# 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: Dominick Porcella
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** ■ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 18, 2025 Return: August 21, 2025
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ ***OR*** ■ None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: San Diego, CA Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:
   I attended meetings on biodiversity and conservation programs, SDZ's role in responding to wildlife smuggling and its wildlife care progams, and conservation and research partnerships.
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:** 9/4/2025

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:** Andrew R. Garbarino **Date:** 9/4/2025

**Signature of Supervising Member:** _____

*last updated 7/2023*

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☐ *Original* ☐ *Amendment*

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

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation
2. Travel Destination(s): San Diego, California
3. Date of Departure: Aug 18, 2025 Date of Return: Aug 21, 2025
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Dominick Porcella, Jaelyn Evans, Nick Owen

   ***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 | 453.55 | $597.00 | $325 | $ 125 Tips and conservation fees |
| 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:** 9/4/2025

**Name:** John Gantt **Title:** CEO

**Organization:** International Conservation Caucus Foundation

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

**Address:** 1200 Potomac St NW Washington, DC 20007

**Telephone:** 202-471-4222; 301-706-7334 **Email:** cweis@iccfoundation.us

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

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

*last updated 7/2023*

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

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

**Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date.** Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Dominick Porcella

**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: Dominick Porcella 7/21/25

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Rep. Andrew R. Garbarino

Office Address: Rayburn 2344

Telephone Number: 202-225-7896 (Office); 631-383-2385 (Personal)

Email Address of Contact Person: dominick.porcella@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: Dominick Porcella

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: San Diego, CA

4. a. Date of Departure: August 18, 2025 Date of Return: August 21, 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.**

   I am Rep. Garbarino's Legislative Assistant. My portfolio includes animals, environmental conservation, as well as the Zoo and Aquarium Caucus which Congressman Garbarino chairs. Congressman Garbarino is also a member of the International Conservation Caucus. The mission of this Congressional Staff Delegation is to familiarize and educate the delegation on the role that zoos and aquariums play in the conservation and managment of the country's most vulnerable species and habitats. During this visit, the delegation will meet with zoo and aquarium stakeholders and other partner organizations and agencies. These activities are related to the Congressman's work as Zoo and Aqurarium Caucus chair and my duties handling this portfolio as Legislative Assistant.

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:** 7/31/25

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.**

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:
   International Conservation Caucus Foundation
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 addendum
5. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: August 18, 2025 Date of Return: August 21, 2025
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.
   b. Destination(s): San Diego, CA
   c. City of return: Washington, D.C.
8. ***Check only one.*** I represent that
   a. ☐ The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
   b. ☒ The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
   c. ☐ The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

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

10. ☒ Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*
11. ***Check only one of the following.***
    a. ☒ I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box;* **OR**
    b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For ***each*** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip ***and*** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
    See addendum.
13. ***Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary***:
    a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☒ Other ☐ (specify:_____)
    b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (specify:_____)
    c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
14. ☒ I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*
15. ***Check only one.*** I represent that either:
    a. ☐ The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
    b. ☒ The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
       1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided):
          $20 for breakfast,$21 for lunch, $45 for dinner
       2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
          San Diego is where San Diego Zoo and Sea World are located.
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
    Hotel Name: Hilton San Diego Airport/Harbor Island City: San Diego Cost Per Night: $199
    Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
    Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
    Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
    Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
    Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

17. ☒ I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

| ☐ Actual Amounts<br>☒ Good Faith Estimates | Total **Transportation** Expenses per Participant | Total **Lodging** Expenses per Participant | Total **Meal** Expenses per Participant |
|---|---|---|---|
| For each Member, Officer, or Employee | 1276.99 | 597.00 | 262.00 |
| 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 | 125.00 | Tips and conservation fees at parks. |
| 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: 7/21/2025

Name: John Gantt Title: CEO

Organization: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

Address: 1200 Potomac St NW, Washington,DC 20007

Email: johngantt@iccfoundation.us; cweis@iccfoundation.us Telephone: 301-706-7334

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4.
Senate:
Matthew Robinson, Sen Lisa Murkwoski
Matthew covers the environment and ocean portfolio for the Senator. Senator Murkowski is the Co-Chair of the Senate Oceans Caucus.

