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Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

☒ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): IA Renewable Fuels Assn, National Biodiesel Foundation, Renewable Fuels Foundation, IA Corn Growers, IA Soybean Assn, Iowa Biodiesel Board, MO Corn Growers, ND Ethanol Council, Renew Kansas, Farm Credit Services of America, Renewable Fuels Nebraska, NE Corn Board, KS Soybean Commission, KS Corn Growers, Ames Chamber of Commerce, and Lincolnway Energy

Travel date(s): August 16-19, 2021

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
☐ Good Faith Estimate ☒ Actual Amount	Bus - $64.48 Airfare - $789.59	$372.96 (includes tax)	$89.34	$9 - Entry fee for fairgrounds at Iowa State Fair. Fee did not provide access to recreational elements of the Fair.

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
☐ Good Faith Estimate ☐ Actual Amount	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. *See* Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): All meetings and tours facilitated a better understanding of US agriculture and the production and use of renewable fuels such as ethanol and biodiesel.

9/20/21 Hunter Thompson
(Date) *(Printed name of traveler)* *(Signature of traveler)*

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

9/20/21 Bill Cassidy, M.D.
(Date) *(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)*

(Revised 1/3/11) **Form RE-2**

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EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics** in **SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Hunter Thompson

Employing Office/Committee: Senator Bill Cassidy

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): IA Renewable Fuels Assn. National Biodiesel Foundation Renewable Fuels Foundation IA Corn Growers IA Soybean Assn Iowa Biodiesel Board MO Corn Growers ND Ethanol Council Renew Kansas Farm Credit Services of America, Renewable Fuels Nebraska, NE Corn Board KS Soybean Commission KS Corn Growers Ames Chamber of Commerce, and Lincolnway Energy

Travel date(s): August 16-19, 2021

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

Destination(s): Des Moines, Ames, Newton, Nevada, and Ellsworth (all in Iowa)

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

The Senate is currently considering policy matters that will impact the renewable fuels industry. As a Senate staffer who works on renewable energy issues, this tour will provide a hands-on, in-depth experience with state-of-the-art biofuels facilities, research facilities & farming operations that is not possible to achieve in Washington, DC.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

8/12/21
(Date)

(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Bill Cassidy *(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)* hereby authorize Hunter Thompson *(Print Traveler's Name)*

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

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)* ☐

8/12/21
(Date)

Bill Cassidy, M.D.
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

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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1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): See Attachment A

2. Description of the trip: See Attachment B

3. Dates of travel: August 16-19, 2021

4. Place of travel: Des Moines, Ames, Nevada, Newton, and Ellsworth (in Iowa)

5. Name and title of Senate invitees: See Attachment C

6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:

   ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

   – OR –

   ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) *(see question 9)*.

7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

   – AND –

   ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

8. I *certify* that:

   ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.

   – AND –

   ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

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:

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:

All sponsors have contributed to planning the Tour and identifying invitees, and all sponsors are expected to serve as hosts and/or presenters for different parts of the Tour. All sponsors have contributed funding to IRFA to help cover Tour expenses.

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

See Attachment D

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

See Attachment E

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

See Attachment F

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
☒ Good Faith estimate ☐ Actual Amounts	$750 total ($700 round trip airfare) ($50 round trip motor coach)	$333	$104 (breakdown in attachment G)	$9 - Entry fee for fairgrounds at Iowa State Fair. Fee does not provide access to recreational elements of the Fair.

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:

The trip involves events that are arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

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

Iowa is the epicenter of renewable fuels production and research, thereby allowing the Tour to visit a wide range of informative locations in a timely manner.

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

Des Moines Savery Hotel

401 Locust St, Des Moines, IA 50309

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

Hotel is near the center of all Tour events and was able to accomodate our room block at the government room rate for Des Moines.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

The hotel rate is equal to the federal rate for Des Moines, Iowa.

