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: John Lee
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** ☐ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: Sunday, June 14, 2026 Return: Friday, June 19, 2026
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ ***OR*** ☐ None
4. Departure City: Washington DC Destination: Amsterdam Return City: Washington DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Center Forward
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Met with officials from the Netherlands government to discuss trade and other foreign affairs issues impacting the transatlantic relationship, also met with American business interests in Amsterdam.
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: John Lee **Date:** 7/9/26

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: Rep. Nikki Budzinski **Date:** 7/9/26

Signature of Supervising Member: Nikki Budzinski

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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

■ *Original* ☐ *Amendment*

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

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Center Forward
2. Travel Destination(s): Amsterdam, Netherlands
3. Date of Departure: Sunday, June 14, 2026 Date of Return: Friday, June 19, 2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): John Lee

   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	$6,391.53 (includes ground)	$1,780.00	$320.00	$15.00 (Heineken Experience ticket)
Accompanying Family Member	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

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: R. Kilburg **Date:** Friday, June 19, 2026

Name: Riley Kilburg **Title:** Executive Director

Organization: Center Forward

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

Address: 1214A Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA 22101

Telephone: (563)542-6821 **Email:** riley@center-forward.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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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

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

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

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

Name of Traveler: John Lee

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: John Lee Digitally signed by John Lee Date: 2026.05.04 11:45:16 -04'00'

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Rep. Nikki Budzinski

Office Address: 1717 Longworth House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-2371

Email Address of Contact Person: john.lee3@mail.house.gov

☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, *and* these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: John Lee

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Center Forward

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Amsterdam, Netherlands

4. a. Date of Departure: 06/14/2026 Date of Return: 06/19/2026

   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.**

   As Rep. Budzinski's Chief of Staff, John will accompany Rep. Budzinski during the conference and will connect with Dutch and European counterparts to share knowledge on international agriculture and sustainability practices, as well as commodity trade.

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:** 05/04/2026

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:
   Center Forward
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: Sunday, June 14, 2026 Date of Return: Friday, June 19, 2026
7. a. City of departure: Detroit, MI
   b. Destination(s): Amsterdam, Netherlands
   c. City of return: St. Louis, MO
8. ***Check only one.*** I represent that
   a. ☐ The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
   b. ☒ The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
   c. ☐ The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

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

10. ☒ Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*
11. ***Check only one of the following.***
   a. ☒ I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box;* **OR**
   b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For ***each*** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip ***and*** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
   See 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:
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): $192 USD
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See attachment
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
   Hotel Name: W Amsterdam City: Amsterdam, Netherla Cost Per Night: $450 USD
   Reason(s) for Selecting: See attachment
   Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
   Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
   Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
   Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

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

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

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total **Transportation** Expenses per Participant	Total **Lodging** Expenses per Participant	Total **Meal** Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	Approximately $12,000 USD	Approximately $1,800 USD	Approximately $576 USD
For each Accompanying Family Member	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

	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	$0.00	N/A
For each Accompanying Family Member	$0.00	N/A

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: Riley Kilburg Date: Friday, May 1, 2026

Name: Riley Kilburg Title: Executive Director

Organization: Center Forward

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Email: riley@center-forward.org Telephone: (563) 542-6821

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Center Forward International Issues Conference
Amsterdam, Netherlands | June 15 - June 19, 2026
Conference Agenda

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Thursday, June 11, 2026

5:30 pm EST	Congresswoman Susie Lee (D-NV) departs Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) | UA Flight 946 | 8 h 5 min
6:30 pm EST	Mary Katherine Sowers departs Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) | UA 918 | 7 h 25 min

Friday, June 12, 2026

6:55 am GMT +1	Mary Katherine Sowers arrives at London Heathrow International Airport (LHR). Mary Katherine Sowers will arrange her own travel to Amsterdam and cover the related expenses.
7:35 am GMT +1	Congresswoman Susie Lee arrives at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS). Depart AMS en route to the W Amsterdam Hotel (30 min).

