

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: Deepa Patel
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: April 1, 2026 Return: April 5, 2026
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Havana, Cuba Return City: Los Angeles, CA
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Partnership for Participatory International Policy
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: meet with civil society, aid groups, ambassadors, Cuban authorities, Doctors, and professors to discuss pressing issues pertaining to the U.S.-Cuba bilateral relationship
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: April 20, 2026

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: Jonathan L. Jackson Date: April 20, 2026

Signature of Supervising Member: 

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

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

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Partnership for Participatory International Policy

2. Travel Destination(s): Cuba

3. Date of Departure: 4/1/2026 Date of Return: 4/5/2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Congressman Jonathan Jackson, Deepa Patel

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	\$929	\$600	\$310	
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: 04/17/2026

Name: Elise Roberts Title: Director

Organization: Partnership for Participatory International Policy

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

Address: 5732 Standish Avenue; Minneapolis, MN 55417

Telephone: 920.421.2269 Email: elise@p-pip.org

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

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

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TRAVELER FORM

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


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

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

Name of Traveler: Deepa Patel

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I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Congressman Jonathan L. Jackson (IL-01)

Office Address: 1632 Longworth HOB

Telephone Number: 771-241-2696

Email Address of Contact Person: DPP@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: Deepa Pinakin Patel
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: _____
Partnership for Participatory International Policy
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Cuba
4. a. Date of Departure: 4/1/2026 Date of Return: 4/5/2026
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:

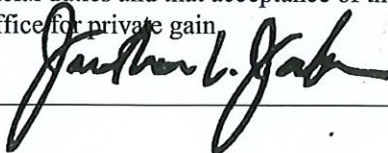
7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler 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 the Deputy Chief of Staff and Foreign Policy Advisor for the Congressman, who serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and on the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere. This trip will allow us to hear directly from Cuban people about the affects of U.S. policies in the country/region and potential legislative or oversight avenues the Congressman can take in support of shared values.

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: 03/02/2026

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

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

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

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

Partnership for Participatory International Policy

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 attachment

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

6. Date of Departure: 4/1/26 Date of Return: 4/5/2026

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

b. Destination(s): Cuba

c. City of return: Washington DC or district

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 attachment

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): \$50
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2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: see attached

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

Hotel Name: Hotel Boutique La Distancia City: Havana Cost Per Night: \$100

Reason(s) for Selecting: secure, affordable, and close to meeting locations

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$600	\$400	\$200
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		
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: 01/26/26
 Name: Elise Roberts Title: Director
 Organization: Partnership for Participatory International Policy Education Fund
 Address: 5732 Standish Ave; Minneapolis, MN 55417
 Email: elise@p-pip.org Telephone: 920-421.2269

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4: Invitees & Reason for Invite

- Representative Delia Ramirez (District IL-5) was invited to hear directly from Cubans about the impacts of US policy on Cuban communities. Rep. Ramirez serves on the Committee of Homeland Security and the Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement, and she is the co-founder of the Congressional Caucus on Global Migration.
- Representative Pramila Jayapal (District WA-07) was invited to hear directly from Cubans about the impacts of US policy on Cuban communities. Rep. Jayapal serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and is a member of the Congressional Caucus on Global Migration.
- Representative Jonathan Luther Jackson (District IL-1) was invited to hear directly from Cubans about the impacts of US policy on Cuban communities. Rep. Jackson serves on the Committee of Foreign Affairs and is a member of the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere
- Representative Rashida Tlaib was invited to hear directly from Cubans about the impacts of US policy on Cuban communities. Rep. Tlaib serves on the House Committee of Financial Services.
- Chief of Staff for Rep. Delia Ramirez, Ellen Ray, was invited to hear directly from Cubans about the impacts of US policy on Cuban communities. She was invited due to her position as a lead staffer who works for Congresswoman Ramirez's office.
- Deputy Chief of Staff for Rep. Jonathan L. Jackson, Deepa Patel, was invited to hear directly from Cubans about the impacts of US policy on Cuban communities. She was invited as she is the staffer who handles foreign policy.
- Legislative Assistant for Rep. Rashida Tlaib, Andrew Goddeeris, was invited to hear directly from Cubans about the impacts of US policy on Cuban communities. He was invited as she is the staffer who handles foreign policy.

