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**Ryan Martin**

**Senate Finance Committee**

## Casey Family Programs

**March 18. 2019**

**Note:** If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee.


**Trenton, New Jersey**

**Destination(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

As the Senior Human Services Advisor for Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles E. Grassley, I am responsible for overseeing federal child welfare funding and developing legislation on this issue. This site visit is directly connected to my official duties as it will allow me both to see how federal child welfare laws are being implemented at the local level, as well as understand challenges they are facing with a number of new child welfare laws. It will also help me determine additional ways members of the Senate Finance Committee can work to prevent children from entering foster care.

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

21/5/19  
(Date)

  
(Signature of Employee)

**Charles E. Grassley**

**Ryan Martin**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

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(Date)

*Chuck Grassley*  
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

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The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

– OR –

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

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11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

Casey Family Programs is the sole sponsor and is organizing the educational visit to give staff a better understanding of how a child welfare system functions and the importance of prevention services and collaboration with providers to improve outcomes for children and families.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

Casey Family Programs is the nation's largest private operating foundation focused exclusively on safely reducing the need for foster care and improving outcomes for children and families. The trip will provide information and insight to congressional staff overseeing federal policy on child welfare.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

Casey Family Programs has sponsored previous educational trips for staff to highlight model programs and promising practices and to allow staff to talk with local and state officials in addition to child welfare practitioners and other experts to understand how federal programs and policies impact them.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

**Casey Family Programs sponsors educational briefings. It produces reports and policy briefs on child**

welfare and it provides data, research and analysis on ways to safely reduce the number of children in

**foster care and to improve outcomes for children and families.**

**16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:**

|  | Transportation Expenses  | Lodging Expenses | Meal Expenses | Other Expenses |
|--|--|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts | Amtrak regional train from Washington, DC to Trenton, NJ and return<br>\$258<br>coach class transportation in NJ<br>\$50 | n/a              | \$56          |                |

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

**This trip was organized with regard to congressional participation**

**18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip**

**New Jersey's child welfare program is implementing prevention services including an innovative range**

of services like System of Care, Mobile Crisis Units and Family Success Centers.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

none

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:







- 2:00 pm - **GrandFamily Success Panel**  
 3:15 pm from Children's Home Society of New Jersey  
*(same location)*  
 Delores Bryant, Director of Kinship, Training and Clinical
- Presentation about role of kinship care providers in serving children in the New Jersey child welfare program
- Staff provide overview of program, including GrandFamily Success Center and Kinship Legal Guardianship Program
- Remarks from kinship caregiver (and possible youth) about the unique challenges kinship caregivers may face and the supports that kinship caregivers find helpful to keep children safe and with family
- 3:15 pm - Tour Family Success Center  
 3:45 pm
- 3:45 pm - **Heritage North or South Family Success Center**  
 4:45 pm (operated by The Children's Home Society of New Jersey)  
 Donna Pressma, President and CEO will welcome and provide overview of the work of the Family Success Center.
- Family Success Centers are community based, family-centered neighborhood gathering places where any community resident can go for support, information and services. All services are free and confidential. The purpose of the Family Success Center is to enrich the lives of children and adults by making families and neighborhoods stronger. The Center welcomes grandparents raising grandchildren as well as caregivers.
- The center offers 10 core services: access to health, advocacy, development of family success plans, parent education, parent-child activities, housing services, life skills, economic self-sufficiency/job readiness, home visiting and information and referrals. We follow the principles of family support and the five protective factors.
- 4:45 pm *Depart to train station*
- 4:45 pm *Travel to the train station (10 minute to drive)*  
 5:00 pm
- 5:20 pm *Amtrak Regional Train departs Trenton, NJ*  
 7:21 pm *Amtrak arrives Union Station, Washington, DC*



List of Senate Staff covering foster care for New Jersey site visit on March 18, 2019

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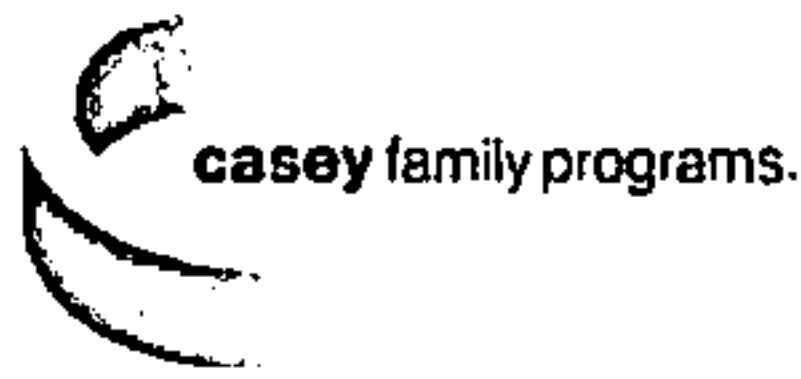
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February 8, 2019

Mr. Ryan Martin, Senior Advisor, Human Services  
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance  
Chairman Charles Grassley  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ryan,

I would like to invite you to a one-day educational site visit on Monday, March 18, 2019 to Trenton, New Jersey to meet with state and local officials to learn about New Jersey's innovative continuum of care for children and families, including efforts to identify and support families at-risk of abuse and neglect and show some of the ways various services are targeted to support the family as well as ensure quality foster care when appropriate. Casey Family Programs is the nation's largest private operating foundation focused exclusively on safely reducing the need for foster care in this country. We believe there is nothing more urgent than working together to ensure every child in this country has a safe, permanent family in which they can thrive.

I am attaching to this letter the draft itinerary for the trip, including the presentations and issues that will be addressed during the one day visit. Also enclosed is a completed Congressional Travel Certification Form.

New Jersey has seen a significant reduction in the number of children in foster care, decreased reliance on congregate care, increased placement stability, and decreases in the number of youth involved in the juvenile justice system. The trip will highlight New Jersey's Children's System of Care, which serves children and families with a range of family-centered, community-based services.

The trip will begin with a morning Amtrak regional train from Union Station, Washington DC on March 18 (departing around 7:30 am) and will end with a train back to Union Station that evening (arriving around 7:20 pm). Casey Family Programs will, in accordance with respective House and Senate Ethics Committees, arrange for and cover the costs for the train to and from Trenton (inclusive of transportation and meals while in New Jersey). Incidental expenses cannot be reimbursed.

If you have any questions about this trip, please be in touch with me at 202-728-2001 or [ccalpin@casey.org](mailto:ccalpin@casey.org). Space is limited, so I look forward to hearing from you soon. I hope you will be able to join us for this informative visit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Calpin".

Christine Calpin  
Managing Director-Public Policy  
Casey Family Programs

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