Alyson Lowell, Knauss Fellow, Sen Lisa Murkwoski
Alyson covers the environment and ocean portfolio for the Senator. Senator Murkowski is the Co-Chair of the Senate Oceans Caucus.

Jenna Mayhew, Legislative Aide, Senator Chris Coons
Jenna covers the environment portfolio for the Senator. Senator Coons is the Co-Chair of the International Conservation Caucus

House:
Dominick Porcella, Leg. Asst., Rep. Andrew Garbarino
Dominick's portfolio includes environmental conservation as well as the Zoo and Aquarium Caucus that Congressman Garbarino chairs. Congressman Garbarino is also a member of the International Conservation Caucus.

Jaelyn Evans, Leg. Asst., Rep. Mike Quigley
Jaelyn's portfolio includes environmental conservation as well as the Zoo and Aquarium Caucus that Congressman Quigley chairs. Congressman Quigley also sits on the Subcommittee on National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs, which covers international conservation funding.

Nancy Peele, CoS, Chairman Bruce Westerman
Nancy supports the Chairman on all his policy priorities. Rep Westerman chairs the House Natural Resource Committee, which covers the US Fish and Wildlife Service among other conservation priorities for the US government.

Nick Owen, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Suzanne Bonamici
Nick covers the environment and ocean portfolio for the Congresswoman. The Congresswoman is the Co-Chair of the House Oceans Caucus.

12. The ICCF works to educate Members and their staff on international conservation issues. This trip will showcase the role zoos and aquariums play and the public private partnerships that exist with government agencies. The ICCF planned all the logistics and programming for this trip.

18. Meals breakdown as follows. Lunch and dinner on the 18th is 20$ and 50$. The 19th and 20th will be $86 per day. The 21st we'll be covering breakfast for $20. Total: $262

# Congressional Staff Delegation to San Diego

*August 18th-21st, 2025*

Congressional Staff Participants Dominick Porcella, Leg. Asst., Rep. Andrew Garbarino; Jaelyn Evans, Leg. Aide., Rep. Mike Quigley; Nick Owen, Leg. Assistant, Rep. Suzanne Bonamici; Matthew Robinson, Leg. Asst., Sen. Lisa Murkowski; Alyson Lowell, Knauss Fellow, Sen. Lisa Murkowski, Jenna Mayhew, Leg. Assistant, Sen. Chris Coons

***Monday, August 18th***

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| 8:59 am | Depart DCA on Alaska Airlines Flight 14 |
| 11:20 am | Arrive in San Diego, transfer to hotel |
| 12:00 | Check into hotel |
| 12:30 - 1:00 pm | Quick lunch |
| 1:00 - 1:30 pm | Transport to Scripps Institution of Oceanography |
| 1:30 - 2:00 pm | Overview of Marine Biodiversity and Conservation Research Programs |

*Dr. Jack Gilbert (Director, Microbiome and Metagenomics Center) will discuss how scientists are leveraging cutting-edge science to transform biodiversity conservation—using AI for real-time species identification, developing predictive tools like digital twins to anticipate biodiversity shifts, and advancing genetic and genomic technologies to understand species resilience and adaptation at the molecular level.*

*A new partnership between Scripps Oceanography and the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance will unite world-class marine research and terrestrial conservation expertise to generate new tools and methodologies that can be models for global conservation efforts. Staff will also learn about the IUCN Microbial Conservation Specialist Group (MCSG), a new initiative to integrate microbiology into global conservation frameworks. A key objective of the MCSG is to embed microbial criteria into the IUCN Red List and the Red List of Ecosystems, ensuring that microbial life is assessed and protected.*

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| 2:00 - 3:00 pm | Tour of Birch Aquarium |

*Harry Helling, Executive Director of Birch Aquarium, will take the delegation*

*on a "behind the scenes" tour of Birch Aquarium. Perched on a bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Birch Aquarium features the groundbreaking work of Scripps Oceanography and UC San Diego scientists as well as conservation breeding programs and interactive exhibits. Birch Aquarium's mission is to connect understanding to protecting our ocean planet, which it achieves through engaging hands-on learning opportunities for more than 500,000 guests and 40,000-plus pre-K-12 students each year. Scripps Institution of Oceanography has maintained an aquarium facility since its founding in 1903 as directed by the original charter. This facility opened in 1992.*