10: Schedule

Wednesday, April 1st

6:00 - 10:00 am: Fly from district or DCA to Miami

12:15 - 1:40 pm: Fly from Miami (MIA) to Havana (HAV) on American Airlines #837

1:40 - 2:30 pm: Clear customs and secure baggage

2:30 - 3:30 pm: Travel from airport to Hotel Boutique La Distancia, check in to hotel

4:00 - 5:00 pm Welcome and overview of program

Delegates will review (1) the final agenda, (2) security expectations and protocol, (3) leadership roles for the trip, and (4) US policy initiatives toward Cuba. Delegates will have an opportunity to introduce themselves and hear from delegation leaders and interpreters. This meeting is important because it clarifies expectations and logistical information that delegates will need throughout the trip. The entirety of the allotted time for the working breakfast will be spent on officially-connected activity.

- *Presenters: Elise Roberts, P-PIP director; Natasha Bannan, ACERE Co-Chair*
- *Location: Hotel Boutique La Distancia, Calle 6 e/ 23 y 25, Municipio Plaza, Havana*

5:30 - 6:30 pm **Official visit with Cuban Government**

Delegates will meet with top Cuban authorities to discuss pressing issues pertaining to the U.S.-Cuba bilateral relationship, including, but not limited to, the impacts of U.S. trade, travel and financial restrictions on the Cuban people; respect for human rights and prisoners in both countries; support for Cuba's private sector and independent entrepreneurs; and the potential for cooperation in fields such as migration, national security, public health, agriculture, climate change and regional diplomacy. This meeting is important because it provides the opportunity for delegates to hear from the Cuban President personally and to discuss ongoing US-Cuban relations directly with the current Cuban administration.

- *Presenters: Miguel Díaz-Canel, President of Cuba; Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, Minister of Foreign Affairs*
- *Location: Palacio de la Revolución, 4JC6+8XW Comité Central del PCC, Avenida Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, Havana*

Dinner at hotel

Overnight at Hotel Boutique La Distancia, Calle 6 e/ 23 y 25, Municipio Plaza, Havana

Thursday, April 2nd

8:00 - 10:00 am: **Working breakfast with Cuban women entrepreneurs** (in education, business and consumer sectors)

The meeting will continue a thread from last night concerning the current challenges for Cuban women entrepreneurs and business owners in light of the economic and energy crisis, as well as limitations on their ability to access and/or receive financial

transactions, business goods, and other economic activity related to their business initiatives as a result of U.S. policy. This meeting will assist delegates in further understanding the complex dynamics and how they interact and affect Cuba's private sector(s), and in particular women and mothers. The entirety of the allotted time for the working breakfast will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

- *Presenters: Ana Mahe Inda Gonzalez, El Mundo de Amalia; Dalieny Ortega, Cubela; Lisset Ametler, Zame*
- *Location: Hotel Boutique La Distancia*

10:00 - 10:30 am: Walk to location for next meeting

10:30 - 12:30 pm **Panel on current state of U.S.-Cuba relations**

During this special panel discussion, delegates will have a unique opportunity to learn from leading policy experts, academics and analysts from Cuban civil society about the current state of U.S.-Cuba relations under the new administration, Cuba's socioeconomic and foreign policy priorities, and prospects for the improvement of bilateral ties. Delegates will learn about the historical factors and political negotiations that led to the normalization of relations between the U.S. and Cuba; the policy changes and bilateral advances that resulted from this announcement; and the impacts on the Cuban people of the decision by subsequent administrations to reverse many of these changes over the past seven years. This meeting is important for delegates to consider future legislative priorities related to US-Cuban relations.

- *Presenters: Dr. Raul Rodriguez, Director of the University of Havana's Center for Hemispheric and United States Studies (CEHSEU); Norma Goicochea Estenoz, Executive Director of the Cuban Association of the United Nations (ACNU); Dr. Jourdy James Heredia, Deputy Director of the Global Economy Research Center (CIEM); and Rafael Hernandez, editor-in-chief of Temas magazine*
- *Location: Hotel Boutique Claxson, Paseo e/ 19 y 21, Municipio Plaza, Havana*

12:30 - 1:00 pm Travel from Hotel Boutique Claxson to Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center

1:00 - 4:30 pm: Working lunch and meeting with **Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center**

The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center (CMMLK), located in Marianao, a working-class neighborhood in Havana, is a premier Cuban civil society and ecumenical institution that works with communities and churches across the island to promote participation in civic life. The CMMLK has deep ties to Protestant churches and humanitarian organizations in the United States, and many of its leaders have visited U.S. cities on educational exchanges in recent years.

