

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.

- Name of Traveler: Michael Darner
- a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
- a. Dates: Departure: 7/31/25 Return: 8/3/25
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
- Departure City: Baltimore, MD Destination: Mexico City, MX Return City: Baltimore, MD
- Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Panamerican Exchange, Inc.
- Describe Meetings and Events Attended: See attachments
- Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box:*
 - a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
 - the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
- 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

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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Panamerican Exchange Inc.

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

3. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: August 3, 2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Michael Darner

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	\$278.87	\$240.81	\$271.24	\$66.67 - Translation services
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: August 12, 2025

Name: David Adler Title: Director

Organization: Panamerican Exchange, Inc.

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

Address: 17434 Palora Street, Encino, California 91316, USA

Telephone: 651-353-2256 Email: david.adler@panamericancongr

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: Michael Darnier

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): Progressive Caucus

Office Address: 446 Cannon House Office Building

Telephone Number: (202) 225-5645

Email Address of Contact Person: michael.darnier@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.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Michael Darner
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Panamerican Exchange Inc.
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Mexico City, Mexico
4. a. Date of Departure: July 31, 2025 Date of Return: August 3, 2025
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 the Executive Director of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, my attendance will focus on establishing and maintaining effective communication and relationships with key regional partners. This dialogue on trade, human rights, economic cooperation, and foreign relations will help shape the CPC's policy agenda during the 119th Congress.

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: _____

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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:

Panamerican Exchange Inc.

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box.

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

- a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
- b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
- c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____

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

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

6. Date of Departure: July 31, 2025 Date of Return: August 3, 2025

7. a. City of departure: Varies by participant

b. Destination(s): Mexico City, Mexico

c. City of return: Varies by participant

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

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

9. **Check only one of the following.**
- a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____
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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
 - b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
See attached.
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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:

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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): _____
\$123
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See attached.
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Sevilla Palace City: Mexico City, MX Cost Per Night: \$113
 Reason(s) for Selecting: Centrally located to scheduled events, meetings, and Mexican Congress.

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	\$1500	\$339	\$369
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	\$1500	Interpretation, Photography
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: June 12, 2025
 Name: David Adler Title: Director
 Organization: Panamerican Exchange Inc.
 Address: 17434 Palora Street, Encino, California 91316, USA
 Email: contact@panamericancongress.org Telephone: 651-353-2256

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Question #4

**Panamerican Exchange Inc.
2025 Panamerican Congress
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Attending Invited House Members and House Staff**

Representative Jesus “Chuy” Garcia – A veteran in U.S.-Latin American affairs and Deputy Whip of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, his attendance seeks to reinforce existing relationships with key regional partners. It will also support enhanced collaboration and facilitate further introductions to relevant U.S. stakeholders across areas such as climate, peace, trade, and democracy.

Representative Ilhan Omar – A prominent voice on foreign policy and Deputy Chairwoman of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, her presence is expected to contribute significantly to the hemispheric dialogue. The Congress will also offer her deeper understanding of the region and its relationship with the United States and allow for additional introductions to U.S. partners engaged in peace and democracy efforts..

Representative Rashida Tlaib – A key legislator focused on foreign policy and peace initiatives, her participation will contribute to the hemispheric dialogue. It also presents an opportunity for her to gain knowledge about the region's history and its relationship with the U.S., and to foster new connections with U.S. partners involved in peace, climate, and democracy matters.

Representative Delia Ramirez – As a representative of Latin American diaspora communities and a participant in the 2024 Congress, her continued attendance emphasizes the strengthening of ties with U.S. partners on shared hemispheric initiatives. It further supports ongoing learning about Latin American policy priorities