Saturday, June 13, 2026

3:19 pm EST	Congressman David Joyce (R-OH) & Ms. Kelly Joyce depart Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) | UA Flight 1892 | 1 h 41 min
5:00 pm EST	Congressman David Joyce (R-OH) & Ms. Kelly Joyce arrive at Newark-Liberty International Airport (EWR)
5:55 pm EST	Congressman David Joyce (R-OH) & Ms. Kelly Joyce depart Newark-Liberty International Airport | UA Flight 71 | 7 h 20
10:29 pm EST	Congressman Andrew Garbarino (R-NY) departs John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK). DL Flight 48 | 7h 41 min

Sunday, June 14, 2026

7:15 am GMT+1	Congressman David Joyce (R-OH) & Ms. Kelly Joyce arrive at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS). Depart AMS en route to the W Amsterdam Hotel (30 min) W Amsterdam Hotel | Spuistraat 175, 1012 RR Amsterdam, Netherlands
12:10 pm GMT+1	Congressman Andrew Garbarino (R-NY) arrives at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS). Depart AMS en route to the W Amsterdam Hotel (30 min) W Amsterdam Hotel | Spuistraat 175, 1012 RR Amsterdam, Netherlands
2:43 pm EST	Congressman Chuck Edwards (R-NC) & Ms. Teresa Edwards depart Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP) | AA Flight 6132 | 2 h 1 min
4:44 pm EST	Congressman Chuck Edwards (R-NC) & Ms. Teresa Edwards arrive at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL)
4:45 pm PDT	Congressman Vincent Fong (R-CA), Ms. Amanda Fong, & Gerrit Fong depart Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) | KL Flight 604 | 10 h 15 min
5:30 pm EST	Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX), Mr. Norman Scott Fletcher, Toby Douthat, John Lee, Katherine Sears, & Lauren Toy depart Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) | UA Flight 946 | 8 h 5 min
6:15 pm EST	Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski (D-IL) departs Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) | DL Flight 134 | 8 h
6:30 pm EST	Congressman Chuck Edwards (R-NC) & Ms. Teresa Edwards depart Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) | AA Flight 204 | 7 h 30 min

Monday, June 15, 2026

7:35 AM GMT +1	Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX), Mr. Norman Scott Fletcher, Toby Douthat, John Lee, Katherine Sears, & Lauren Toy arrive at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS). Depart AMS en route to the W Amsterdam Hotel (30 min) W Amsterdam Hotel | Spuistraat 175, 1012 RR Amsterdam, Netherlands
8:00 AM GMT +1	Congressman Chuck Edwards (R-NC) & Ms. Teresa Edwards arrive at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS). Depart AMS en route to the W Amsterdam Hotel (30 min) W Amsterdam Hotel | Spuistraat 175, 1012 RR Amsterdam, Netherlands
8:15 AM GMT +1	Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski (D-IL) arrives at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS). Depart AMS en route to the W Amsterdam Hotel (30 min) W Amsterdam Hotel | Spuistraat 175, 1012 RR Amsterdam, Netherlands
12:00 PM GMT +1	Congressman Vincent Fong (R-CA), Ms. Amanda Fong, & Gerrit Fong arrive at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS). Depart AMS en route to the W Amsterdam Hotel (30 min) W Amsterdam Hotel | Spuistraat 175, 1012 RR Amsterdam, Netherlands
12:10 PM GMT +1	Congressman Andrew Garbarino (R-NY) arrives at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS). Depart AMS en route to the W Amsterdam Hotel (30 min) W Amsterdam Hotel | Spuistraat 175, 1012 RR Amsterdam, Netherlands

12:00 pm - 5:45 pm	Hotel Check-In & Registration
5:45 pm - 6:00 pm	Depart W Amsterdam Hotel en route to Vessel via walking (15 min). Singel 250 | 1016 DB Amsterdam, Netherlands
6:00 pm- 8:30 pm	Currents & Conversation — A Welcome Dinner on the UNESCO World Heritage Canal Ring - Meike van Ginneken, Water Envoy, Kingdom of the Netherlands - Cori Kramer, CEO, Center Forward - Riley Kilburg, Executive Director, Center Forward *As attendees gather along Amsterdam's iconic canals, the Hon. Meike van Ginneken will welcome guests to the city, setting the stage for an evening of connection and exchange. Offering a brief overview of the Netherlands' centuries-long relationship with water, Ms. van Ginneken will highlight how innovation, resilience, and careful management have shaped both the landscape and the Dutch way of life.* *Against this backdrop, guests will network and engage with one another while gaining a deeper appreciation for the vital role water plays in the region's history, economy, and future.*
8:30 pm - 8:45 pm	Depart Vessel en route to the W Amsterdam Hotel (15 min)
8:45 pm	Official programming concludes for the day