- The meeting will provide delegates with information about religious expression and social participation in Cuba today, as well as the efforts of women, Afro-descendant and LGBTQ+ leaders to promote positive social change in Cuba. This meeting is important because delegates will learn about the impacts of U.S. policies on the CMMLK's foreign visitors program, as well as on Cuban churches and community

organizations' ability to provide robust and meaningful services and programming for Cubans of all walks of life.

-The entirety of the allotted time for the working lunch will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

- *Presenters: Rev. Izett Samá Hernández, Director; Dayanis Garcia, International Delegations Coordinator*
- *Location: CMMLK, 3HJH+PJ, Mariano, Havana*

4:00 - 5:00 pm: Travel from CMMLK to Old Havana

5:00 - 6:00 pm: Executive time at hotel

6:00 - 8:00 pm: **Working dinner with officials from the U.S. Embassy in Havana**

The delegates will meet with officials from the U.S. Embassy in Havana, with whom they will discuss issues pertinent to the bilateral relationship between Cuba and the United States, including agricultural trade, environmental and security cooperation, respect for human rights, and support for Cuba's independent private sector. This meeting is important because it will allow delegates to share with U.S. diplomats in Cuba what they heard and saw from Cubans of diverse backgrounds, as well as learn about U.S. foreign policy priorities and public diplomacy programs in Cuba and brainstorm ways to advance ongoing cooperation in the U.S. national interest.

- *Presenters: Mike Hammer, Chief of Mission*
- *Location: Hotel Boutique La Distancia, Calle 6 e/ 23 y 25, Municipio Plaza, Havana*

Overnight at Hotel Boutique La Distancia, Calle 6 e/ 23 y 25, Municipio Plaza, Havana

Friday, April 3rd

8:00 - 9:00 am: Breakfast and briefing of day's activities

Delegates will be briefed on the day's meetings. This meeting is important because it provides historical background and current context for meetings throughout the day. This information will be needed for understanding the day's presentations and clarifying any questions about the groups and individuals we will meet. The entirety of the allotted time for the working breakfast will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

- *Presenters: Elise Roberts, P-PIP director; Natasha Bannan and/or Camila Pineiro Harnecker, ACERE Co-Chairs*
- *Location: Hotel Boutique La Distancia, Calle 6 e/ 23 y 25, Municipio Plaza, Havana*

9:00 - 9:30 am: Travel from hotel to Hospital Hermanos Ameijeiras

9:30 - 11:00 am: Visit to **Hospital Hermanos Ameijeiras**

The Hermanos Ameijeiras hospital is a leading clinical, surgical and teaching hospital in Cuba's Centro Habana neighborhood, housed in a 24-story building perched over the Malecón.

-During this visit, delegates will exchange with health officials, doctors, nurses, technicians and patients about the structure, mission and impacts of Cuba's public health care system, as well as the labor, material and technological shortages it currently faces. Delegates will witness firsthand scarcities of medications, medical inputs, machinery and personnel at the hospital, as well as learn about the preventative and community-based model that undergirds its operations. The visit will provide insight into opportunities for bilateral cooperation in public health between U.S and Cuban institutions as well as shed light on the impacts of U.S. regulations on public health outcomes, indicators and infrastructure in Cuba.

- *Presenters: Ameijeiras Hospital directors and staff*
- *Location: Hospital Hermanos Ameijeiras, #701 Calle San Lazaro, Havana*

11:00 - 11:30 am: Travel from Hospital Hermanos Ameijeiras to Paladar La Guarida

11:30 - 1:30 pm: Working lunch with **foreign press corps and business sector**

The delegates will meet with foreign and independent Cuban journalists, as well as representatives of international firms doing business on the island, at a historic privately-owned restaurant to discuss the challenges and opportunities of carrying out their work in Cuba. Delegates will learn about key economic, political and social issues in Cuba from the media and business professionals who report on and navigate them every day. This meeting is important as it will allow delegates to transmit their impressions and interactions throughout the trip as well as hear from observers and practitioners deeply familiar with the Cuban reality about the present difficulties and unique potential for relations between the two countries.