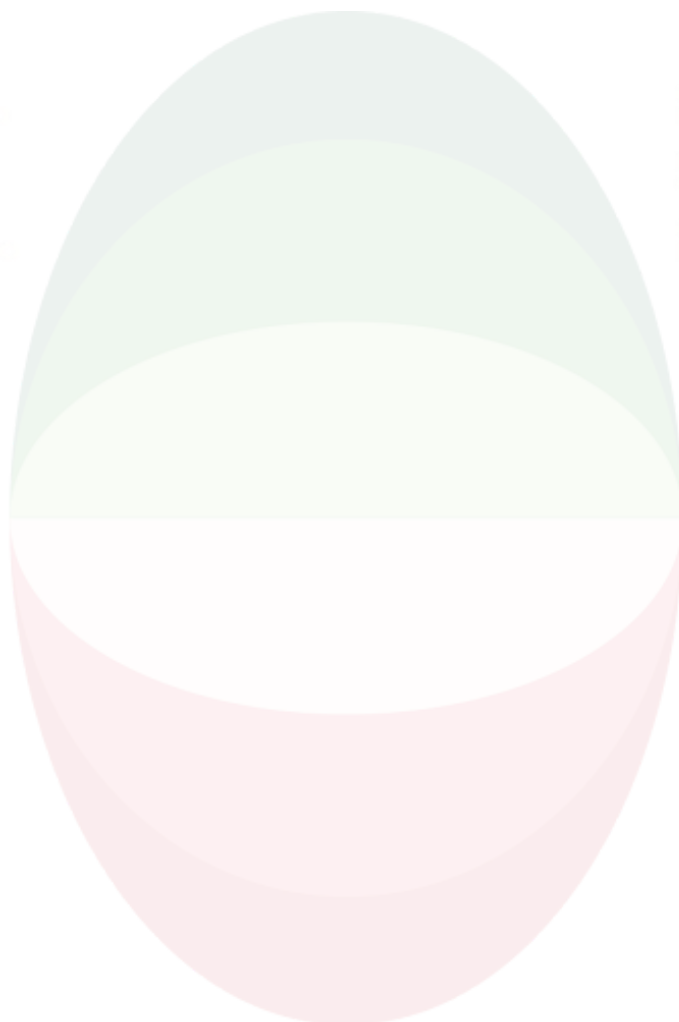
Representative Summer Lee – As a newer member of Congress with an emerging interest in U.S.-Latin American relations, the Congress serves as an educational opportunity regarding the region and provides introductions to U.S. partners and parliamentarians in areas of mutual concern, including climate, peace, labor, and democracy.

Representative Ayanna Pressley – As an active member of the Progressive and Congressional Black caucus, her participation aims to facilitate meaningful dialogue on areas of mutual interest, including climate change, economic inclusion, and the expansion of democracy. It also provides an opportunity for her to gain further insights into the region's history, which is new to her, and its relationship with the United States through interaction with regional parliamentarians.

Mr. Michael Darner – As Executive Director of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, his attendance aims to maintain effective communication and relationships with key partners upon returning to the U.S. He will also facilitate introductions to relevant U.S. partners focused on peace, climate, and democracy initiatives.

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Mr. Keane Bhatt – As Policy Director of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, his participation supports ongoing communication and relationships with key partners following the Congress. He will also make introductions to U.S. partners engaged in peace, climate, and democracy-related work.



Question #12

The Panamerican Exchange is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that continues the work of the first Panamerican Congress (2024) that facilitates dialogue among leaders and legislators across the Americas and the Caribbean.

Sponsor's Interest:

The Panamerican Exchange's interest in the subject matter of the Congressional trip to Mexico City is rooted in its mission to foster understanding and cooperation on key issues facing the Western Hemisphere. These issues, as indicated in the document, include, but are not limited to:

- **Migration:** This is a significant challenge affecting numerous countries in the region, involving complex economic, social, and humanitarian factors.
- **Security:** Ensuring regional security is a shared concern, encompassing issues like transnational crime, drug trafficking, and border protection.
- **Democracy and Equality:** Strengthening democratic institutions and promoting social equality are essential for the stability and progress of the region.

The broader aims of the Panamerican Congress involve bringing together leaders to discuss public policy, find common ground on global issues, and continue the success of the first congress last year.

Sponsor's Role:

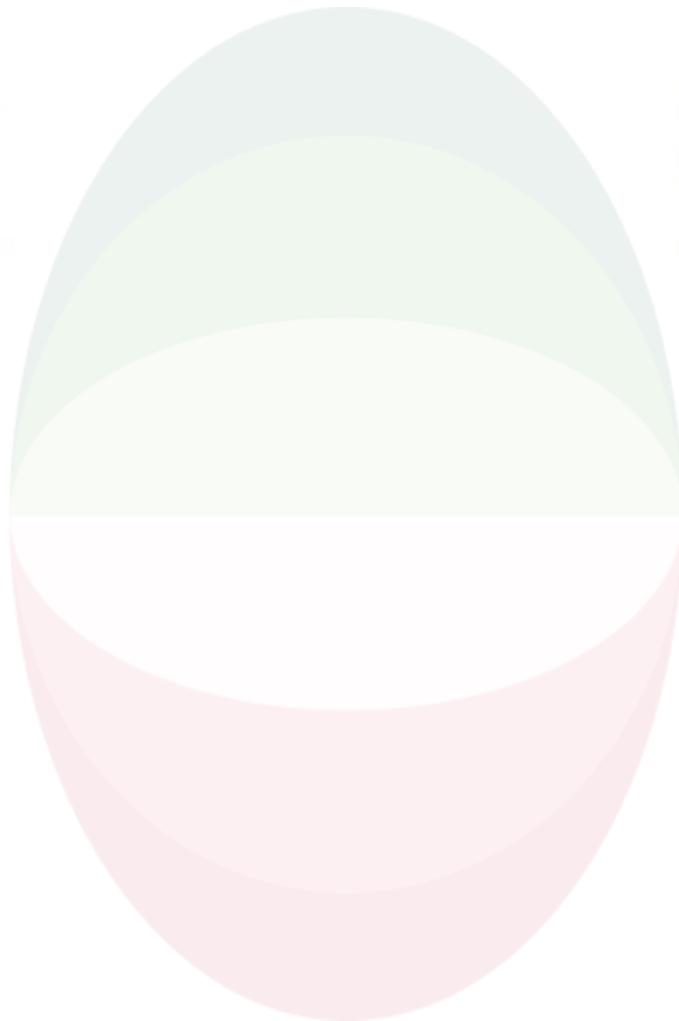
The Panamerican Exchange plays a sole role in organizing and convening the Panamerican Congress and is responsible for the following,

