

# 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.**

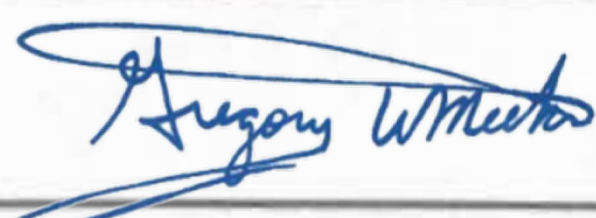
1. Name of Traveler: Brandon Brooks
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 3/20/2026 Return: 3/20/2026  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Providence, RI Return City: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Eleanor Cook Foundation, Edesia Nutrition
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Toured Edesia warehouse.  
Spoke with Edesia leadership about challenges facing firms producing nutrition assistance commodities.
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: 3/30/26

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: Gregory W. Meeks Date: 3-30-2026

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: Edesia Nutrition

2. Travel Destination(s): North Kingstown, RI

3. Date of Departure: 3/20/2026 Date of Return: 3/20/2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Brandon Brooks

*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	\$725.25	n/a	\$80.20	
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: Maria Date: 4/24/2026

Name: Maria Kasparian Title: Chief of Staff

Organization: Edesia Nutrtrition

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

Address: 550 Romano Vineyard Way, North Kingstown, RI

Telephone: 401 272-5521 Ext. 1104 Email: mkasparian@edesianutrition.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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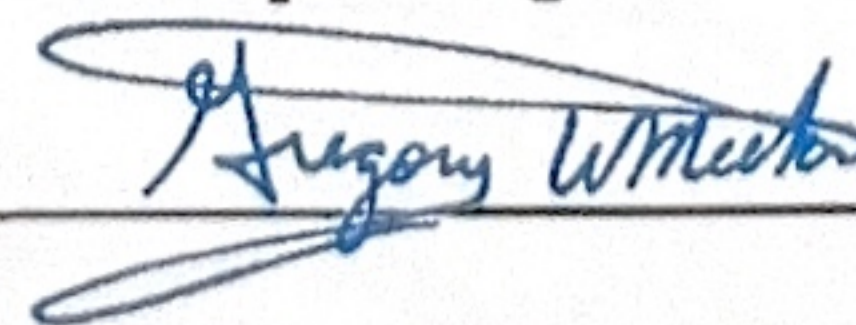
## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Brandon Brooks
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Eleanor Crook Foundation, Edesia Nutrition
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: North Kingstown, Rhode Island
4. a. Date of Departure: 03/20/2026 Date of Return: 03/20/2026  
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 a Policy Analyst with the House Foreign Affairs Committee covering foreign assistance issues. Getting a better understanding of how Edesia produces Ready to Use Therapeutic Food will enhance my ability to scrutinize actions affecting the provision of emergency nutrition assistance overseas, helping ensure aid is delivered in a timely and effective manner.
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: 03/09/2026

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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:

Edesia Nutrition

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: Eleanor Crook Foundation

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 attached House Invitation List

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

6. Date of Departure: March 20, 2026 Date of Return: March 20, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): North Kingston, RI

c. City of return: Washington, DC

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

- a.  The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
- b.  The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
- c.  The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

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

10.  Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**

- a.  I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box;* **OR**
- b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

Edesia Nutrition is interested in educating congressional staff on the work we do to prevent and treat acute malnutrition around the world, including the production of ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF). Eleanor Crook Foundation (ECF) focused on scaling up these most proven, cost-effective solutions for malnutrition. Edesia is organizing and conducting the trip, while ECF is financially supporting.

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**

- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: shuttle airport-Edesia)
- b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14.  I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

- a.  The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b.  The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$50

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Headquarters and production facility of Edesia.