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

The breakfast buffet will be available from 7:00 am to 10:30 am and is located in the Mr. Porter Restaurant on the sixth floor of the Exchange building

Business casual attire

8:30 am - 9:00 am Welcome Remarks & Conference Overview

- Cori Kramer, CEO, Center Forward

Cori Kramer will lead an overview of the agenda for conference participants and highlight the pressing issues that will be discussed over the next three days.

9:00 am - 9:15 pm Security Debrief

- Faris Amra, Founder, RedCloud USA
- Don Adams, Security, RedCloud USA
- Salvador Castellanos, Security, RedCloud USA

RedCloud USA Security Services will provide a debrief on the security situation in the Netherlands and how Members, family, and staff should conduct themselves to stay safe and secure.

9:15 am - 10:30 am Fireside Chat — Perspectives from Dutch Media Outlets

- Marieke de Vries, Journalist, Netherlands Broadcasting Foundation (NOS)
- Eelco Bosch van Rosenthal, Dutch Public Television, Nieuwsuur

Through a moderated discussion, Dutch journalists who have previously covered Congress will provide conference attendees with an overview of the political landscape in the Netherlands, and how the new government is approaching its first months in office. With insights provided on the differences between U.S. and Dutch media, Marieke de Vries and Eelco Boasch van Rosenthal will discuss the priorities of the new governing coalition, led by Prime Minister Rob Jetten, and the challenges facing the Dutch people.

10:30 am - 11:00 am Depart W Amsterdam en route to the Shell Energy Transition Campus Amsterdam via shuttle (30 min)

Shell Energy Transition Campus Amsterdam | Grasweg 31, 1031 HW Amsterdam, Netherlands

11:00 am - 12:15 pm Innovative Solutions for the Future of Energy

- Sarah Street, Director, Shell Energy Transition Campus Amsterdam

In recent years, the Netherlands has become one of Europe's leading nations in the hydrogen economy. Through an interactive tour and discussion at the Shell Energy Transition Campus in Amsterdam, attendees will learn about how state-of-the-art technologies are being used to address global energy challenges. With sustainability at the forefront of their work, this campus will highlight the collaboration of start-ups, research institutions, and academia as they innovate to find solutions for lower-emission fuels and lower-carbon energy.

12:15 pm - 12:30 pm Depart Shell Energy Transition Campus Amsterdam en route to the Amstel Hotel Amsterdam (30 min)

Amstel Hotel Amsterdam | Professor Tulpplein 1, 1018 GX Amsterdam, Netherlands

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm Business Luncheon with the American Chamber of Commerce Netherlands

- Marc Haar, Executive Director, American Chamber of Commerce Netherlands
- Katie Vlietstra Wonnenberg, Advisory Board, Center Forward
- Members of Congress
- Additional business leaders to be confirmed

Representing the Dutch-American business community, the American Chamber of Commerce Netherlands focuses on improving the Dutch investment climate and transatlantic trade. Through a fireside chat, followed by a working luncheon, conference attendees will learn about how the Netherlands works to create an attractive business environment for U.S. companies, and how both nations' economies and workforces benefit from this relationship and a strong trade partnership.

2:15 pm - 2:30 pm	Depart Amstel Hotel Amsterdam en route to the W Amsterdam Hotel via shuttle (15 min) W Amsterdam Hotel | Spuistraat 175, 1012 RR Amsterdam, Netherlands
2:30 pm - 4:45 pm	Break
4:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Depart the W Amsterdam Hotel en route to the Residence of the Mayor of Amsterdam via walking (15 min) Residence of the Mayor of Amsterdam | Herengracht 6, 1015 BV Amsterdam, Netherlands
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Briefing from the Mayor of Amsterdam on the Economic & Cultural Priorities of the Local Dutch Government - The Hon. Femke Halsema, Mayor, City of Amsterdam *Hosted by Mayor Halsema, attendees will engage in a roundtable discussion on the critical issues facing the host city, from housing affordability to urban safety, economic vitality, and ensuring livability for the residents of Amsterdam.* *Following the roundtable, Mayor Halsema will host a welcome reception for the delegation, providing an opportunity to network and engage with U.S. government officials and members of the local government.*
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Depart the Residence of the Mayor of Amsterdam for dinner via shuttle (30 min)
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Curated Small-Group Dinners *For the evening, conference attendees will be divided into multiple small, intimate dinner groups designed to foster informal conversation and relationship-building. These dinners will provide an opportunity for participants to reflect on and discuss the conference programming to date. Each group will be moderated by a member of the Center Forward Advisory Board to strengthen professional networks and encourage greater collaboration among attendees.*