- **Organization:** The Exchange is responsible for organizing the Congress and selecting the delegates from various countries in the region.
- **Fiscal Sponsor:** It acts as the primary fiscal sponsor, meaning it manages all financial aspects of the Congress.
- **Agenda Setting:** The Exchange determines the agenda, as well as the topics/themes of discussions that will take place during the Congress.
- **Logistics:** It handles the logistical arrangements for the Congress, ensuring the smooth operation of the event, including contracting transportation, photography, interpretation, and arranging possible meetings for US Members of Congress and country delegations during the Congress.

In essence, the Panamerican Exchange is the principal convenor behind the Panamerican Congress, from its conception and planning to its execution.

Question #15

Recognizing the fluctuating congressional schedule this year, efforts were made to ensure that attending the Panamerican Congress is as convenient as possible for members and congressional staff. Additionally, last year at the first Panamerican Congress, it was decided that Mexico City, Mexico would host the Panamerican Congress in 2025.



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Preliminary Agenda of Activities
Day 0 - Thursday, July 31, 2025

17:00: Delegates transfer from Sevilla Palace Hotel to Protocol Greeting

19:00: Protocol Greeting at the National Palace of Mexico

Welcome words from President Claudia Sheinbaum

20:00: Transfer from the Palace to dinner

20:30 - 22:30: Dinner with Congress Orientation in the Zócalo

Location: El Mayor

The dinner will be an informal space to begin building relationships between Panamerican leaders from across the hemisphere while enjoying Mexican gastronomy and culture. Brief welcome words will be offered by the Congress Coordinating Team, before an orientation to the themes of the meeting: *democracy, equality, prosperity, sustainability, sovereignty, and solidarity.*

22:30: Transfer from restaurant to hotel

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Day 1 - Friday, August 1, 2025

07:00 - 08:00: Breakfast at the hotel

08:30: Transfer from Sevilla Palace Hotel to Casona de Xicoténcatl

09:00 to 10:30: Inaugural Act

Location: Casona de Xicoténcatl (Former Seat of the Senate of Mexico)

A formal ceremony marking the official opening of the second PanAmerican Congress, with keynote speeches from Mexican congressional leadership, international delegates, and special guests. The ceremony will establish the key objectives for hemispheric discussion and dialogue.

10:30 to 10:45: Official photo

10:45: Transfer from Casona de Xicoténcatl to Senate

11:15 to 12:00: Opening Session

Location: Senate of the Republic of Mexico

A plenary meeting to establish the framework discussion for the Congress. Delegates will review the topics identified during the preparatory consultations, the working methodology of the closed-door sessions, and the specific discussion objectives for those sessions.

~~**12:00:** Coffee Break with Snacks~~

12:00 to 14:00: Working Session 1 - Pt. 1 (three parallel sessions)

Location: Senate of the Republic of Mexico

Parallel working sessions, closed-door, organized around three of the six main themes of the Congress: **Democracy (theme 1) Equality (theme 2), Prosperity (theme 3)**. Each session will be presented by representatives of the Federal Secretariats and the Head of Government of Mexico City, facilitated by moderators, and will provide opportunities for legislators to share experiences, challenges, and successful strategies from their respective countries. These intimate discussions will allow for frank dialogue.

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~~13:30 to 14:00: Coffee Break with Snacks~~

~~**Location:** Senate of the Republic of Mexico~~

~~Coffee breaks will serve as additional informal spaces for US members to engage in bilateral discussions with counterparts from Mexico and across the hemisphere.~~

14:10 to 15:00: Working Session 1 – Pt. 2 (three parallel sessions)

Location: Senate of the Republic of Mexico

Parallel working sessions, closed-door, organized around three of the main six themes of the Congress: **Democracy (theme 1)**, **Equality (theme 2)**, **Prosperity (theme 3)**. Each session will be presented by representatives of the relevant Federal Secretariats and the Head of Government of Mexico City, facilitated by moderators, and will provide opportunities for legislators to share experiences, challenges, and successful strategies from their respective countries. These intimate discussions will allow for frank dialogue.