The meal expenses are less than the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

All round trip travel (airfare and bus) will be coach class.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Monte Shaw

Name and Title: Monte Shaw, Executive Director

Name of Organization: Iowa Renewable Fuels Association

Address: 5505 NW 88th Street, Johnston, Iowa 50131

Telephone Number: 515-252-6249

Fax Number:

E-mail Address: mshaw@iowarfa.org

ATTACHMENT A

1. **Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors):**

Every entity that provided financial support for the Tour is listed below:

Iowa Renewable Fuels Association

National Biodiesel Foundation

Renewable Fuels Foundation

Iowa Corn Growers Association

Iowa Soybean Association

Iowa Biodiesel Board

Missouri Corn Growers Association

North Dakota Ethanol Council

Nebraska Corn Board

Renew Kansas

Farm Credit Services of America

Renewable Fuels Nebraska

Kansas Soybean Commission

Kansas Corn Growers Association

Ames Chamber of Commerce

Lincolnway Energy

ATTACHMENT B

2. Description of the trip:

To enhance first-hand knowledge of agriculture, energy, and environmental issues by touring corn ethanol and biodiesel production facilities, family farms, livestock producers, manufacturing facilities, and research centers; and meeting with local, state and national experts to discuss ag and renewable fuels operations and policies.

Attachment C

5. Name and title of Senate invitees.

Name	Title	Office
Aaron Goldner	Policy Advisor	Sheldon Whitehouse
Aaron Suntag	Senior Policy Adviser	Deborah Stabenow
Aaron Weber	Legislative Aide	John Hoeven
Abby Duggan	Ag LA	Sherrod Brown
Adam Berry	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
Adam DeMella	Professional Staff Member	Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
Adam Schiff	Agriculture Legislative Assistant	Tina Smith
Adam Stewart	Environment LA	Cynthia Lummis
Adam Tomlinson	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Adam Zipkin	Legislative Counsel	Cory Booker
Adrian Deveny	Legislative Assistant	Chuck Schumer
Adrienne Wojciechowski	Professional Staff Member	Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food & Drug Administration
Alex Graf	Energy LA	Debbie Stabenow
Alexandra Lowe-Server	Ag LA	Kirsten Gillibrand
Alexis Segal	Water and Environment Legislative Assistant	Dianne Feinstein
Amber Bland	Energy LA	John Barrasso
Amit Ronen	Environment LA	Maria Cantwell
Andrew Bahrenburg	Legislative Assistant	Patrick Leahy
Andrew Brandt	Legislative Assistant	Chuck Grassley
Andrew Cooper	Legislative Assistant	John Cornyn
Andrew Harding	Counsel	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Andrew Rezendes	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry
Andrew Rothe	LA	Michael Rounds
Andrew Siracuse	Tax	John Cornyn
Andrew Terp	Legislative Assistant	Todd Young
Andrew Vlasaty	Environment LA	Roy Blunt
Andrew Williams	Legislative Assistant	Michael Crapo
Andy Zach	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Angela Ebiner	Agriculture LA	Alex Padilla
Angela Merkle	Agriculture LA	John Thune

Ani Toumajan	Energy LA	Debbie Stabenow
Anja Brandon	LA	Jeff Merkley
Ann Robertson	Legislative Assistant	Lisa Murkowski
Anna Gokaldas	Ag LA	Sherrod Brown
Anna Yelverton	Legislative Assistant	Christopher Coons
Annie Chestnut	Legislative Aide	Ronald Johnson
Annie Humphrey	LA	John Boozman
Ariel Marshall	Senior Domestic Policy Adviser	Jeanne Shaheen
Ashlynne Beninga	Legislative Correspondent	John Thune
Austin Smithson	Domestic Policy Adviser	Ted Cruz
Ayla Neumeyer	Legislative Assistant	James Risch
Barb Mulkey	Energy LA	Rand Paul
Ben Merkel	Legislative Director	Patricia Murray
Ben Schreiber	Policy Advisor	Jeff Merkley
Benjamin Strand	Energy LA	Mazie Hirono
Blake Schindler	Energy LA	Bill Cassidy
Blayne Callas	Agriculture LA	John Kennedy
Bobby Ahern	Agriculture LA	Ron Wyden
Bobby Andres	Committee	Ron Wyden
Brad Bunning	Senior Adviser	John Barrasso
Braxton Wenk	Agriculture LA	Tom Cotton
Brenna Barber	Energy LA	Tina Smith
Brennan Johnson	Energy LA	Richard Shelby
Brett Richards	Counsel	Roger Wicker
Brian Papp	Legislative Assistant	Thomas Carper
Brian Werner	Legislative Assistant	Amy Klobuchar
Brianna Battle	Agriculture LA	Edward Markey
Bridget Kelleher	Energy LA	Catherine Cortez-Masto
Brie Van Cleve	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
Bruno Freitas	Deputy Chief of Staff, Economic Development	Elizabeth Warren
Bryan Petit	Senior Professional Staff Member	Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
Bryson Wong	Legislative Assistant	Jim Risch
Cameron Nelson	Research Assistant	Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
Cameron O'Brien	Legislative Assistant	Susan Collins
Cameron O'Brien	Legislative Assistant	Susan Collins
Carl Barrick	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Carol Wayman	Energy LA	Catherine Cortez-Masto