	Group 1: Troef | Schollenbrugstraat 8, 1091 EX Amsterdam, Netherlands
	Group 2: Restaurant Wolf Atelier | Westerdoksplein 20-brug 1013 AZ Amsterdam
	Group 3: Restaurant 21 | Peperstraat 23, 1011 TZ Amsterdam, Netherlands
	Group 4: The Siren | Rokin 83, 1012 KL Amsterdam, Netherlands
	Group 5: Restaurant de Kas | Kamerlingh Onneslaan 3, 1097 DE Amsterdam, Netherlands
8:45 pm - 9:15 pm	Depart dinner en route to the W Amsterdam Hotel via shuttle (est. 30 min)
	W Amsterdam Hotel | Spuistraat 175, 1012 RR Amsterdam, Netherlands
9:15 pm	Official programming concludes for the day

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

The breakfast buffet will be available from 7:00 am to 10:30 am and is located in the Mr. Porter Restaurant on the sixth floor of the Exchange building

***Business attire for the day.**

TRACK ONE **MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ONLY**

7:45 am - 9:15 am Depart the W Amsterdam Hotel en route to the Port of Rotterdam (1 hr 30 min).

While in transit, a member of the Royal Embassy of the Netherlands in Washington will brief conference participants on the newly installed Dutch coalition government. Following the election last year, Prime Minister Jetten leads a multiparty governing coalition, tasked with addressing the nation's most pressing challenges. Attendees will receive an overview of the makeup of the coalition, the cabinet, key issues, and a preview of the discussions of the day.

Port of Rotterdam | Wilhelminakade 909, 3072 AP Rotterdam, Netherlands

9:15 am - 11:00 am Tour of the Port of Rotterdam

- Bart de Jong, Special Envoy for the Maritime Sector, Government of the Netherlands
- Boudewijn Siemons, Chief Executive Officer, Port of Rotterdam Authority

As the largest seaport in Europe, the Port of Rotterdam holds significance as the key transit point for goods between the European continent and the world. During an interactive presentation and tour, conference attendees will experience up close how the port operates as a climate-neutral port, prioritizing sustainability, safety, supply chain security, and economic value.

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Depart the Port of Rotterdam en route to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs via shuttle (60 min). While in transit, a member of the Center Forward team will brief members on the background and priorities of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and preface the roles and initiatives

of the Members of the Dutch Parliament with whom they are set to hold discussions.

House of Representatives of the States General | Bezuidenhoutseweg 67, 2595 BD Den Haag, Netherlands

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Luncheon with U.S. Members of Congress and Members of the Dutch Parliament's U.S. Friendship Group

- The Hon. Frederik Jansen, Member of Parliament, Forum for Democracy
- The Hon. Felix Klos, Member of Parliament, Democrats 66
- The Hon. Rachel van Meetelen, Member of Parliament, Party for Freedom
- The Hon. Jan Paternotte, Member of Parliament, Democrats 66
- The Hon. Kati Piri, Member of Parliament, Green Left-Labour Party
- The Hon. Joost Sneller, Member of Parliament, Democrats 66

In 2019, the Dutch Parliament U.S. Friendship Group was created to recognize the United States as one of the Netherlands most important political, economic, military, and cultural allies. Over lunch, elected officials representing each nation will hold a conversation on the priorities of the U.S. Congressional Caucus on the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and how our two nations can continue working together to strengthen our parliamentary ties.