3:00 - 3:45 pm Overview of Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS)

*Dr. Clarissa Anderson, Director of SCCOOS will brief the delegation on the Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS). The SCCOOS is one of eleven regions that contributes to the national U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS). The regional observing systems work to collect, integrate, and deliver coastal and ocean observations in order to improve safety, enhance the economy, and protect the environment. The principal goal of SCCOOS is to provide observations and products to a diverse stakeholder community of managers and planners, operational decision makers, scientists, and the general public. Participants will learn how SCCOOS monitors marine mammals, tracks Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs), and collects data and reports on marine mammal strandings related to HABs.*

3:45 - 4:00 pm Travel to CDIP Lab at Isaacs Hall

4:00 - 4:30 pm Overview of Coastal Data Information Program (CDIP) and Lab Tour

*James Behrens, Principal Engineer and Program Manager of CDIP will brief the delegation on the Coastal Data Information Program (CDIP). The CDIP is an extensive network for monitoring waves and beaches along U.S. coastlines. Through a network of over 90 permanent and mobile wave buoys, CDIP measures, models, forecasts and publicly disseminates real-time coastal wave information in 30 states, island territories, and freely associated states. Since its inception in 1975, the program has produced a vast database of publicly-accessible environmental data for use by coastal engineers and planners, scientists, mariners, and marine enthusiasts. Many of the buoys are leveraged through funding/operations partners with both public and private entities, including NOAA, US Coast Guard, NSF, DOE/NREL, Navy, IOOS and other universities, and data feeds into the National Buoy Data Center. Participants will learn about critical wave data collected at the buoy stations, as well as the extensive network of partners and stakeholders that contribute to and benefit from the program.*

4:30 - 5:00 pm Return to hotel

5:30 - 7:30 pm Dinner at Coasterra with representatives from San Diego Zoo, SeaWorld,

Scripps and AZA.

Accommodations: Hilton San Diego Airport/Harbor Island

***Tuesday, August 19th***

8:00 am Breakfast

8:30 - 09:00 am Depart for San Diego Zoo (SDZ)

9:00 -09:30 am Welcome by SDZ Executive Director, Erika Kohler

*Erika Kohler will brief the group on SDZ's history and discuss the role tourism plays in the functioning of the zoo and its associated research and programs.*

9:30 - 11:45 am Overview of Wildlife Conservation & Habitat Stops, Plant Conservation and Wildlife Trafficking Impacts

*The delegation will get briefed by SDZ staff whose conservation work and research is making an impact worldwide. SDZ is a designated plant rescue center and an accredited botanic garden and level IV arboretum. SDZ is home to more than 700,000 individual plants, representing approx. 3,100 species. The wide variety of extraordinary plants are meticulously curated for greatest conservation impact and are expertly propagated for wildlife habitats and diets nationwide. SDZ's plant conservation efforts are international in scope, working with partners around the world to help save some of the most endangered plants including orchids in Palau, cycads in South Africa, and oaks in California and Mexico. The team works extensively with the rarest pine tree in the world and a San Diego icon: the nearly extinct Torrey Pines.*

*SDZ plays a pivotal role on the front lines of emergency response to wildlife smuggling as a member of AZA's Wildlife Trafficking Alliance (WTA). WTA provides a cooperative and coordinated response protocol for the care and welfare of wildlife confiscated from illegal trade. According to WTA, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service seized nearly 50,000 illegally smuggled wildlife between 2015 and 2019.*

11:45 am - 12:45 pm Lunch & Wildlife Presentation

*The delegation will be briefed from the Wildlife Care Team about SDZ Ambassador Animals and the important role they play in educating the public on animals, their habitats and global conservation efforts.*