Caroline Colan	Legislative Aide	Angus King
Caroline Hunsicker	LA	Tina Smith
Caroline Jones	Staff Assistant	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Carolyn Madan	Legislative Assistant	Michael Lee
Catherine Barrett	Chief Counsel	Gary Peters
Chance Hunley	Professional Staff Member	Senate Agriculture Committee
Charles Cogar	Legislative Director	Tim Scott
Charles Truxal	LA	Marco Rubio
Charles Ziegler	Energy LA	John Barrasso
Charlie Anderson	Tax	Micheal Bennet
Chelsie Keys	Senior Professional Staff Member	Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry
Chloe Cantor	Legislative Assistant	Roger Wicker
Chris Blackburn	Senior Adviser, Climate and Energy	Brian Schatz
Chris Griffin	Staff Assistant	Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
Chris Prendergast	Tax	Tom Carper
Chris Young	Legislative Correspondent	Chris Coons
Chrissy Rabuse	Staff Assistant	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Christine Blackburn	Environment LA	Brian Schatz
Christophe Tulou	Senior Counsel/Policy Director	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Christopher Hanson	Professional Staff Member	Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
Christopher Miller	Energy LA	Cindy Hyde-Smith
Claire Descamps	energy/environment LA	Kirsten Gillibrand
Clay Armentrout	General Counsel	Richard Shelby
Cody Sims	Legislative Aide	Tim Scott
Cole Lacroix	Legislative Assistant	Mike Lee
Cole Simons	LA	William Cassidy
Colleene Thomas	Senior Policy Adviser	Tammy Baldwin
Collen Lewis	LA	Joe Manchin
Collin Lomagistro	Senior Policy Adviser	Richard Scott
Connor Tomlinson	Environment LA	Marco Rubio
Corey Brown	Legislative Assistant	Thom Tillis
Corey Weber	Environment LA	Thom Tillis
Courtney Rutland	Commerce Committee?	Ronald Johnson
Craig Berning	Legislative Assistant	Deb Fischer

Craig Thomas	Legislative Assistant	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Dan Dudis	Counsel	Sheldon Whitehouse
Dan Gerig	Legislative Assistant	Steven Daines
Dan Hillenbrand	Policy Adviser	James Inhofe
Daniel Hale	Policy Adviser	Marsha Blackburn
Daniel McCarthy	Energy LA	Tammy Baldwin
Daniel Ulmer	Deputy Chief of Staff, Policy	Cindy Hyde-Smith
Danielle Janowski	Ag LA	John Thune
Darin Guries	Senior Professional Staff Member	Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry
David Milstein	Legislative Assistant	Ted Cruz
Dominic Nordel	Legislative Correspondent	Steven Daines
Dominic Saavedra	Legislative Assistant	Martin Heinrich
Dominic Sanchez	Ag and Nutrition LA	Kirsten Gillibrand
Doug Clapp	Professional Staff Member	Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
Doug Pack	Energy LA	Steve Daines
Drew Lingle	Agriculture LA	Kevin Cramer
Elizabeth Dent	Professional Staff Member	Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food & Drug Administration
Elizabeth Hill	Energy LA	Martin Heinrich
Elizabeth Horner	Senior Counsel	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Elizabeth Mabry	Senior Policy Adviser	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Elvia Montoya	LD	Jeff Merkley
Emily Enderle	Legislative Assistant	Sheldon Whitehouse
Emily Lavery	Legislative Assistant	Tim Scott
Emily Leviner	LA	Deb Fischer
Emily Smith	Legislative Assistant	Christopher Murphy
Emma Cimino	Legislative Assistant	Christopher Murphy
Ephraim Froehlich	Energy LA	Lisa Murkowski
Eric Gustafson	Policy Advisor	John Hoeven
Erica Andeweg	Ag LA	Deb Fischer
Erica Anhalt	Legislative Assistant	Jeanne Shaheen
Ericka King	Legislative Counsel	Randal Paul
Erik Elam	Legislative Assistant	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Erin Jarnagin	Energy LA	John Barrasso
Esther Salters	Legislative Assistant	James Inhofe
Ethann Hinch	Energy LA	Bernard Sanders

