryan Morgan concluded all P-PIP sponsored programming.
- 6:00 - 8:00 pm: Dinner at Hotel Sevilla Palace
 - *Overnight at Hotel Sevilla Palace; Av. P.º de la Reforma 105, Tabacalera, Cuauhtémoc, 06030, Mexico City*

Friday, August 1st

- 8:00 - 9:00 am: Breakfast at Hotel Sevilla Palace
- 9:00 am: Congressman Frost concludes all P-PIP sponsored programming and transitions to personal travel.
- 8:45 am - 3:31 pm: Marina Sangit, Joycelyn Pickens and Sarah Groh flew from Mexico City (MEX) to Washington DC (IAD) on Delta flight 8976

12:45 pm - 8:16 pm: Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley flew from Mexico City (MEX) to Boston on Delta flight 8980

2:10 pm - 7:35 pm Benjamin Guerrero flew from Mexico City (MEX) to Chicago (ORD) on United flight 474

August 3rd

6:55 am - 2:00 pm: River Curt flew from Mexico City (MEX) to New York City (JFK) on Delta flight 8004

4:20 - 6:14 pm: River Curt flew from New York City (JFK) to Washington DC (DCA) on Delta flight 5699

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1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: Partnership for Participatory International Policy
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3. Yes No Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
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 - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
 - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 6/23/2025

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July 28, 2025

Mr. Keane Bhatt
Congressional Progressive Caucus
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Bhatt:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Mexico,¹ scheduled for July 29 to 31, 2025, sponsored by Partnership for Participatory International Policy and Center for Economic and Policy Research. We note you are not accepting return transportation from the trip sponsor.

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,



Michael Guest
Chairman



Mark DeSaulnier
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