1:30 pm - 2:00 pm Tour of the Dutch Parliament

- Myrna Prenger, Clerk of the United States Friendship Group, House of Representatives of the States General

Following lunch, attendees will tour Plenary Hall, where the 150 Members of the Dutch Parliament convene for legislative debate and gain insights into the Dutch legislative process.

2:00 pm - 2:15 pm Depart the House of Representatives of the States General en route to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs via walking (15 min)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands | Rijnstraat 8, 2515 XP Den Haag, Netherlands

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Roundtable discussion with the Minister of Foreign Affairs

- The Hon. Tom Berendsen, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of the Netherlands

As the current Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister Berendsen is responsible for advancing the foreign policy agenda of Prime Minister Rob Jetten. From strengthening transatlantic ties with the United States and NATO to enhancing Europe's security posture, modernizing trade and economic cooperation, and navigating strategic competition with China, this discussion will provide a comprehensive overview of the Netherlands' global priorities.

Members of Congress will hear directly from Minister Berendsen on how the Dutch government is approaching today's most pressing geopolitical challenges, and how the United States and the Netherlands can deepen cooperation to advance shared economic, security, and democratic interests.

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Roundtable discussion with the Minister of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation

- The Hon. Sjoerd Sjoerdsma, Minister of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Government of the Netherlands

Minister Sjoerdsma has been tasked with the responsibility of developing and implementing a robust trade policy for the Dutch government. Through a moderated roundtable discussion, Minister Sjoerdsma will share how the government approaches utilizing the tools of foreign policy for economic development in trade, aid, and development.

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm Depart the Ministry of Foreign Affairs en route to the W Amsterdam Hotel via shuttle (1 hr 15 min)

W Amsterdam Hotel | Spuistraat 175, 1012 RR Amsterdam, Netherlands

5:15 pm Official programming concludes for the day.

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

TRACK TWO **CONGRESSIONAL CHIEFS OF STAFF**

7:45 am - 9:15 am Depart the W Amsterdam Hotel en route to the Port of Rotterdam (1 hr 30 min).

While in transit, a member of the Center Forward team will brief conference participants on the newly installed Dutch coalition government. Following the election last year, Prime Minister Jetten leads a multiparty governing coalition, tasked with addressing the nation's most pressing challenges. Attendees will receive an overview of the makeup of the coalition, the cabinet, key issues, and a preview of the discussions of the day.

Port of Rotterdam | Wilhelminakade 909, 3072 AP Rotterdam, Netherlands

9:15 am - 11:00 am Tour of the Port of Rotterdam

- Boudewijn Siemons, Chief Executive Officer, Port of Rotterdam Authority

As the largest seaport in Europe, the Port of Rotterdam holds significance as the key transit point for goods between the European continent and the world. During an interactive visit, conference attendees will experience up close how the port operates as a climate-neutral port, prioritizing sustainability, safety, supply chain security, and economic value.

11:00 am - 11:45 am Depart the Port of Rotterdam en route to World Horti Center (45 min).

While in transit, a member of the Center Forward team will brief attendees on the economic importance of horticulture to the Netherlands. Attendees will learn about the technological advancements and innovative practices undertaken to allow the Netherlands to be a leader in sustainability and the global food supply.

World Horti Center | Europa 1, 2672 ZX Naaldwijk, Netherlands

11:45 am - 1:00 pm Interactive Overview of Dutch Horticulture

- Peter de Munck, HortiXpert & Guide, World Horti Center
- Tricia Tang van der Borg, Guide, World Horti Center

During a visit to the World Horti Center, attendees will be guided on an interactive tour of the innovation centre for international greenhouse horticulture. This tour offers a broad overview of how a greenhouse works, the techniques utilized, and the role the sector plays on a global scale. This tour will also focus on the concept of World Horti Center, including its structure, purpose, and the collaboration between entrepreneurs, educational institutions, research organizations, and the government.

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm Depart the World Horti Center en route to Restaurant de Luca via shuttle (30 min)

Restaurant de Luca | Passage 7, 2511 AD Den Haag, Netherlands

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm Lunch | How Venture Capital Supports Innovation

- Prince Constantijn Van Oranje-Nassau, Special Envoy, Techleap

For startups to survive the "valley of death" phase is a critical step, and oftentimes, they lack the necessary investments to do so. Through his work with Techleap, Prince Constantijn will lead a discussion on how the Dutch regulatory environment and investment process can be streamlined to allow for an increase in opportunities, and the role that securing venture capital plays in the success of startups.