15:45: Transfer from the Senate to Cafe De Tacuba

15:45 to 17:00: Working Lunch

Location: Restaurante Café De Tacuba

Restaurante Café de Tacuba provides the ideal intimate atmosphere for US members to continue their bilateral discussions inaugurated during the Congress coffee break and broaden their networks across the delegations from the other participating countries.

17:15 to 17:30: Walking transfer from the Restaurant to Public Event

17:30 to 19:30: Public Dialogue

Location: Teatro Esperanza Iris

A high-level public event with prominent speakers from among the special guests and delegates of the Congress. This approximately 2-hour event will showcase progressive visions for hemispheric cooperation before a general audience, with speakers addressing key topics of the Congress. The format will combine individual presentations with moderated panel discussions, offering simultaneous translation for international participants.

19:30: Transfer from the Theater to the hotel

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20:00: Free Evening

Day 2 - Saturday, August 2, 2025

07:00 to 08:15: Breakfast at the hotel

08:15 to 08:45: Transfer from the hotel to the Senate (walking - 5 minutes). However, registration time at the Senate entrance should be considered.

09:00 to 10:30: Working Session 2 — Pt. 1 & Pt. 2 (three parallel sessions)

Location: Senate of the Republic of Mexico

The second round of parallel working sessions, organized around three of the main themes of the Congress: **Sustainability (theme 4)**, **Sovereignty (theme 5)**, **Solidarity (theme 6)**, building on the previous day's discussions. Each session will be presented by representatives of the relevant Federal Secretariats and the Head of Government of Mexico City, facilitated by moderators, and will provide opportunities for legislators to share experiences, challenges, and successful strategies from their respective countries. These sessions will focus on discussing shared principles and practical policies that delegates may adapt to their countries of origin.

10:30 to 10:45: Coffee with Snacks

Location: Senate of the Republic of Mexico

~~Coffee breaks will serve as additional informal spaces for US members to engage in bilateral discussions with counterparts from Mexico and across the hemisphere.~~

Working Session 2 — Pt. 2 (three parallel sessions)

Location: Senate of the Republic of Mexico

The third and final round of parallel working sessions, organized around three of the main themes of the Congress: **Sustainability (theme 4)**, **Sovereignty (theme 5)**, **Solidarity (theme 6)**, building on previous discussions. Each session will be presented by representatives of the relevant Federal Secretariats and the Head of Government of Mexico City, facilitated by moderators, and will provide opportunities for legislators to share experiences, challenges, and successful strategies from their respective countries. Delegates will share ideas for ongoing discussion throughout the hemisphere.

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12:00: Transfer from the Senate to cultural activity

13:00 to 17:30: Field Visits

An afternoon program showcasing the rich cultural heritage and ongoing transformation of Mexico. Delegates will visit significant historical, cultural, and political sites in Mexico City, gaining a deeper understanding of the country's progressive traditions and contemporary social movements. The activity may include guided tours, artistic presentations, and opportunities for informal dialogue between participants.

Proposed activity offers two main options for delegates: (1) the renowned 'Utopías' project in the borough of Iztapalapa, curated by Mayor Clara Brugada with a tour of the 'cablebus' overlooking the periphery of the city; (2) the beautiful Chapultepec park, with its historical Castle and an opportunity to visit the Museum of Anthropology, with its extensive collection of pre-Hispanic works and tour of Mexico City history.

The two distinct field visit options are crucial components that profoundly enrich the trip's purpose. These visits:

- **Deepen Connections through Informal Networking:** Moving beyond formal settings, these visits foster authentic, personal connections and trust among participants, which are foundational to effective hemispheric discussion.
- **Facilitate Mutual Understanding:** By offering firsthand exposure and interactive experiences, these visits enable a more profound and nuanced understanding of the issues and cultures, far surpassing what can be achieved in a traditional meeting room.
- **Cultivate Essential Cultural Exchange:** Direct immersion in local contexts provides invaluable insights into diverse perspectives and challenges, directly bolstering the Panamerican Congress's core mission of fostering hemispheric cooperation based on "solidarity between peoples and sovereignty among nations."

These immersive and interactive field experiences are indispensable to realizing the Panamerican Congress's objectives to build community and chart a course for hemispheric cooperation.

Lunch will be provided to all delegates during their choice of cultural activity.