- *Presenters: Representatives of the accredited foreign press and Western firms based in Cuba*
- *Location: Paladar La Guarida, 418 Concordia, Centro Habana, Havana*

1:30 - 2:00 pm Travel from La Guarida to el Callejón de Hamel

2:00 - 3:00 pm: Visit Afro-Cuban community arts project **Callejón de Hamel**

-The Callejón de Hamel community arts project is an independent, self-sustaining hub of artists, entrepreneurs and cultural promoters working to preserve the island's diverse African-derived spiritualities through the built environment in one of Havana's most marginalized neighborhoods. The project redistributes income earned from foreign visitors to benefit community programming, including social work and artistic training for school children.

-The visit will provide delegates with a rich understanding of Cuba's religious diversity and insight into the linkages between international tourism, community empowerment and cultural preservation. Delegates will learn about how recent reductions in tourism to the island, stemming from the Covid-19 pandemic and U.S.

regulations, have impacted the project's operations and contributed to out-migration among the small business owners and cultural workers based there.

- *Presenters: Elias Aseff, Historian at Callejón de Hamel*
- *Location: Callejón de Hamel, Entre las calles Aramburu y Hospital, Cayo Hueso, Havana*

3:00 - 3:45 pm Travel to Latin American School of Medicine

3:45 - 5:30 pm: **Visit U.S. students at Latin American School of Medicine**

-The Latin American School of Medicine is among the largest medical schools in the world, with thousands of students enrolled from Africa, Latin America and Asia, as well as dozens of low-income students from the U.S. Hundreds of mostly African-American and Hispanic students from the U.S. have trained at the school tuition-free thanks to backing from the Congressional Black Caucus and support from a U.S. foundation, with the understanding that upon graduation they would practice medicine in underserved rural and urban communities throughout the U.S.

-The visit will provide delegates with an opportunity to meet some of these students and learn about Cuba's health care and higher education systems, as well as exchange with students from Africa and Latin America who similarly benefit from this debt-free medical education. Delegates will learn about how U.S. sanctions contribute to difficulties in the provision of medical and educational services in Cuba and be exposed to the history of public health and educational cooperation between U.S. and Cuban institutions. This meeting is important for delegates to understand the interests and challenges for US citizens studying medicine in Cuba, and to consider relevant future legislative priorities related to US-Cuban relations.

- *Presenters: Students from the US currently attending the Latin American School of Medicine*
- *Location: Latin American School of Medicine, Carretera Panamericana Km 3 1/2, Carr. Panamericana, Havana*

5:30 - 6:30 pm: Travel from Latin American School of Medicine to El Jardin de los Milagros paladar

6:30 - 7:30 pm: Dinner at El Jardin de los Milagros paladar

- *Location: Calle San Juan Bautista esq. 35, Nuevo Vedado, Municipio Plaza, Havana*

7:30 - 9:00 pm: Executive time

9:00 - 11:00 pm Visit **Fábrica del Arte Cubano (optional)**

Fábrica del Arte Cubano is Havana's premier, privately-operated community arts hub, which has hosted award-winning U.S., Cuban and international musicians and currently employs, directly or indirectly, hundreds of Cuban artists and entrepreneurs. In this visit, delegates will exchange with young Cuban filmmakers, actors, musicians and curators about the unique success and global recognition Fábrica achieved under past administrations, and the challenges it has faced amid Cuba's economic and humanitarian decline over the past five years. Delegates will learn about innovative U.S.-Cuba exchanges in the artistic, cultural and educational fields Fábrica has

sponsored in the past decade; explore current exhibits and converse with their creators; and exchange with Cuban youth about cultural and employment opportunities on the island today.