Evan McWalters	Legislative Assistant	Tim Kaine
Franz Wuerfmannsdobler	Energy LA	Chris Coons
Fred Clark	Senior Counsel	Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry
Garrett Kral	Legal Fellow	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Garrison Holmberg	LA	Jerry Moran
George Redden	LA	Jerry Moran
Ginger Willson	Energy LA	Ben Sasse
Grant Cope	Senior Counsel	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Gray Maxwell	Floor Director	Benjamin Cardin
Greg Bringhurst	LA	Daniel Sullivan
Hannah Vogel	Energy LA	Edward Markey
Harrison Kajdan	Junior Legislative Assistant	Cindy Hyde-Smith
Hart Clements	Legislative Assistant	Patty Murray
Heath Hansen	Energy LA	Mike Lee
Henry Ring	Legislative Assistant	Jon Tester
Holly Hinojosa	Environment LA	Steve Daines
Hunter Thompson	Legislative Aide	Bill Cassidy
Jack McGee	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
Jacqlyn Schneider	Deputy Staff Director/Policy Director	Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry
Jake Hinch	LA	James Inhofe
Jake Kennedy	Legislative Assistant	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Jake Rascoff	Legislative Aide	Brian Schatz
James Chang	Policy Adviser	Brian Schatz
James Glueck	Staff Director, Republican	Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry
James Lai	Staff Assistant	Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
James Rice	Legislative Director	Chuck Grassley
James Willson	Counsel	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Janelle DiLuccia	Policy Advisor	Jeanne Shaheen
Jaron Goddard	Energy LA	Patty Murray
Jasmine Dimitriou	Senior Policy Adviser	Richard Durbin
Jay Eberle	Energy LA	John Barrasso
Jen Armstrong	Professional Staff Member	Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
Jen Burks	Agriculture Legislative Assistant	Mazie Hirono
Jennifer Treutel	Legislative Correspondent	Amy Klobuchar

Jeremy D'Aloisio	LA	Edward Markey
Jess Pavel	Legislative Assistant	Mitt Romney
Jessica Hernandez	LA	Kirsten Gillibrand
Jimmy Harris	Energy LA	John Boozman
Joe Bliss	Legislative Assistant	Mike Rounds
Joe Brown	Legislative Assistant	John Boozman
Joe Gilson	Legislative Assistant	Charles Grassley
Joe McGarvey	Senior Policy Adviser	Mazie Hirono
Joe Petrzelka	Legislative Assistant	Dianne Feinstein
Joe Shultz	Staff Director, Democratic	Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry
Joel Wellum	Energy LA	Ben Sasse
John Kane	Senior Professional Staff Member	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
John McDonald	Senior Legislative Assistant	Richard Burr
Jon Abdnor	Legislative Assistant	John Thune
Jonathan McCracken	Energy LA	Sherrod Brown
Jordan Ebert	Legislative Assistant	Jerry Moran
Joseph Mendelson	Legislative Assistant	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Joseph Wender	Legislative Assistant	Edward Markey
Josh Bowlen	Legislative Assistant	Richard Burr
Josh MacGregor	Legislative Assistant	Joshua Hawley
Josh Sanders	Legislative Assistant	Robert Menendez
Josh Sizemore	Energy LA	Steve Daines
Joshua Sizemore	Energy LA	Steve Daines
Joycelyn Pickens	Ag, nutrition, environment LA	Bob Casey
JT Jezierski	LD	Shelley Capito
Judd Gardner	Legislative Assistant	Jerry Moran
Julia Sferlazzo	Ag LA	Bob Casey
Justin Folsom	Legislative Director	Jon Tester
Justin Memmott	Senior Counsel, Republican	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Kaitlyn Pritchard	John A. Knauss Sea Grant Fellow	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Karen McCarthy	Senior Legislative Assistant	Lisa Murkowski
Kate Barlow	Agriculture LA	Cynthia Lummis
Kate Juelis	Energy Counsel	John Barrasso
Kate Wolgemuth	Legislative Assistant	Daniel Sullivan
Katelyn Conner	Energy LA	Mitch McConnell
Katie Lample	LA	Jeff Merkley
Katie Naessens	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry

