

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.

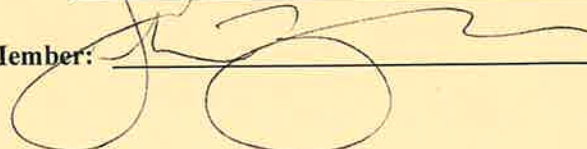
1. Name of Traveler: Amber M. Joyner
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 Return: Friday, August 22, 2025
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Cleveland, OH Destination: St. Louis, MO Return City: Cleveland, OH
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: St. Louis AgriBusiness Club
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Presentations at a crop and a plant science center; tours of a grain and a dairy facility; visit to a farm; visit to an ethanol facility; and barge ride down the river.
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: 09-02-2025

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: Shontel M. Brown Date: 09/03/2025

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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- Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: St. Louis AgriBusiness Club
- Travel Destination(s): St. Louis, Missouri
- Date of Departure: August 20, 2025 Date of Return: August 22, 2025
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): see next page

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

- Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$325.78	\$350.14	\$100.76	\$0.00
Accompanying Family Member	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

- 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 28, 2025

Name: Dean Dittmar Title: Executive Director

Organization: St. Louis AgriBusiness Club

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

Address: 1105 Old Vincennes Trail, O'Fallon, IL 62269

Telephone: 618.604.1622 Email: stlouisagclub@gmail.com

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.

Last Name	First Name
Belser	Brandan
Blackwell	Jordan
Cooper	Elizabeth
DeFilippis	Mike
Dynneson	Faith
Hurd	Brogan
Johnston	Phoebe
Joyner	Amber
Kocerha	Stephen
Nevala	Nate
Raisley	Anthony
Sassone	Belen
Selfridge	Lauren
Shin	Elliott
Singh	Eveleen
Vogel	Emma
Wagener	John

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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:

St. Louis AgriBusiness Club

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): _____

Attached list. US House staff members invited to educate about the agricultural and food industries.

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

6. Date of Departure: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 Date of Return: Friday, August 22, 2025

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): St. Louis, MO

c. City of return: Washington, DC

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:

Purpose is to educate House staff about agriculture: production, processing, transportation, and research for agriculture and food products. St. Louis AgriBusiness Club members are organizing and paying for this event. Club members will be participating with congressional staff while on the chartered bus and at each tour site.

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): _____
8/20/25 - \$50, 8/21/25 - \$50, 8/22/25 - \$30
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Numerous agribusinesses are located in the St. Louis region to show the food system from field to fork.

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

Hotel Name: Embassy Suites Hotel City: St. Louis, MO Cost Per Night: \$178.40 with tax
Reason(s) for Selecting: Location near tour sites in Missouri and Illinois, cost, and access to interstates and bridges.
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	\$362.75	\$356.80	\$130.00
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$0	\$0	\$0

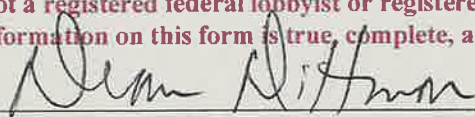
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$0	None
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$0	None

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: 06/16/2025
 Name: Dean Dittmar Title: Executive Director
 Organization: St. Louis AgriBusiness Club
 Address: 1105 Old Vincennes Trail, O'Fallon, IL 62269
 Email: stlouisagclub@gmail.com Telephone: 618.604.1622

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

St. Louis Agribusiness Club AgMazing (6-14-25)
Congressional Staff Educational Event Itinerary
August 20, 21, 22, 2025 (Central Time)

Wednesday, August 20

8:00 am - Southwest Airlines Flight #2422 departs from Reagan International (DCA) for Lambert International (STL)

8:45 am – Depart Embassy Suites Hotel, 610 N 7th St, St. Louis, MO 63101
Charter Bus will pick up St. Louis Agribusiness Club members to meet tour participants at the airport.

