

# 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](mailto: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: Ziyan Sears
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: April 5, 2026 Return: April 10, 2026  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Dulles, IAD Destination: Paris, FR Return City: Dulles IAD
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Foundation for Nuclear Studies
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Toured three facilities specializing in nuclear energy; an equipment manufacturing plant, a laboratory, and a uranium enrichment facility.
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: 4/20/26

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: Scott Peters

Date: 4/20/26

Signature of Supervising Member: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Foundation for Nuclear Studies

2. Travel Destination(s): Paris, France

3. Date of Departure: April 5, 2026 Date of Return: April 10, 2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): See list attached.

*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                   | \$5,204                       | \$1567                 | \$1535              | \$1202  |
| Accompanying Family Member | NA                            | NA                     | NA                  | NA  |

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: April 17, 2026

Name: LeeAnn Petersen Title: Executive Director

Organization: Foundation for Nuclear Studies

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

Address: 1432 Independence Avenue, SE #101, Washington, DC 20003

Telephone: 202-744-6077 Email: leeann@foundationfornuclearstudies.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.

# 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.

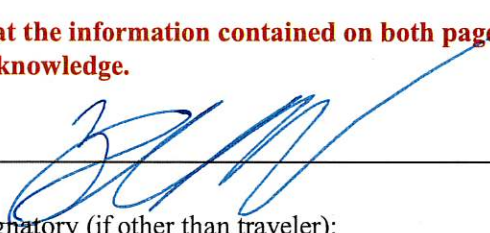
This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

**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: Ziyun Sears

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

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

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-50)

Office Address: 2369 Rayburn HOB

Telephone Number: 760-913-8052

Email Address of Contact Person: ziyun@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](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Ziyun Sears
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Foundation for Nuclear Studies
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: France
4. a. Date of Departure: April 5, 2026 Date of Return: April 10, 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 serve as the Senior Legislative Assistant for energy and permitting, which is directly connected to nuclear fuel recycling, nuclear power generation, and associated infrastructure.

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: 3.4.26

# 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:

Foundation for Nuclear Studies

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): Please see list attached.

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

6. Date of Departure: April 5, 2026 Date of Return: April 10, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Dulles, VA (IAD Airport)

b. Destination(s): France

c. City of return: Dulles, VA (IAD Airport)

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 explanation in addendum, item #12, attached.**
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13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:  
 \_\_\_\_\_
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14.  I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a.  The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
  - b.  The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If “b” is checked:
    - 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$149
    - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: France derives more electricity from nuclear energy than any other country. France is the world leader in recycling spent fuel. France is a leading exporter of nuclear equipment.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Courtyard by Marriott GDL City: Paris Cost Per Night: \$243  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: American brand, near train station, has meeting space
- Hotel Name: Hotel de Cambis Best Western City: Avignon Cost Per Night: \$246  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: American brand, historic location, near plant
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: Spending two nights at each hotel.

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<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates | Total <b>Transportation</b> Expenses per Participant | Total <b>Lodging</b> Expenses per Participant | Total <b>Meal</b> Expenses per Participant |
|---|--|---|--|
| For each Member, Officer, or Employee   | \$4,604  | \$1,255                                       | \$932                                      |
| For each Accompanying Family Member   |  |   |  |

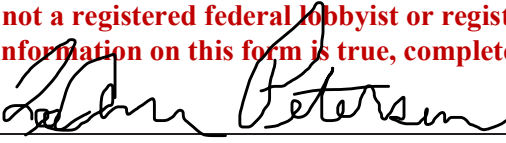
|                                       | <b>Other</b> Expenses (dollar amount per item) | Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.) |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| For each Member, Officer, or Employee | \$372  | Bus driver expense, room rental for meetings, travel manager fees.                         |
| 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: February 26, 2026  
 Name: LeeAnn Petersen Title: Executive Director  
 Organization: Foundation for Nuclear Studies  
 Address: 1432 Independence Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20003  
 Email: leeann@foundationfornuclearstudies.org Telephone: 202-744-6077