2:45 pm - 3:00 pm Depart Restaurant de Luca en route to the Mauritshuis Museum via walking (15 min)

Mauritshuis Museum | Plein 29, 2511 CS Den Haag, Netherlands

3:00 pm - 4:15 pm Guided Tour of the Mauritshuis Museum

- Certified Museum Guide

As the historical and political heart of the Netherlands, the Mauritshuis Museum holds a collection of 17th century Dutch and Flemish artwork. With experts on hand, attendees will explore the

ancient city palace that now showcases the "Golden Age" of this art form.

4:15 pm - 5:15 pm Depart the Mauritshuis Museum en route to the W Amsterdam via shuttle (60 min)

W Amsterdam Hotel | Spuistraat 175, 1012 RR Amsterdam, Netherlands

5:15 pm Official programming concludes for the day.

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

Thursday, June 18, 2026

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

The breakfast buffet will be available from 7:00 am to 10:30 am and is located in the Mr. Porter Restaurant on the sixth floor of the Exchange building

***Business attire.**

8:30 am - 9:00 am Depart the W Amsterdam Hotel en route to the Merck via shuttle (30 min)

Merck | Waarderweg 39, 2031 BN Haarlem, Netherlands

9:00 am - 10:30 am Global Innovation Driving Better Health Outcomes

- Brian Woolhouse, Managing Director, Merck Netherlands,

As part of an interactive visit to Merck, conference attendees will begin with a briefing exploring Merck's footprint in the Netherlands and the production of key medicines, including Ivermectin, used to treat river blindness. Attendees will experience a behind-the-scenes guided tour of the facility, led by senior site leadership, to see firsthand how medicines are manufactured. The visit will highlight Merck's global reach as an American-based biopharmaceutical company and its commitment to improving health outcomes for patients worldwide.

10:30 am - 11:00 am Depart Merck en route to Philips HQ via shuttle (30 min)

Royal Phillips Headquarters | Pr. Irenestraat 59, 1077 WV Amsterdam, Netherlands

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Royal Philips HQ | The Future of Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

- Steve de Baca, Chief Patient Safety & Quality Officer, Royal Philips
- Roy Jakobs, President & Chief Executive Officer, Royal Philips

During this visit to Philips headquarters, attendees will meet with senior leadership to learn how the company is driving innovation in health technology, from advanced imaging to connected care.

Through a conversation and behind-the-scenes look at their work, participants will see how Philips is using data, AI, and patient-focused design to improve care and expand access around the world. The visit will offer a practical look at how technology is shaping the future of healthcare delivery.

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm Depart Royal Phillips Headquarters en route to Indrapura via shuttle (30 min)

Indrapura | Rembrandtplein 40-42 1017 CV, Amsterdam, Netherlands

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Lunch & Learn — How Past Leadership Can Show Us the Path Forward

- The Hon. Mark Rutte, Secretary General, NATO

As the longest-serving Prime Minister in Dutch history (2010–2024), Mark Rutte led four coalition governments, earning a reputation for pragmatic leadership and consensus-building across diverse political factions.

Over lunch, he will reflect on his approach to governing, the challenges of maintaining stable coalitions, and how these experiences have shaped his leadership as Secretary General of NATO. The conversation will also explore his perspective on current transatlantic priorities, alliance cohesion, and the evolving global security landscape.

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm Depart the Indrapura en route to W Amsterdam Hotel via shuttle (15 min)

W Amsterdam Hotel | Spuistraat 175, 1012 RR Amsterdam, Netherlands

2:45 pm - 4:15 pm Break

4:15 pm - 4:30 pm Depart the W Amsterdam Hotel en route to the Heineken Experience via shuttle (15 min)

Heineken Experience | Stadhouderskade 78, 1072 AE Amsterdam, Netherlands

4:30 pm - 6:15 pm Heineken Experience

- Maarten Froger, Global Director Government Relations & Stakeholder Engagement, Heineken

Stepping into the original Heineken Brewery, established in 1867, attendees will explore how Heineken evolved from a local Dutch brewer into a global brand. Company leadership will provide an inside look at how Heineken navigates shifting global trade dynamics, leverages advanced manufacturing and supply chain innovation, and executes modern, data-driven marketing strategies to stay competitive across diverse markets.