9:10 am - Southwest Airlines Flight arrives to Lambert International Airport(STL), 10701 Lambert International Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63145, Depart at 9:45 am

10:15 am – Arrive to Bayer Crop Science - 700 W Chesterfield Pkwy W, Chesterfield, MO 63017, includes luncheon. Depart at 1:30 pm.

2:15 pm – Arrive to Crysalis Biosciences Ethanol Facility, 231 Monsanto Ave, Sauget, IL 62201, Depart at 4 pm.

4:15 pm – Arrive to Embassy Suites Hotel, 610 N 7th St, St. Louis, MO 63101

4:30 pm – Livestock panel with meal and networking. Program ends at 6 pm.

Thursday, August 21

8 am - Embassy Suites Hotel, 610 N 7th St, St. Louis, MO 63101, grain handling/transportation panel with breakfast. Depart at 9 am.

9:15 am – Arrive to Cargill Grain Facility, 430 Front St, East St. Louis, IL Depart at 10:15 am.

10:45 am – Arrive to Prairie Farms Dairy Processing Facility, 1800 Adams Street, Granite City, IL 62040, with luncheon and networking. Depart at 12:45 pm.

1:30 pm – Arrive to Kruckeberg Farms, 6933 Fields Drive, Moro, IL 62067, Depart at 2:45 pm.

3:15 pm – Arrive to Mel Price Lock and Dam and Barge Ride on the Mississippi River, 1 Lock and Dam Way, East Alton, IL 62024, with meal and networking. Depart at 7:15 pm.

8 pm – Arrive to Embassy Suites Hotel, 610 N 7th St, St. Louis, MO 63101.

Friday, August 22

7:30 am – Breakfast at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 610 N 7th St, St. Louis, MO 63101

8:15 am – Breakfast and Depart Embassy Suites Hotel, 610 N 7th St, St. Louis, MO 63101

8:30 am – Arrive to STL City Soccer Energizer Park, 2100 Market St, St. Louis, MO 63103. Depart at 10 am.

10:30 am – Arrive to Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, 975 N Warson Rd, Olivette, MO 63132, luncheon and networking, evaluation discussion. Depart at 1:30 pm.

2 pm – Arrive to Lambert International Airport(STL), 10701 Lambert International Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63145, Depart at 2:15 pm

3 pm – Arrive to Embassy Suites Hotel, 610 N 7th St, St. Louis, MO 63101. Drop off club members.

3:40 pm - Southwest Airlines Flight #2738 departs Lambert International Airport(STL), 10701 Lambert International Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63145

6:40 pm - Southwest Airlines Flight #2738 arrives to Reagan International (DCA)

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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.

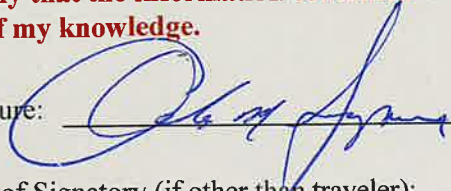
This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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: Amber M. Joyner

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): Representative Shontel Brown (OH-11)

Office Address: 25200 Chagrin Blvd. Ste. 200, Beachwood, OH 44122

Telephone Number: 216-522-4900

Email Address of Contact Person: Kimberly.Edwards@mail.house.gov (Deputy Chief of Staff/District Director)

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: Amber M. Joyner
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: St. Louis AgriBusiness Club
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: St. Louis, Missouri
4. a. Date of Departure: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 Date of Return: Friday, August 22, 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.**
Traveler is the Grants Coordinator/Field Representative who covers the Agriculture portfolio in the OH-11 District Office. The trip is an opportunity for education about the agricultural and food industries.
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: 7/11/2025

Michael Guest, Mississippi
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August 19, 2025

Ms. Amber Joyner
Office of the Honorable Shontel Brown
25200 Chagrin Blvd., Ste 200
Beachwood, OH 44122

Dear Ms. Joyner:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to St. Louis, Missouri, scheduled for August 20 to 22, 2025, sponsored by the St. Louis AgriBusiness Club.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

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