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| First Name | Last Name  | Email        | Job Title   | Company   |
|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|---|
| Chris      | Jackson    | christopher  | Energy Poli | Rep. Castor   |
| Ziyan      | Sears      | ziyan.sears  | Senior Legi | Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA)                                |
| Macayle    | Fuchs      | macayle.fu   | Legislative | Rep. Paul A. Gosar, DDS - U.S. House of Representatives |
| Josephine  | Amusa      | josephine.ε  | Policy Advi | US House of Representatives                             |
| William    | McAuliffe  | will.mcauli  | Chief Coun  | House Committee on Energy and Commerce                  |
| Timia A.   | Crisp McCl | timia.crisp  | (LA         | Energy and Commerce                                     |
| Calvin     | Huggins    | calvin.hugg  | Policy Anal | Committee on Energy and Commerce                        |
| Rhett      | Styles     | rhett.styles | Legislative | Rep. Nicole Malliotakis                                 |
| Kei        | Fujisawa   | kei.fujisaw  | Legislative | Rep. Kim Schrier  |



## 2026 Congressional Staff Delegation to France

Organized and supported by the Foundation for Nuclear Studies 501 (c) (3)

### Paris, St. Marcel and Avignon France

April 5-10, 2026

**MISSION GOALS:** The goal of this trip is to introduce Congressional staff who work on energy and environment issues to the way other countries, in this case France, work with nuclear energy. France is a world leader in recycling spent fuel, deconstructing nuclear components and extracting energy, enriching Uranium for fuel, and manufacturing the heavy equipment used for nuclear plants all around the world. The goal of the trip is to understand how the U.S. can adopt some of these systems and technologies to be more competitive in the global market.

**RELEVANCE TO OFFICIAL DUTIES:** The subject matter of this trip is important to energy/environment staff advising their Members of Congress on future legislation concerning nuclear projects at home in the U.S. and how the U.S. can be a global leader in this space.

**LOCATION:** The purpose of travelling to France is that it is the only country engaging in recycling and reclaiming spent fuel and is a leader in enriching uranium. The facilities we will tour are a model for future projects in the U.S. including Orano’s **Project Ike**, announced in January 2026, that will enrich uranium at Oak Ridge National Lab in Tennessee.

## ITINERARY

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5: TRAVEL

6:00PM United Flight 915 departs IAD arriving CDG at 7:45AM the next morning.

Confirmation numbers:

|           |               |        |
|-----------|---------------|--------|
| Chris     | Jackson       | JH9WB4 |
| Ziyan     | Sears         | JH9WB4 |
| Macayle   | Fuchs         | JH9WB4 |
| Josephine | Amusa         | JH9WB4 |
| William   | McAuliffe     | JH9WB4 |
| Timia A.  | Crisp McClain | JH9WB4 |
| Calvin    | Huggins       | JJP1X5 |
| Michael   | Lundquist     | JJP1X5 |
| Curt      | Beaulieu      | JJP1X5 |
| Rhett     | Styles        | JJP1X5 |
| Bill      | Ball          | JJP1X5 |
| Kei       | Fujisawa      | JJ188P |

**MONDAY, APRIL 6 TRAVEL CONT.:**

9:00-10:00 AM Transfer by bus to hotel: Courtyard Marriott Gare de Lyon, 209-211 Rue de Bercy, 75012 Paris, France. **EARLY CHECK IN HAS BEEN ARRANGED.**

~~11:00-1:00 PM Meeting followed by lunch with Nick Sherman Deputy Head of Division for Nuclear Technology Development and Economics, OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA).~~

12:00-2:00 PM Open House Style Buffet Lunch Courtyard Foyer Lounge

Monday is a bank holiday in Paris and government offices will be closed preventing our speaker from attending so we have therefore canceled the previously planned meeting. Instead, we will have a casual open-house style buffet lunch in the Courtyard foyer lounge from 12-2pm. Come and meet other attendees and make a plan to see a bit of Paris in the afternoon.

7:00-9:00 PM Dinner with guest speaker

**Presenter:** Tom Deponty, Framatome

**Location:** Le Train Bleu, Gare de Lyon, Pl. Louis Armand Hall 1, 75012 Paris, France  
(Located in nearby train station, walking distance from hotel)

*Tom will provide an overview of what participants will see and learn on the tour of the Saint Marcel facility. He will discuss Framatome's relationship to the French government and their place in the global nuclear market.*

9:00 PM Return to hotel

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7:**

6:45 -7:15 AM Breakfast on your own at hotel

7:15 AM Walk to Paris Gare de Lyon train station

7:52 – 9:12 AM Depart Paris on TVG train to Le Creusot arriving 9:12 AM

9:12 -9:45 AM Transfer by bus to Framatome's Saint-Marcel site, Rue Louis Alphonse POITEVIN, ZI Portu Aire Sud – Zone F 71380 Saint Marcel

**Framatome's Saint-Marcel site** assembles the heavy Equipment (vessels, steam generators, pressurizers) that comprise the primary loop of nuclear reactors. The plant assembles most of the heavy Equipment for the French nuclear industry's reactors between 900 MW and 1,600 MW capacity. This facility is important for the Congressional staff to see because the U.S. endeavors to manufacture similar equipment domestically to serve the U.S. and global markets.