Led by a historian, the experience continues with a guided immersion into the company's Dutch heritage and international growth, highlighting how Heineken balances tradition with innovation while tailoring its products and branding to meet the preferences of consumers around the world.

6:15 pm - 6:30 pm Depart the Heineken Experience en route to D'Vijff Vlieylien via shuttle (15 min)

D'Vijff Vlieylien | Spuistraat 294-302, 1012 VX Amsterdam, Netherlands

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Farewell Dinner

- Cori Kramer, CEO, Center Forward

Cori Kramer, CEO of Center Forward and members of the Center Forward Advisory Board, will lead conference attendees through a discussion reflecting on what they have learned in Amsterdam. Attendees will share their takeaways from their counterparts in business and government, and what solutions they can take back to Congress.

8:30 pm - 8:15 pm Depart D'Vijff Vlieylien en route to W Amsterdam Hotel via walking (15 min)

W Amsterdam Hotel | Spuistraat 175, 1012 RR Amsterdam, Netherlands

8:45 pm Official programming concludes for the day.

Friday, June 19, 2026

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

The breakfast buffet will be available from 6:30 am to 10:30 am and is located in the Theo Randall Restaurant

9:10 am GMT+1	Congressman David Joyce (R-OH) & Ms. Kelly Joyce depart Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS). UA Flight 71 | 8 h 0 min
10:00 am GMT +1	Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski (D-IL), Congressman Chuck Edwards (R-NC), Ms. Teresa Edwards, and John Lee depart Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS). AA Flight 203 | 8 h 5 min
11:00 am GMT+1	Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX) and Mr. Norman Scott Fletcher depart Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS). UA Flight 21 | 10 h 45 min
11:15 am GMT +1	Toby Douthat, Katherine Sears & Lauren Toy depart Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS). UA Flight 947 | 8 h 45 min
12:00 pm GMT +1	Congresswoman Susie Lee (D-NV) departs Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS). UA Flight 908 | 8 h 45 min
5:05 pm GMT +1	Congressman Andrew Garbarino (R-NY) departs Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS). DL Flight 9358 | 8 h 0 min
11:10 am EST	Congressman David Joyce (R-OH) & Ms. Kelly Joyce arrive at Newark-Liberty International Airport
12:05 pm EST	Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski (D-IL), Congressman Chuck Edwards (R-NC), Ms. Teresa Edwards, and John Lee arrive at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL)
2:00 pm EST	Congressman David Joyce (R-OH) & Ms. Kelly Joyce depart Newark-Liberty International Airport | UA 3525 | 1 h 46 min
2:00 pm EST	Toby Douthat, Katherine Sears & Lauren Toy arrive at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)
1:45 pm CST	Congresswoman Susie Lee (D-NV) arrives at Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD)
2:45 pm CST	Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX) and Mr. Norman Scott

	Fletcher arrive at George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)
3:46 pm EST	Congressman David Joyce (R-OH) & Ms. Kelly Joyce arrive at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE)
3:54 pm CST	Congresswoman Susie Lee (D-NV) departs Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD). UA Flight 1875 | 4 h 3 min
7:05 pm EST	Congressman Andrew Garbarino (R-NY) arrives at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)
5:57 pm PST	Congresswoman Susie Lee (D-NV) arrives at Harry Reid International Airport (LAS)

Sunday, June 21, 2026

11:15 pm	Congressman Vincent Fong (R-CA), Ms. Amanda Fong, and Gerrit Fong depart Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS). UA Flight 947 | 8 h 45 min
2:00 pm EST	Congressman Vincent Fong (R-CA), Ms. Amanda Fong, and Gerrit Fong arrive at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)