- *Presenters: X Alfonso, Director of Fábrica del Arte Cubano*
- *Location: Fabrica del Arte Cubana, 4HGR+X2X, Calle 26, Havana*

Overnight at Hotel Boutique La Distancia, Calle 6 e/ 23 y 25, Municipio Plaza, Havana

Saturday, April 4th

8:00 - 9:00 am: Working breakfast and briefing of day's activities

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Sunday, April 5th

Travel day home

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

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

10: Schedule

Wednesday, April 1st

6:00 - 10:00 am: Fly from district or DCA to Miami

12:15 - 1:40 pm: Fly from Miami (MIA) to Havana (HAV) on American Airlines #837

1:40 - 2:30 pm: Clear customs and secure baggage

2:30 - 3:30 pm: Travel from airport to Hotel Boutique La Distancia, check in to hotel

4:00 - 5:00 pm: Welcome and overview of program

Delegates will review (1) the final agenda, (2) security expectations and protocol, (3) leadership roles for the trip, and (4) US policy initiatives toward Cuba. Delegates will have an opportunity to introduce themselves and hear from delegation leaders and interpreters. This meeting is important because it clarifies expectations and logistical information that delegates will need throughout the trip. The entirety of the allotted time for the working breakfast will be spent on officially-connected activity.

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5:30 - 6:30 pm **Official visit with Cuban Government**

Delegates will meet with top Cuban authorities to discuss pressing issues pertaining to the U.S.-Cuba bilateral relationship, including, but not limited to, the impacts of U.S. trade, travel and financial restrictions on the Cuban people; respect for human rights and prisoners in both countries; support for Cuba's private sector and independent entrepreneurs; and the potential for cooperation in fields such as migration, national security, public health, agriculture, climate change and regional diplomacy. This meeting is important because it provides the opportunity for delegates to hear from the Cuban President personally and to discuss ongoing US-Cuban relations directly with the current Cuban administration.

- *Presenters: Miguel Díaz-Canel, President of Cuba; Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, Minister of Foreign Affairs*
- *Location: Palacio de la Revolución, 4JC6+8XW Comité Central del PCC, Avenida Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, Havana*

Dinner at hotel

Overnight at Hotel Boutique La Distancia, Calle 6 e/ 23 y 25, Municipio Plaza, Havana

Thursday, April 2nd

8:00 - 10:00 am: **Working breakfast with Cuban women entrepreneurs** (in education, business and consumer sectors)

The meeting will continue a thread from last night concerning the current challenges for Cuban women entrepreneurs and business owners in light of the economic and energy crisis, as well as limitations on their ability to access and/or receive financial transactions, business goods, and other economic activity related to their business initiatives as a result of U.S. policy. This meeting will assist delegates in further understanding the complex dynamics and

how they interact and affect Cuba's private sector(s), and in particular women and mothers. The entirety of the allotted time for the working breakfast will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

- *Presenters: Ana Mahe Inda Gonzalez, El Mundo de Amalia; Dalieny Ortega, Cubela; Lisset Ametler, Zame*
- *Location: Hotel Boutique La Distancia*

10:00 - 10:30 am: Walk to location for next meeting

10:30 - 12:30 pm **Panel on current state of U.S.-Cuba relations**

During this special panel discussion, delegates will have a unique opportunity to learn from leading policy experts, academics and analysts from Cuban civil society about the current state of U.S.-Cuba relations under the new administration, Cuba's socioeconomic and foreign policy priorities, and prospects for the improvement of bilateral ties. Delegates will learn about the historical factors and political negotiations that led to the normalization of relations between the U.S. and Cuba; the policy changes and bilateral advances that resulted from this announcement; and the impacts on the Cuban people of the decision by subsequent administrations to reverse many of these changes over the past seven years. This meeting is important for delegates to consider future legislative priorities related to US-Cuban relations.

- *Presenters: Dr. Raul Rodriguez, Director of the University of Havana's Center for Hemispheric and United States Studies (CEHSEU); Norma Goicochea Estenez, Executive Director of the Cuban Association of the United Nations (ACNU); Dr. Jourdy James Heredia, Deputy Director of the Global Economy Research Center (CIEM); and Rafael Hernandez, editor-in-chief of Temas magazine*
- *Location: Hotel Boutique Claxson, Paseo e/ 19 y 21, Municipio Plaza, Havana*

12:30 - 1:00 pm Travel from Hotel Boutique Claxson to Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center

1:00 - 4:30 pm: Working lunch and meeting with **Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center**

The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center (CMMLK), located in Marianao, a working-class neighborhood in Havana, is a premier Cuban civil society and ecumenical institution that works with communities and churches across the island to promote participation in civic life. The CMMLK has deep ties to Protestant churches and humanitarian organizations in the United States, and many of its leaders have visited U.S. cities on educational exchanges in recent years.

