

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: Jason Thomas Garcia
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** ☐ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 17, 2026 Return: August 20, 2026
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** ☐ None
4. Departure City: DC or member district Destination: Des Moines, IA Return City: DC or member District
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: See Attachment A
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Meetings and tours designed to deepen my understanding of agriculture and the production and use of renewable fuels, such as ethanol and biodiesel.
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: Jason T. Garcia Date: 09/02/26

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: Barry Loudermilk Date: 09/02/26

Signature of Supervising Member: [Signature]

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

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: See Attachment A
2. Travel Destination(s): Des Moines, Newton, Nevada, Ames, and Boone -- in Iowa
3. Date of Departure: August 17 Date of Return: August 20, 2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Clint Blaes, Ayush Nallapally, Jay Wright, Willie Williams III, Ross Elston, Leila Fleming, Reilly Piersimoni, Kenneth Anderson, Griffon Rabon, Allen Games, Jason Garcia
*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	\$586.19	\$406.56	\$135.31	\$11.00 (ticket to dinner at Iowa State Fair)
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: Monte Shaw Date: 8-28-26

Name: Monte Shaw Title: Executive Director

Organization: Iowa Renewable Fuels Association

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

Address: 5550 Wild Rose Lane, #340, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266

Telephone: 515-252-6249 Email: mshaw@iowarfa.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: Jason Thomas Garcia
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Iowa Renewable Fuels Association
See Attachment A for full list
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Iowa: Des Moines, Ames, Boone, Newton, and Nevada
4. a. Date of Departure: August 17th, 2026 Date of Return: August 20th, 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 Legislative Assistant for Rep. Barry Loudermilk, I advise the Member on healthcare, labor and workforce policy, and oversight matters. The tour includes discussions on the workforce supporting the renewable fuels industry, public health and environmental considerations related to biofuels, and the implementation of federal programs and regulations affecting these sectors. Participation will enhance my understanding of how federal policy is implemented and its effects on employers, workers, and communities, which is relevant to my responsibilities.
9. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: _____

Date: 7.16.26

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August 13, 2026

Mr. Jason Garcia
Office of the Honorable Barry Loudermilk
2133 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Garcia:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Des Moines, Iowa, scheduled for August 17 to 20, 2026, sponsored by Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, Biodiesel Coalition of Missouri, Clean Fuels Alliance Foundation (F/K/A National Biodiesel Foundation), Farm Credit Services of America, Indiana Corn Marketing Council, Iowa Biodiesel Board, Iowa Biotechnology Association, Iowa Corn Growers Association, Iowa Soybean Association, Kansas Corn Growers Association, Kansas Soybean Commission, Minnesota Biofuels Association, Missouri Corn Growers Association, North Dakota Ethanol Council, Nebraska Corn Board, Renew Kansas, Renewable Fuels Foundation, Renewable Fuels Nebraska, South Dakota Ethanol Producers Association, and Wisconsin Biofuels Association.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Guest". The first letter "M" is large and stylized, with a loop that extends upwards and to the left.

Michael Guest
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark DeSaulnier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

MG/MD:rp

ATTACHMENT A

Private Sponsor(s):

Iowa Renewable Fuels Association

Clean Fuels Alliance Foundation

Renewable Fuels Foundation

Iowa Corn Growers Association

Iowa Soybean Association

Iowa Biodiesel Board

North Dakota Ethanol Council

Nebraska Corn Board

Renew Kansas

Farm Credit Services of America

Renewable Fuels Nebraska

Kansas Soybean Commission

Kansas Corn Growers Association

Iowa Biotechnology Association

Biodiesel Coalition of Missouri

Indiana Corn Marketing Council

Minnesota Biofuels Association

Missouri Corn Growers Association

South Dakota Ethanol Producers Association

Wisconsin BioFuels Association