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

Hotel Name: n/a City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <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	450	n/a	50
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		
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: Blake Selzer Digitally signed by Blake Selzer  
Date: 2026.02.12 22:06:31 -05'00' Date: 02/13/2026  
 Name: Blake Selzer Title: Director of Government Affairs  
 Organization: Edesia Nutrition  
 Address: 550 Romano Vineyard Way, North Kingston, RI 02852  
 Email: bselzer@edesianutrition.org Telephone: 401 688-2756

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



**Edesia Trip Rhode Island  
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\*House Congressional Staff invited from offices relevant to Edesia's work to prevent and treat global malnutrition, utilizing commodities sourced in the U.S. for our therapeutic food aid product were invited to this delegation trip. This includes both the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and the House Agriculture Committee.



**Congressional Staff Delegation to Edesia Nutrition**  
**March 20, 2026**

**6:30 am** Flight Departure/Washington National Airport

**8:00 am** Flight Arrival/ Airport Pickup Providence, RI

**9:00 am** Arrival at Edesia

**9:00-9:30 am** Coffee networking

**9:30-9:45 am** Welcome and introductory remarks

Edesia Founder and CEO Navyn Salem will welcome the staff delegation to Edesia, provide the history of Edesia, its mission and work.

**10:00-11:00 am** Factory Tour and Test Kitchen Tasting

Congressional staff will be taken on a guided tour of Edesia's facility, from the innovative work of our tasting kitchen to our state-of-the-art technology throughout our production facility.

**11:15—11:45 pm** Presentations by Staff

Congressional staff will listen to staff stories, the work they do, including some with lived experience from country of origin, and how they came to Edesia.

**12:00- 12:30 pm** Lunch

**12:30- 1:30** Roundtable Discussion

Edesia Nutrition staff will facilitate discussion among the congressional staffers and NGO host staff. The discussion will focus on timely issues related to Capitol Hill and the interests of Edesia.

**1:30-1:45 pm** Closing remarks

Senior staff at Edesia will provide closing remarks.

**2:00 pm** Depart for PVD airport

**3:42 pm** Flight Departure PVD-DCA

**5:18 pm** Arrival DCA

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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.**

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1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: Edesia Nutrition
2. Name of your organization: Eleanor Crook Foundation
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:  Date: 02/17/2026

Name: Mariana Becerra Title: Director of North American Affairs

Organization: Eleanor Crook Foundation

Address: 1049 30th St NW, Washington DC

Telephone: 2027660197 Email: mbecerra@eleanorcrookfoundation.org

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

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March 19, 2026

Mr. Brandon Brooks  
Committee on Foreign Affairs  
2471 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to North Kingstown, Rhode Island, scheduled for March 20, 2026, sponsored by Edesia Nutrition and Eleanor Crook Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$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.

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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### **Invitation to Visit Edesia Nutrition**

This event is hosted by [Edesia Nutrition](#)

We invite you to join a special delegation visit to Edesia Nutrition  
in North Kingstown, Rhode Island

**Friday, March 20**

Explore our state-of-the-art manufacturing facility and see firsthand how we produce life-saving Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Foods (RUTF) and other vital nutritional products.

This unique opportunity is open to staff members from both the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate who are either champions of our work, or those interested in learning more about our work, and how we partner with the U.S. Government and United Nations organizations to support our mission to eradicate malnutrition worldwide.



***During the visit, you will have the opportunity to:***

- Tour our advanced manufacturing plant
- Sample our life-saving products in our R&D kitchen
- Engage in conversations with Edesia staff members with lived experience related to
  - International food assistance
  - Participate in a roundtable discussion

We will discuss our critical role in combating malnutrition, the importance of RUTF, and other essential nutritional products. You will also learn how U.S. commodities are instrumental in the work of ending child malnutrition globally.

We hope you will join us for this informative and inspiring day.

**RSVP by February 18<sup>th</sup>**

[RSVP Here](#)

This day trip, which is in compliance with the U.S. Senate Select and U.S. House Committee on Ethics rules, will include roundtrip airfare from D.C., transportation to and from Edesia, and lunch. Ethics travel form will be sent when you confirm your