16:30: Transfer from cultural activity to hotel

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17:30 to 20:15: Individual Bilateral meetings with Mexican Delegates, Colombian Delegates, and Guatemalan Delegates

Location: Sevilla Palace Hotel

20:15 to 21:00: Transfer from the hotel to the Congress Reception

20:00 to 23:30: Congress Reception (Optional)

Location: to be confirmed

The Congress Reception will both provide dinner options to Congress delegates and a unique opportunity to dialogue with representatives of Mexican civil society who were not present in the closed-door deliberations inside the Senate. This social event will strengthen personal bonds between delegates in a relaxed atmosphere, building the foundation for lasting dialogue and relationships beyond the formal sessions of the Congress.

Day 3 - Sunday, August 3, 2025

07:30 to 08:30: Breakfast at the hotel and check-out for delegates

08:30: Transfer to closing session

09:00 to 12:00: Closing Session and Closing Remarks

Location: Salón Iberoamericano of the Secretariat of Public Education

In this final plenary meeting, delegates and special guests will review and discuss the results of the working sessions. The session will discuss next steps for the Congress and ways to encourage further dialogue and preserve relationships between annual meetings. House Members and House staff will exclusively participate as observers in the final session, listening to the deliberations without offering commentary, conducting votes, or signing declarations.

12:10 to 13:00: Tour of the murals in the Secretariat of Public Education

The tour of the murals provides essential historical and cultural context to Mexico's democratic institutions. This visit allows Members of Congress to engage directly with the cultural narratives that have shaped modern Mexican governance and public policy,

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enhancing their understanding of shared hemispheric challenges and informing bilateral dialogue on inclusive democratic development and institutions.

Location: Secretariat of Public Education

~~**12:00 to 13:30:** Closing Reception~~

~~In this final reception — hosted by the Minister of Public Education, Mario Delgado — delegates will have the opportunity to engage with key Mexican stakeholders and make plans for future dialogues, and participation in shared fora.~~

~~**Location:** Patio of the Secretariat of Public Education~~

12:00 onwards: Departure of international delegations to Benito Juárez International Airport from the lunch location or from the hotel, depending on the departure time of each delegate.

Please note, we are only covering outbound flights because delegates will already be in Mexico City, Mexico. Additionally, Summer Lee and Keane Bhatt are staying later for personal time and will be paying for her own flight back from personal funds.

- Rashida Tlaib - August 5, 2025, Delta Flight Number DL618, 12:40PM to Detroit, MI
- Delia Ramirez - August 4, 2025, United Flight Number UA 474 2:10PM to Chicago, IL
- Chuy Garcia - August 2, 2025, Volaris Flight Number Y4 700, 12:40AM to Chicago, IL
- Mike Darner – August 3, 2025, American Flight Number AA 828, 1:10PM to BWI
- Ilhan Omar - August 4, 2025, United Flight Number UA 1567, 8:45AM to Washington, DC

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Preliminary Agenda of Activities
Day 0 - Thursday, July 31, 2025

06:00 to 16:00: Arrival of international delegations at Benito Juárez International Airport in Mexico City.

06:00 to 16:00: Transfers of delegates from Benito Juárez International Airport to the Sevilla Palace Hotel and check-in at the hotel

Location: Sevilla Palace Hotel

18:00: Transfer from hotel to Protocol Greeting

19:00: Protocol Greeting at the National Palace of Mexico (to be confirmed)

Welcome words from President Claudia Sheinbaum **(to be confirmed)**

20:00: Transfer from the Palace to dinner

20:30 - 22:30: Dinner with Congress Orientation in the Zócalo

Location: El Mayor

The dinner will be an informal space to begin building relationships between Panamerican leaders from across the hemisphere while enjoying Mexican gastronomy and culture. Brief welcome words will be offered by the Congress Coordinating Team, before an orientation to the themes of the meeting: *democracy, equality, prosperity, sustainability, sovereignty, and solidarity*.

22:30: Transfer from restaurant to hotel

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Day 1 - Friday, August 1, 2025

07:00 - 08:00: Breakfast at the hotel

08:30: Transfer from Sevilla Palace Hotel to Casona de Xicoténcatl

09:00 to 10:30: Inaugural Act

Location: Casona de Xicoténcatl (Former Seat of the Senate of Mexico)

A formal ceremony marking the official opening of the second PanAmerican Congress, with keynote speeches from Mexican congressional leadership, international delegates, and special guests. The ceremony will establish the key objectives for hemispheric cooperation.

10:30 to 10:45: Official photo

10:45: Transfer from Casona de Xicoténcatl to Senate

11:15 to 12:00: Opening Session

Location: Senate of the Republic of Mexico

A plenary meeting to establish the framework for the Congress. Delegates will review the topics identified during the preparatory consultations, the working methodology of the closed-door sessions, and outline, together with the Congress Coordinating Team, the specific objectives for those sessions.