- The meeting will provide delegates with information about religious expression and social participation in Cuba today, as well as the efforts of women, Afro-descendant and LGBTQ+ leaders to promote positive social change in Cuba. This meeting is important because delegates will learn about the impacts of U.S. policies on the CMMLK's foreign visitors program, as well as on Cuban churches and community organizations' ability to provide robust and meaningful services and programming for Cubans of all walks of life.

-The entirety of the allotted time for the working lunch will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

- *Presenters: Rev. Izett Samá Hernández, Director; Dayanis Garcia, International Delegations Coordinator*
- *Location: CMMLK, 3HJH+PJ, Marianao, Havana*

4:00 - 5:00 pm: Travel from CMMLK to Old Havana

5:00 - 6:00 pm: Executive time at hotel

6:00 - 8:00 pm: **Working dinner with officials from the U.S. Embassy in Havana**

The delegates will meet with officials from the U.S. Embassy in Havana, with whom they will discuss issues pertinent to the bilateral relationship between Cuba and the United States, including agricultural trade, environmental and security cooperation, respect for human rights, and support for Cuba's independent private sector. This meeting is important because it will allow delegates to share with U.S. diplomats in Cuba what they heard and saw from Cubans of diverse backgrounds, as well as learn about U.S. foreign policy priorities and public diplomacy programs in Cuba and brainstorm ways to advance ongoing cooperation in the U.S. national interest.

- *Presenters: Mike Hammer, Chief of Mission*
- *Location: Hotel Boutique La Distancia, Calle 6 e/ 23 y 25, Municipio Plaza, Havana*

Overnight at Hotel Boutique La Distancia, Calle 6 e/ 23 y 25, Municipio Plaza, Havana

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9:00 - 9:30 am: Travel from hotel to Hospital Hermanos Ameijeiras

9:30 - 11:00 am: Visit to **Hospital Hermanos Ameijeiras**

The Hermanos Ameijeiras hospital is a leading clinical, surgical and teaching hospital in Cuba's Centro Habana neighborhood, housed in a 24-story building perched over the Malecón.

-During this visit, delegates will exchange with health officials, doctors, nurses, technicians and patients about the structure, mission and impacts of Cuba's public health care system, as well as the labor, material and technological shortages it currently faces. Delegates will witness firsthand scarcities of medications, medical inputs, machinery and personnel at the hospital, as well as learn about the preventative and community-based model that undergirds its operations. The visit will provide insight into opportunities for bilateral cooperation in public health between U.S and Cuban institutions as well as shed light on the impacts of U.S. regulations on public health outcomes, indicators and infrastructure in Cuba.

- *Presenters: Ameijeiras Hospital directors and staff*
- *Location: Hospital Hermanos Ameijeiras, #701 Calle San Lazaro, Havana*

11:00 - 11:30 am: Travel from Hospital Hermanos Ameijeiras to Paladar La Guarida

11:30 - 1:30 pm: Working lunch with **foreign press corps and business sector**

The delegates will meet with foreign and independent Cuban journalists, as well as representatives of international firms doing business on the island, at a historic privately-owned restaurant to discuss the challenges and opportunities of carrying out their work in Cuba. Delegates will learn about key economic, political and social issues in Cuba from the media and business professionals who report on and navigate them every day. This meeting is important as it will allow delegates to transmit their impressions and interactions throughout the trip as well as hear from observers and practitioners deeply familiar with the Cuban reality about the present difficulties and unique potential for relations between the two countries.