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First	Last	Title	Affiliation	Reason
Nikki	Budzinski	Member of Congress	Illinois's 13th Congressional District	Congresswoman Budzinski can share her perspective on the international trade of commodities as a Member of the House Committee on Agriculture.
Troy	Carter Sr.	Member of Congress	Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District	Congressman Carter's experience on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce will contribute to conversations on the utility of ports for domestic and international trade.
Toby	Douthat	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Chuck Edwards (R-NC)	As Chief of Staff to a Member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs, Ms. Douthat can share her expertise on the challenges facing the United States to combat national threats as it relates to cybersecurity and the advancements of artificial intelligance.
Chuck	Edwards	Member of Congress	North Carolina's 11th Congressional District	As a Member on the House Committee on Appropriations, Financial Services Subcommittee, Congressman Edwards can share his outlook for American and Dutch foreign direct investment.
Lizzie	Fletcher	Member of Congress	Texas's 7th Congressional District	Congresswoman Fletcher's role on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce will enable her to speak to the intersection of ports and climate policy, and the future of sustainable energy practices.
Vince	Fong	Member of Congress	California's 20th Congressional District	Congressman Fong can speak to the elements to successfully build an environment favorable for technology research and development from his experience on the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.
Andrew	Garbarino	Member of Congress	New York's 2nd Congressional District	As Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security, Congressman Garbarino can share valuable insights on international efforts to combat terrorism in conversation with Dutch ministers.
David	Joyce	Member of Congress	Ohio's 14th Congressional District	As a Member on the House Committee on Appropriations, Defense Subcommittee, Congressman Joyce can give his outlook on NATO funding, and role the alliance will play in the ongoing global conflicts.
Susie	Lee	Member of Congress	Nevada's 3rd Congressional District	Congresswoman Lee can add to conversations about the need for energy security from her role as a Member on the House Committee on Appropriations, Defense Subcommittee.
John	Lee	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Nikki Budzinski (D-IL)	As Chief of Staff to a Member of the House Agriculture SubCommittee on General Farm Commodities, Risk Management, and Credit, Mr. Lee can speak to the unique challenges faced by small farmers competing with farmers at a global scale.

Willie	Lyles	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Troy Carter Sr. (D-LA)	As Chief of Staff to a Member of the House Energy and Commerce SubCommittee on Health, Mr. Lyles can provide insight on the benefits and challenges of the U.S. healthcare system, and add to the conversation on how health policy can be improved.
Mark	McDevitt	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Lori Trahan (D-MA)	As Chief of Staff to a Member on the Energy and Commerce subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, Mr. McDevitt can discuss the workforce challenges faced by advanced manufacturers and how that impacts the economy and national security of the U.S.
Katherine	Sears	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Vince Fong (R-CA)	As Chief of Staff to a Member on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Ms. Sears can discuss the opportunities for advancements in transportation for the U.S. as it relates to Surface Transportation Reauthorization for 2026.
Mark Katherine	Sower	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Andrew Garbarino (R-NY)	As Legislative Director to the Vice Chair of the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Ms. Sower can expand on the benefits and challenges of the U.S. capital markets system in comparison to the European system, and how that incentivizes or harms entrepreneurial endeavors.
Lauren	Toy	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Susie Lee (D-NV)	As Chief of Staff to a Member on the House Natural Resources subcommittee on energy and mineral resources, Ms. Toy can address the energy crisis facing both the United States and European Union countries as it relates to increased energy demands, outdated infrastructure, and rising costs.
Lori	Trahan	Member of Congress	Massachusetts's 3rd Congressional District	As a Member on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Congresswoman Trahan can speak to the comparative drug research and development environments.

15.b.2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
Amsterdam, Netherlands, was selected for this trip to provide U.S. members of Congress and congressional staff with an opportunity to engage with Dutch and American businesses and political leaders on issues affecting both the American and Dutch economies. As the two countries remain deeply intertwined and each has undergone significant political shifts in recent years, the Netherlands continues to be a major business hub with many major U.S. companies setting up headquarters in the country. This bipartisan delegation will focus on finding ways to increase shared economic growth, security, and prosperity while gaining a greater understanding of how Dutch leaders are addressing the challenges facing their nation. This visit will include programming focused on both domestic issues and international cooperation to continue strengthening the critical relationship that already exists between the two countries.

16. Safe and central location for site visits and government meetings as well as suitable hotel room rates.

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June 11, 2026

Mr. John Lee
Office of the Honorable Nikki Budzinski
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Lee:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to the Netherlands,[1] scheduled for June 14 to 19, 2026, sponsored by Center Forward.

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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[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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