10:00 -10:15 AM Welcome and process through security

10:15-11:00 AM Overview of the facility's operations and safety briefing  
**Presenter:** Peggy Lucas, Director of Site Visits, Framatome

11:00 -1:15 PM Facility tour (elements broken down below)  
**Presenter:** Peggy Lucas, Director of Site Visits

*The plant is at the heart of the manufacturing chain for nuclear steam supply systems (NSSS). The basic activities performed at Chalon/St. Marcel are metalworking and heavy machining. These activities are carried out in strict compliance with nuclear safety rules. The availability of all these skills, brought together on a single site and applied to heavy NSSS components, allows Chalon/St. Marcel undeniable advantages in terms of quality and competitiveness.*

*The delegation will tour the Chalon-St Marcel Manufacturing Shop floor of roughly 40,000 square meters of workshops. This will be an active walking tour with stops at the following locations to view key aspects of the manufacturing process.*

11:00 – 11:45 AM Welding School – Training area for highly skilled component welding

11:45 – 12:15 PM Three active work bays:

- Light bay (50 tons) – Preparation of parts in light span
- Medium bay (350 tons) – Gradual assembly of components
- Heavy bay (600 tons) – Final assembly of large components with direct access to the shipping dock

12:15 – 12:45 PM Framatome Technical School – Tour participants will learn how research and development is conducted on the manufacturing process to maintain the utmost degree of excellence and efficiency.

12:45– 1:00 PM Multimodal Shipping Platform – Finished components are loaded onto transport ships to be moved down the Seine River. Tour concludes.

1:15 – 2:15 PM On site lunch debrief and Q&A

**Presenter:** Matthieu Cazalet, Director of Market Strategy, Framatome Projects & Components Manufacturing. Mr. Cazalet will provide a review of what participants saw on the tour and answer questions.

2:30 – 2:45 PM Bus transfer to Le Creusot train station

3:15 – 5:06 PM Train to Avignon, change trains in Lyon

5:15 – 6:15 Bus transfer to Hotel de Cambis, 89 Rue Joseph Vernet, 84000 Avignon. Check in and store bags.

6:45 PM Walk to dinner venue

7:00-9:00 PM Working dinner with guest speaker

**Presenter:** Corinne Spilios: Senior Executive Vice President, Recycling Business Unit, Orano

**Location:** Le Carré du Palais, 1 Place du Palais, 84000 Avignon

*Ms. Spilios will discuss how Orano became a world leader in recycling used fuel and how the Orano Melox recycling plant at Marcoule produces MOX fuel assemblies made from a blend of uranium oxide and plutonium developed from spent fuel. This talk will provide context for what participants will see the next morning on the tour.*

9:00PM Return to hotel

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8:**

7:00 – 8:00 AM Working breakfast at hotel

**Presenter:** Alexander Hoppes, VP Public Affairs, Orano

*Mr. Hoppes will provide an overview of how legacy equipment is brought to Marcoule, mined for excess energy particles and then reprocessed to make fuel for light water reactors. He will give an overview of Orano's Marcoule plant operations and what participants will see on the tour.*

8:00 AM Bus Transfer to Marcoule Site CEA/ISEC

9:00 -10:00 AM Welcome, overview and safety briefing with representatives from French Alternative Energies, Atomic Energy Commission, and Science & Technology Institute for a Circular Economy of Low Carbon Energy (CEA/ISEC). CEA/ISEC is a world-class nuclear and fuel cycle R&D organization embedded at the Marcoule site to support safety, waste management, and the French Navy's nuclear propulsion systems.

**Presenter:** Hélène Nonnet (Hubert), PhD, R&D project manager for nuclear waste management and innovation/valorization officer, CEA/ISEC.