12:00: Coffee Break with Snacks

12:00 to 13:30: Working Session 1 - Pt. 1 (three parallel sessions)

Location: Senate of the Republic of Mexico

Parallel working sessions, closed-door, organized around three of the six main themes of the Congress: **Democracy (theme 1) Equality (theme 2), Prosperity (theme 3)**. Each session will be presented by representatives of the Federal Secretariats and the Head of Government of Mexico City, facilitated by moderators, and will provide space for legislators to share experiences, challenges, and successful strategies from their respective countries. These intimate discussions will allow for frank dialogue and the development of concrete policy proposals.

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13:30 to 14:00: Coffee Break with Snacks

Location: Senate of the Republic of Mexico

Coffee breaks will serve as additional informal spaces for US members to engage in bilateral discussions with counterparts from Mexico and across the hemisphere.

14:00 to 15:00: Working Session 1 – Pt. 2 (three parallel sessions)

Location: Senate of the Republic of Mexico

Parallel working sessions, closed-door, organized around three of the main six themes of the Congress: **Democracy (theme 1), Equality (theme 2), Prosperity (theme 3)**. Each session will be presented by representatives of the relevant Federal Secretariats and the Head of Government of Mexico City, facilitated by moderators, and will provide space for legislators to share experiences, challenges, and successful strategies from their respective countries. These intimate discussions will allow for frank dialogue and the development of concrete policy proposals.

15:00: Transfer from the Senate to Cafe De Tacuba

15:30 to 17:00: Working Lunch

Location: Restaurante Café De Tacuba

Restaurante Café de Tacuba provides the ideal intimate atmosphere for US members to continue their bilateral discussions inaugurated during the Congress coffee break and broaden their networks across the delegations from the other participating countries.

17:15 to 17:30: Walking transfer from the Restaurant to Public Event

17:30 to 19:30: Public Dialogue

Location: Teatro Esperanza Iris

A high-level public event with prominent speakers from among the special guests and delegates of the Congress. This approximately 2-hour event will showcase progressive visions for hemispheric cooperation before a general audience, with speakers addressing key topics of the Congress. The format will combine individual presentations with moderated panel discussions, offering simultaneous translation for international participants.

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19:30: Transfer from the Theater to the hotel

20:00: Free Evening

Day 2 - Saturday, August 2, 2025

07:00 to 08:15: Breakfast at the hotel

08:15 to 08:45: Transfer from the hotel to the Senate (walking - 5 minutes). However, registration time at the Senate entrance should be considered.

09:00 to 10:30: Working Session 2 — Pt. 1 (three parallel sessions)

Location: Senate of the Republic of Mexico

The second round of parallel working sessions, organized around three of the main themes of the Congress: **Sustainability (theme 4)**, **Sovereignty (theme 5)**, **Solidarity (theme 6)**, building on the previous day's discussions to develop specific policy proposals and coordination mechanisms. Each session will be presented by representatives of the relevant Federal Secretariats and the Head of Government of Mexico City, facilitated by moderators, and will provide space for legislators to share experiences, challenges, and successful strategies from their respective countries. These sessions will focus on turning shared principles into actionable legislative agendas that delegates can promote in their countries of origin.

10:30 to 10:45: Coffee with Snacks

Location: Senate of the Republic of Mexico

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10:45 to 12:00: Working Session 2 — Pt. 2 (three parallel sessions)

Location: Senate of the Republic of Mexico

The third and final round of parallel working sessions, organized around three of the main themes of the Congress: **Sustainability (theme 4)**, **Sovereignty (theme 5)**, **Solidarity (theme 6)**, building on previous discussions to develop specific policy proposals and coordination mechanisms. Each session will be presented by

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representatives of the relevant Federal Secretariats and the Head of Government of Mexico City, facilitated by moderators, and will provide space for legislators to share experiences, challenges, and successful strategies from their respective countries. Delegates will work to establish concrete mechanisms for ongoing collaboration, including communication channels, joint initiatives, and mutual support systems to promote progressive legislation throughout the hemisphere.

12:00: Transfer from the Senate to cultural activity

13:00 to 16:30: Field Visits

An afternoon program showcasing the rich cultural heritage and ongoing transformation of Mexico. Delegates will visit significant historical, cultural, and political sites in Mexico City, gaining a deeper understanding of the country's progressive traditions and contemporary social movements. The activity may include guided tours, artistic presentations, and opportunities for informal dialogue between participants.

Proposed activity offers two main options for delegates: (1) the renowned 'Utopías' project in the borough of Iztapalapa, curated by Mayor Clara Brugada with a tour of the 'cablebus' overlooking the periphery of the city; (2) the beautiful Chapultepec park, with its historical Castle and an opportunity to visit the Museum of Anthropology, with its extensive collection of pre-Hispanic works and tour of Mexico City history.