12:45 - 1:45 pm Transit to Safari Park

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| 1:45 - 2:00pm | Welcome briefing by Safari Park Interim Executive Director Pat McTigue |
| 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Overview of Wildlife Conservation Hubs & Wildlife Safari |
| | *Safari Park Educational Ambassador & Conservation Staff will brief the global relationships, international diplomacy, tribal partnerships, and ESA recovery efforts (condors + DoD collaborations).* |
| 3:00pm - 3:15pm | Break |
| 3:15pm - 4:00pm | Briefing by Dr. Hendrik Nollen, VP Wildlife Care |
| | *The delegation will visit the animal hospital and get briefed on SDZ's Wildlife Care program and caring for trafficked wildlife; building the pipeline for veterinary students* |
| 4:00pm - 5:30 pm | Briefing by Dr. Nadine Lamberski, Chief Conservation & Wildlife Health Officer and Dr. Megan Owen, VP of Conservation Science |
| | *The delegation will be given a tour of the Beckman Conservation Center and will be briefed on the research and conservation science endeavors, biobanking and the education and student engagement efforts.* |
| 5:30 - 6:00pm | Transport to Stone Brewing Company |
| 6:00 - 8:00pm | Reception/Dinner at Stone Brewing Company |
| | The delegation will participate in a stakeholder reception consisting of local and global conservation groups to highlight the far reaching zoo and aquarium partnerships and value to domestic and international conservation efforts. Participants include: SDZWA, Association for Zoos and Aquariums, CSWH, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom, U.S. Consulate General - Tijuana, Defenders of Wildlife, WildCoast/CostaSalvaje Laguna Ocean Foundation, Scripps Institute, The San Diego Museum of Natural History, San Diego Natural History Museum, Port of San Diego Fleet Science Center, California Natural Resources Agency, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, District staff from Rep Peters, Sen Schiff, Sen Padilla, |

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| 8:00pm - 8:45pm | Return to hotel |
| Accommodations: | Hilton San Diego Airport/Harbor Island |

***Wednesday, August 20th***

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| 8:00 - 9:00 am | Breakfast |
| 9:00 - 9:30 am | Transfer to SeaWorld San Diego |
| 10:00 - 11:00 am | Welcome briefing by SeaWorld Conservation Science Director<br><br>*The delegation will be briefed on the conservation research and partnerships SeaWorld has to promote and enhance global conservation efforts. This includes partnerships with Universities, SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund, Rising Tides, and Killer Whale Research and Conservation. The Director will also discuss SeaWorld's close partnership with NOAA and how their facilities and expertise help NOAA carry out critical functions.* |
| 11:00 am - 1:00 pm | Briefing on Killer Whale Research and Conservation<br><br>*The delegation will be briefed by marine biologists and killer whale specialists on the important research they are able to conduct on the killer whales in their care and how they apply it to animals in the wild. They will see behind the scenes, day-to-day care of the animals and the facilities*. |
| 1:00 - 2:00 pm | Lunch |
| 2:00 - 2:30 pm | Transfer to Hubbs-Seaworld Research Institute |
| 2:30 - 5:00 pm | Tour of Hubbs-Seaworld Research Institute<br><br>*Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute (HSWRI) is a non-profit scientific research organization committed to conserving and renewing marine life to ensure a healthier planet. Their team of experts provides innovative and objective scientific solutions to challenges threatening ocean health and marine life in our rapidly changing world.* |
| 5:00 - 7:00 pm | Reception and Dinner with Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute President and CEO, Donald B. Kent, along with SeaWorld and Hubbs staffers. Don and staff will discuss any lingering questions the group has and provide in depth examples of partnerships with NOAA fisheries and Universities. |

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| 7:00 - 7:30 pm | Return to Hotel |
| Accommodations | Hilton San Diego Airport/Harbor Island |

***Thursday, August 21st***

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| 8:30 am | Breakfast |
| 10:00 am | Depart for airport |
| 1:41 pm | Flight to D.C. on Alaska Airlines |
| 9:59 pm | Arrive to DCA |

Michael Guest, Mississippi
*Chairman*
Mark DeSaulnier, California
*Ranking Member*

John H. Rutherford, Florida
Andrew R. Garbarino, New York
Ashley Hinson, Iowa
Nathaniel Moran, Texas

Deborah K. Ross, North Carolina
Glenn F. Ivey, Maryland
Sylvia R. Garcia, Texas
Suhas Subramanyam, Virginia

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Dear Mr. Porcella:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to San Diego, California, scheduled for August 18 to 21, 2025, sponsored by International Conservation Caucus Foundation.

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

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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