*Ms. Nonnet will brief participants on Marcoule's CEA/ISEC project. Created in 1955 and a pioneer in France's nuclear industry history, this site performs research and development of the nuclear fuel cycle including spent fuel processing and recycling and radioactive waste management. Other areas of R&D activity include development of the fuel cycle for future nuclear systems, as well as research in support of*



*industrial partners. The centre is the world's largest facility for the study of dismantling nuclear facilities and legacy waste retrieval.*

10:00 -11:45AM      Tour of CEA facilities

**Presenter:** Thomas Berki, Research Engineer, CEA Marcoule

*Mr. Berki will show participants the G1/G2 Reactor Buildings and INFODEM which showcase CEA's decommissioning strategies, technical methods, and information on the uranium/plutonium fuel cycle.*

12:00 -1:00 PM      Working lunch on site

**Presenter:** Patrice Risch, Interim Senior Executive Vice President of the Dismantling & Services Business Unit, Orano

*Mr. Risch will outline the global market for technologies to decommission and dismantle nuclear facilities and equipment. He will offer insight on how this technology could be used in the U.S. to safely dismantle legacy fleet operations.*

1:10 PM              Transfer by bus to Hotel de Cambis, 89 Rue Joseph Vernet, 84000 Avignon

7:00-9:00 PM      Dinner with guest speaker

**Presenter:** Annan Blandine, Mining, Conversion and Enrichment Sales, Orano

**Location:** Numéro 75, 75 Rue Guillaume Puy, 84000 Avignon, France

*Mr. Blandine will preview the next day's tour by providing an overview of Orano's Uranium Conversion and Enrichment operations. He will discuss the need for countries other than Russia to provide uranium enrichment to increase supply for a burgeoning market.*

9:00PM              Return to hotel

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 9**

7:00-8:00AM      Working breakfast briefing at hotel

**Presenter:** Alexander Hoppes, VP Public Affairs, Orano

*Mr. Hoppes will provide an overview of commercial uranium enrichment activities in the global market. Introduction of Orano's **Tricastin** plant operations including uranium conversion, fluorine chemistry, and enrichment, and how it is relevant to U.S. policy considerations.*

8:05 AM              Transfer by bus to Orano Tricastin Site, 26130 Pierrelatte, France

9:00 - 9:45 AM      Welcome, Orano Georges Besse II enrichment plant, overview, safety briefing

**Presenter:** Francois Lurin, SVP of Chemistry and Enrichment, Orano



10:00 -11:45 AM      Tour of Orano Georges Besse II facility

**Presenter:** Francois Lurin, SVP of Chemistry and Enrichment, Orano

*Orano carries out the chemistry (conversion, defluorination and denaturation) and uranium-enrichment activities on site. The Georges Besse II facility uses proven centrifuge technology to produce 7.5M SWU annually for customers across the world (including the U.S.). GBII serves ~12% of enrichment market, and the plant is representative of the facility Orano intends to build at Oak Ridge, TN. The group will visit exterior of cascade halls and control room and have a demonstration of modular design across two constructed units. GBII is under active construction for capacity expansion (launched October 2023 in response to global re-orientation away from Russian supply), and the group will review progress of extension, investment, timing of construction on-site.*

12:00 -1:15 PM      On site lunch discussion and debrief to review the plant tour and offer Q&A for participants about commercial front end nuclear fuel cycle topics.

**Presenter:** Francois Lurin, SVP of Chemistry and Enrichment, Orano

1:30 PM              Bus transfer to Avignon TVG train station

2:00 – 4:40 PM      Train back to Paris (travel time 2 hours 40 minutes). Walk to hotel.

5:00 PM              Check in at Marriott Courtyard, Gare de Lyon, 211 Rue de Bercy, 75012 Paris

7:00 – 9:00 PM      Farewell dinner and closing presentation

**Presenter:** Giulia Bisconti, Energy Attaché, Department of Energy, US Mission to the OECD

**Location:** Bofinger, 5-7 Rue de la Bastille, 75004 Paris, France

*The United States works through the OECD to advance support for economic innovations and standards among publics in OECD member states, to advance shared values and interests, and to help set a welcoming business environment for U.S. firms wherever OECD best practices and recommendations are adopted.*

9:00 PM              Return to hotel

#### **FRIDAY, APRIL 10:**

8:00 AM              Breakfast on your own at hotel

9:30 AM              Transfer on your own to CDG airport

12:25 – 2:50 PM      United Flight 914 departs CDG for IAD

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April 1, 2026

Mr. Ziyang Sears  
Office of the Honorable Scott Peters  
2369 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Sears:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to France,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for April 5 to 10, 2026, sponsored by the Foundation for Nuclear Studies.

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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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](mailto: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  
Chairman

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Mark DeSaulnier  
Ranking Member