Lunch will be provided to all delegates during their choice of cultural activity.

16:30: Transfer from cultural activity to hotel

17:30 to 19:15: Rest at the hotel and/or space for bilateral meetings between delegates.

Location: Sevilla Palace Hotel

19:20 to 20:00: Transfer from the hotel to the Congress Reception

20:00 to 23:30: Congress Reception

Location: to be confirmed

The Congress Reception will both provide dinner options to Congress delegates and a unique opportunity to dialogue with representatives of Mexican civil society who were not present in the closed-door deliberations inside the Senate. This social event will strengthen personal bonds between delegates in a relaxed atmosphere, building the

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foundation for lasting dialogue and relationships beyond the formal sessions of the Congress.

Day 3 - Sunday, August 3, 2025

07:30 to 08:30: Breakfast at the hotel and check-out for delegates

08:30: Transfer to closing session

09:00 to 11:00: Closing Session

Location: Salón Iberoamericano of the Secretariat of Public Education

In this final plenary meeting, delegates and special guests will review the results of the working sessions and adopt formal declarations or resolutions. The session will establish concrete next steps for the Congress and maintain momentum between annual meetings. It will conclude with the selection of the host country for the Third PanAmerican Congress and closing remarks.

11:00 to 12:00: Tour of the murals in the Secretariat of Public Education

Location: Secretariat of Public Education

12:00 to 13:30: Closing Reception

In this final reception — hosted by the Minister of Public Education, Mario Delgado — delegates will have the opportunity to engage with key Mexican stakeholders and make concluding plans for future dialogues, and participation in shared fora.

Location: Patio of the Secretariat of Public Education

13:00 onwards: Departure of international delegations to Benito Juárez International Airport from the lunch location or from the hotel, depending on the departure time of each delegate.

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July 28, 2025

Mr. Michael Darner
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Dear Mr. Darner:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Mexico,¹ scheduled for July 31 to August 3, 2025, sponsored by Panamerican Exchange, Inc. We note you are not accepting outbound 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,

