

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: Ronnie Carabbia
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** ☐ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 8/18/25 Return: 8/20/25
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** ☐ None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Lewiston, ID Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Washington Association of Wheat Growers, The McGregor Company,
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Visited. Lower Granite Dam and lock system and Port of Lewiston
role of dams in grain transportation and hydroelectricity generation
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: 9/4/25

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 Steube Date: 9/4/25

Signature of Supervising Member: 

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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: Washington Association of Wheat Growers, The McGregor Company, Washington State Potato Commission and Northwest RiverPartners

2. Travel Destination(s): Lewiston, Idaho

3. Date of Departure: August 18, 2025

Date of Return: August 20, 2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Ronnie Carabbia

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	\$1,119.10	\$252.98	\$63.99	n/a
Accompanying Family Member	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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: Michelle Hennings Date: August 20, 2025

Name: Michelle Hennings Title: Executive Director

Organization: Washington Association of Wheat Growers

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

Address: 109 E First Ave., Ritzville, WA 99169

Telephone: 509-659-0610

Email: michelle@wawg.org

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

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

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Ronnie Carabbia
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Washington Association of Wheat Growers
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Idaho
4. a. Date of Departure: 8/18/2025 Date of Return: 8/20/2025
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:
The distance of travel would require a travel day for there to be enough time for the tour.
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 handle Natural Resources and Commerce issues. Dams are at the intersection of these policy considerations, where dam maintenance affects free-flowing river conditions and transport of goods.
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: 7/21/25

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ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. **Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.**

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. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: Washington Association of Wheat Growers
2. Name of your organization: The McGregor Company
3. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes ☐ No ☒ Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. **Check one.** I certify that my organization:
 - a. ☐ Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
 - b. ☐ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
Destination: _____ on Date: _____
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
 - c. ☒ Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. **Check only one:**
 - a. ☒ My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
 - b. ☐ My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
7. **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;
 - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
 - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: LESLIE DRUFFEL Digitally signed by LESLIE DRUFFEL
Date: 2025.05.13 08:46:48 -07'00' Date: _____

Name: Leslie Druffel Title: Outreach Director

Organization: The McGregor Company

Address: PO Box 740, Colfax, WA 99111

Telephone: 509-397-4355 Email: leslie.druffel@mcgregor.com

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

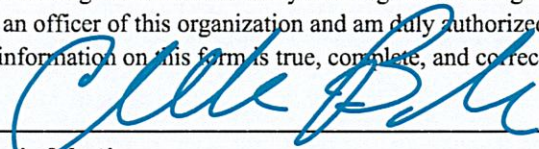
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1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: Washington Association of Wheat Growers
2. Name of your organization: Northwest RiverPartners
3. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes ☐ No ☒ Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. **Check one.** I certify that my organization:
 - a. ☐ Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
 - b. ☐ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
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 - a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
 - b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent;
 - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
 - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 7-8-25

Name: Clark Mather Title: Executive Director

Organization: Northwest RiverPartners

Address: 9817 Northeast 54th St., Suite 103

Telephone: 360-839-2525 Email: clark@nwriverpartners.org

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LOWER SNAKE RIVER DAM SYSTEM EDUCATIONAL TOUR

Lewiston, Idaho

August 19, 2025

- 6:30 am Breakfast and Registration, Clearwater Room
- 6:45 am Importance of Marine Hwy 84 -- River Users' Panel
Michelle Hennings, Panel Moderator, WAWG
Neil Maunu, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association
Captain Jeremy Nielsen, Columbia River Pilots
Kristin Meira, American Cruise Lines
Heather Stebbings, Shaver Transportation
Jennifer Riddle, Tidewater
- 8:45 am Load bus to go to Boyer Park & Marina, 1753 Granite Rd. Colton (Hwy 195 to Hwy 194)
Michelle Hennings, Welcome & Introductions
Randy Suess, Inland Power & Light Company
Matt Harris, Washington State Potato Commission Director of Gov't Affairs
Tom Kammerzell, Port of Whitman Commissioner
- 10:15 am Arrive Boyer Park & Marina
Get on boat to go through the locks to the Lower Granite Dam
- 11:00 am Arrive at Lower Granite Dam Visitor Center
Clark Mather, Northwest River Partners
Chuck Weatherspoon, Chief Tech, Army Corp of Engineers
Elizabeth Holdren, Supervising Fish Biologist, Army Corp of Engineers

Tour Dam Facility
- 1 pm Grab Lunch and load bus for Port of Lewiston
Leslie Druffel, The McGregor Company
Gary Williams, Upper Mississippi Waterways Association
- 2:30 pm Arrive at Port of Lewiston, 1626 N 6th Ave., Lewiston
Box Lunches provided
Tour of Port facilities
- 3:30 pm Load bus to go to Hells Canyon Grand Hotel, 621 21st St.
- 3:45 pm Break time at hotel

5:00 pm Load bus to go to Lindsay Creek Vineyard, 3107 Powers Ave.

5:30 pm Networking

6:00 pm Dinner

8:30 pm Depart for hotel

August 20

6:30 am Breakfast available in main lobby

7:00 am Congressional staffers traveling by air depart hotel for Spokane International Airport

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August 7, 2025

Mr. Ronald Carabbia
Office of the Honorable W. Gregory Steube
2457 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Carabbia:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Lewiston, Idaho, scheduled for August 18 to 20, 2025, sponsored by Washington Association of Wheat Growers, the McGregor Company, and Northwest RiverPartners. We remind you that, because the trip sponsor employs a federal lobbyist, you may participate in officially-connected activity on one calendar day only.

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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