- *Presenters: Representatives of the accredited foreign press and Western firms based in Cuba*
- *Location: Paladar La Guarida, 418 Concordia, Centro Habana, Havana*

1:30 - 2:00 pm Travel from La Guarida to el Callejón de Hamel

2:00 - 3:00 pm: Visit Afro-Cuban community arts project **Callejón de Hamel**

-The Callejón de Hamel community arts project is an independent, self-sustaining hub of artists, entrepreneurs and cultural promoters working to preserve the island's diverse African-derived spiritualities through the built environment in one of Havana's most marginalized neighborhoods. The project redistributes income earned from foreign visitors to benefit community programming, including social work and artistic training for school children.

-The visit will provide delegates with a rich understanding of Cuba's religious diversity and insight into the linkages between international tourism, community empowerment and cultural preservation. Delegates will learn about how recent reductions in tourism to the island, stemming from the Covid-19 pandemic and U.S. regulations, have impacted the project's operations and contributed to out-migration among the small business owners and cultural workers based there.

- *Presenters: Elias Aseff, Historian at Callejón de Hamel*
- *Location: Callejón de Hamel, Entre las calles Aramburu y Hospital, Cayo Hueso, Havana*

3:00 - 3:45 pm Travel to Latin American School of Medicine

3:45 - 5:30 pm: **Visit U.S. students at Latin American School of Medicine**

-The Latin American School of Medicine is among the largest medical schools in the world, with thousands of students enrolled from Africa, Latin America and Asia, as well as dozens of low-income students from the U.S. Hundreds of mostly African-American and Hispanic students from the U.S. have trained at the school tuition-free thanks to backing from the Congressional Black Caucus and support from a U.S. foundation, with the understanding that upon graduation they would practice medicine in underserved rural and urban communities throughout the U.S. The visit will provide delegates with an opportunity to meet some of these students and learn about Cuba's health care and higher education system. Delegates will learn about how U.S. sanctions contribute to difficulties in the provision of medical and educational services in Cuba and be exposed to the history of public health and educational cooperation between U.S. and Cuban institutions. This meeting is important for delegates to understand the interests and challenges for US citizens studying medicine in Cuba, and to consider relevant future legislative priorities related to US-Cuban relations.

- *Presenters: Students from the US currently attending the Latin American School of Medicine*

- *Location: Latin American School of Medicine, Carretera Panamericana Km 3 1/2, Carr. Panamericana, Havana*

5:30 - 6:30 pm: Travel from Latin American School of Medicine to El Jardin de los Milagros paladar

6:30 - 7:30 pm: Dinner at El Jardin de los Milagros paladar

- *Location: Calle San Juan Bautista esq. 35, Nuevo Vedado, Municipio Plaza, Havana*

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- *Presenters: X Alfonso, Director of Fábrica del Arte Cubano*
- *Location: Fabrica del Arte Cubana, 4HGR+X2X, Calle 26, Havana*

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2:00 – 6:25 pm: Layover in Tampa

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March 31, 2026

Ms. Deepa Patel
Office of the Honorable Jonathan Jackson
1623 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Patel:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Cuba,¹ scheduled for April 1 to 5, 2026, sponsored by Partnership for Participatory International Policy.

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 \$525 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 \$525] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy” by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

¹ Please be aware that the Committee’s review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department’s Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

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

Sincerely,



Michael Guest
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Congressman Jonathan Jackson
1632 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Jackson:

We are writing to invite you to attend a **NODEL to Cuba from April 1 - 5**, sponsored by the Partnership for Participatory Policy (P-PIP). The delegation is focused on learning about the current economic and humanitarian crisis and the impacts of recent changes in US policies.

During the visit, delegates will engage with members of Cuban civil society—religious and community leaders, entrepreneurs, agricultural producers, medical students and others— offering unique insight into the bilateral relationship between the United States and Cuba. Delegates will also meet with Cuban authorities as well as representatives of the U.S. Embassy in Havana.

P-PIP will coordinate all aspects of the schedule and the preparation of forms for the House Ethics Committee, and we will cover all expenses for the trip. If you are able to attend, we will extend an invitation to a member of your staff to accompany you. While on-the-ground we will coordinate all transportation, interpretation, lodging, meals, and meetings, in line with US legal requirements.

As we get closer to the trip, we will send a pre-delegation briefing book with a packing list, draft schedule, pre-trip readings, and other materials to prepare for the delegation.

Please let us know if you have any questions about the delegation. We hope you are able to join us.

Sincerely,

Elise Roberts, Director

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