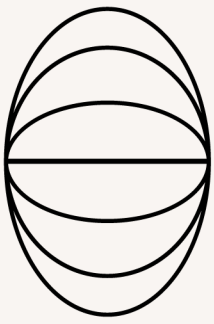


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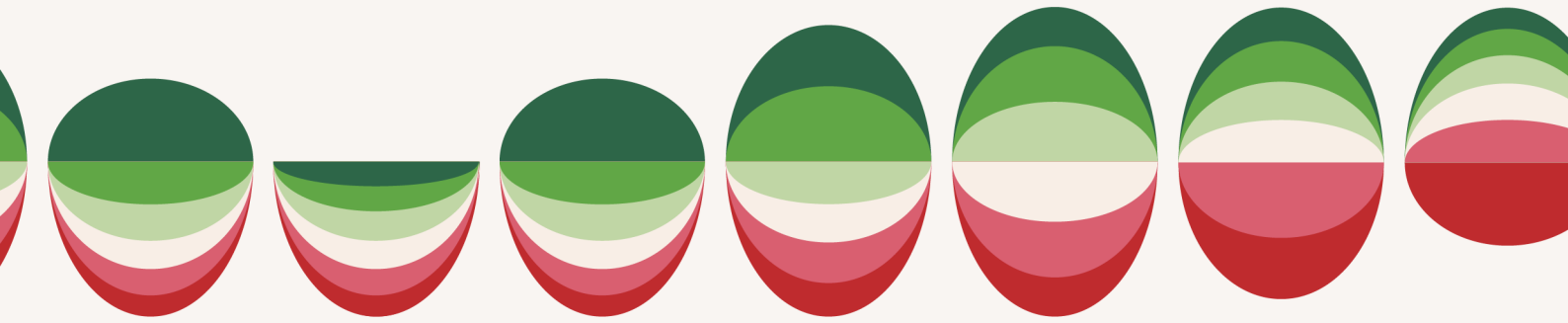
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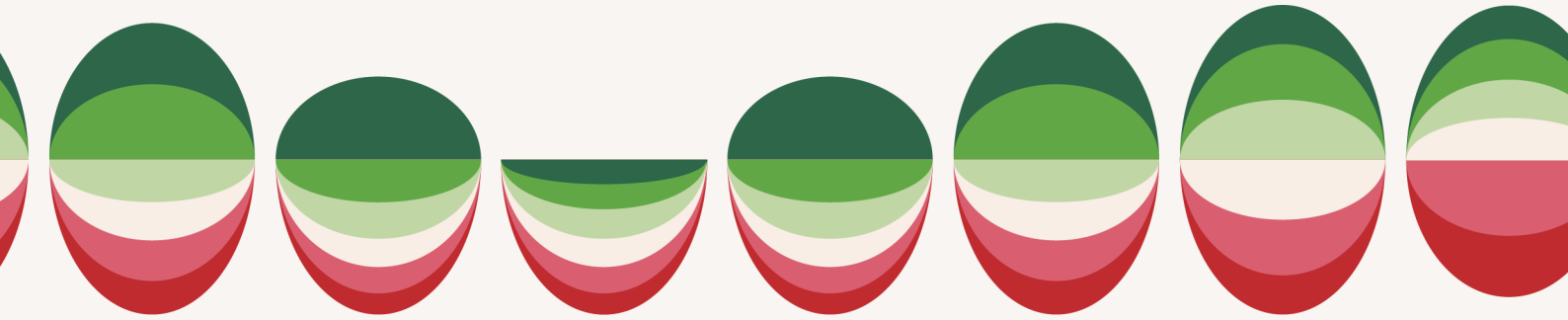
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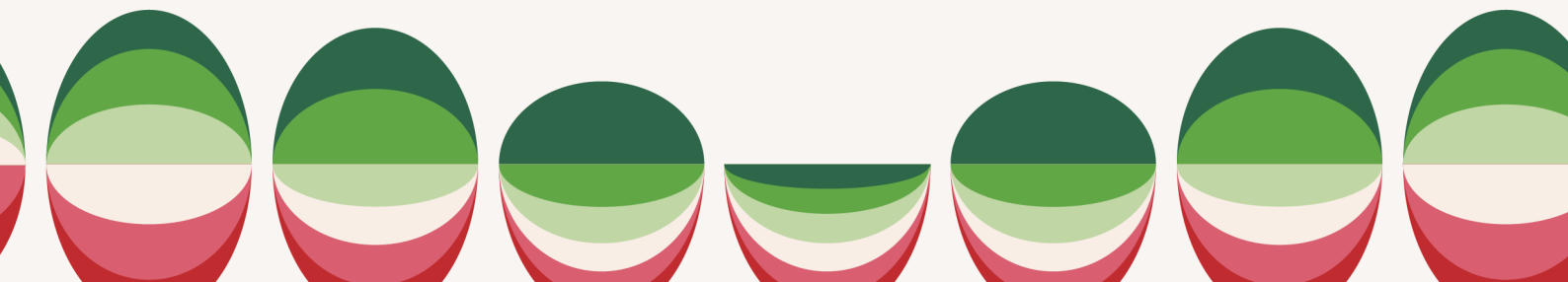
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Dear Executive Director Mike Darner,

It is a distinct honor to invite you to the second annual Panamerican Congress, taking place in Mexico City, Mexico on 1-3 August, 2025.

Our hemisphere confronts a combination of crises that threaten the prosperity, security, and peaceful coexistence of its nations.

Panamerican Exchange is a new non-partisan, non-profit organization founded to redress those crises by facilitating exchange between leaders and legislators from across the Americas and the Caribbean.

The Panamerican Congress is its landmark annual gathering, founded last August by delegates from over eight countries who traveled to Bogotá, Colombia to forge a new vision of hemispheric unity, solidarity, and cooperation.

Now, we are preparing the second annual Congress in Mexico City with an expanded geography of participation and an even more exciting agenda that ranges from migration and security to democracy and equality.

Mexico City provides an inspiring setting for expanding this vision. Under President Claudia Sheinbaum's leadership, Mexico is pursuing a model of development "for the good of all, first the poor," with lessons to be drawn for legislators in both the North and the South of the hemisphere.

This year's Congress will feature three days of high-level strategic dialogue alongside key representatives of Mexico's 'Fourth Transformation', including:

- working sessions in the Mexican Congress, providing a secure space for freewheeling discussion among legislators from across the Hemisphere;
- public events engaging citizens in crucial debates about democracy, equality, sustainability, and solidarity; and
- cultural activities showcasing Mexico's rich progressive traditions and ongoing social transformation.

Along with dozens of delegates and special guests from over 12 countries — legislators, party leaders, ministers, and diplomats, among them — we wish to invite you to the second annual Congress because your voice and experience are invaluable to this growing community of leaders.

Please **confirm your attendance by March 31, 2025** if you would like to be part of this historic initiative. The Congress complies fully with House ethics rules regarding privately sponsored travel, and the Congress team in Washington will work closely with your office to complete all the relevant procedures. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to write to tatjana.ognjanovac@panamericancongress.org.

We would be honored to welcome you to Mexico City as we work together to build the just and sustainable hemisphere that our people deserve.

With warm regards,

David Adler & Giorgio Jackson

Panamerican Congress Coordination Team