Keegan Zimprich	Legislative Correspondent	Joni Ernst
Kelly Riddle	Agriculture LA	Jacky Rosen
Ken Reidy	Policy Director	Tammy Baldwin
Kenneth Martin	Senior Adviser, Infrastructure Policy	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Kenzie Marshall	LA	Margaret Hassan
Kevin Carson	Energy LA	Joe Manchin
Kevin Lefeber	Legislative Assistant	Richard Durbin
Kim Smaczniak	Counsel	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Kristen Siegele	Legislative Assistant	Michael Crapo
Kyle Chapman	Energy and Natural Resources Adviser	Catherine Cortez Masto
Kyle Varner	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry
Lacy Pitts	Staff Assistant	Roger Marshall
Lane Dickson	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
Laura Atcheson	Legislative Assistant	John Cornyn
Laura Gillam	Energy LA	Thomas Carper
Laura Gillam	Senior Policy Adviser	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Livia Shmavonian	Ag LA	Bob Casey
Liz Banicki	Legislative Assistant	Dan Sullivan
Lot Kwarteng	Ag LA	Debbie Stabenow
Lucy Murfitt	Deputy Chief Counsel, Republican	Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
Luke Bassett	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
Luke Holland	Chief of Staff	James Inhofe
Lynn Tjeerdsma	Senior Policy Adviser	John Thune
Mackensie Burt	LA	John Boozman
Madeline Lefton	Energy LA	Lisa Murkowski
Malcolm McGeary	Legislative Assistant	Ronald Wyden
Mandy Gunasekara	Majority Professional Staff	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Maria Sierra	Energy LA	Bill Cassidy
Mark Copeland	Senior Policy Adviser	Tammy Duckworth
Mary Beth Schultz	Chief Counsel, Democratic	Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry
Mary Frances Repko	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works

Mary Frances Repko	Committee Staff Director	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Mary Moody	Energy LA	Bill Cassidy
Matt Erickson	Chief Economist	Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry
Matt Leggett	Chief Counsel, Republican	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Matt McCarthy	Energy LA	Maria Cantwell
Matt Van Kuiken	Legislative Assistant	Debbie Stabenow
Matteo Moran	LA	Tom Cotton
Max Hyman	Grants Coordinator/Legislative Aide	Shelley Capito
Maya Hermann	Legislative Assistant	Martin Heinrich
Maya Kalonia	Legislative Assistant	Richard Blumenthal
Megan Harrington	Energy LA	Rob Portman
Megan Thompson	Legislative Assistant	Maria Cantwell
Meghan Dorn	Legislative Aide	Lindsey Graham
Meghan Thacker	Senior Policy Adviser	Steven Daines
Melissa Zimmerman	Professional Staff Member	Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food & Drug Administration
Meris Petek	Policy Adviser	Joni Ernst
Meyer Seligman	Professional Staff Member	Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
Micah Barbour	Legislative Assistant	Mark Warner
Micah Chambers	Legislative Director	Kevin Cramer
Michael Ciamarra	Legislative Aide	Richard Shelby
Michael Farr	Legislative Assistant	Joni Ernst
Michael Sinacore	LA	Rob Portman
Michelle Corio	Legislative Assistant	Mike Rounds
Michelle Lane	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
Mike Albares	Energy LA	Tommy Tuberville
Molly Carpenter	LD	Michael Crapo
Molly Ryan	Energy LA	Susan Collins
Morgan Cashwell	Energy LA	Angus King
Nancy Martinez	Legislative Assistant	Todd Young
Nate Bentham	Legislative Assistant	Alex Padilla
Nathan Flagg	Legislative Assistant	John Kennedy
Nathan Paxton	Energy LA	Angus King
Neal McMillin	Legislative Assistant	Roger Wicker
Niambe Tomlinson	Legislative Correspondent	Kirsten Gillibrand
Nicholas Malatesta	Energy LA	Maggie Hassan

Nick Barbash	Legislative Assistant	Timothy Kaine
Nick Matiella	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
Nick Wyatt	Professional Staff Member	Senate Finance Committee
Olin Hartkopf	Agriculture LA	Angus King
Olivia Woods	Legislative Correspondent	Jeffrey Merkley
Pat Donovan	Energy LA	Michael Bennet
Pat Souders	Energy LA	Richard Durbin
Patrick Carroll	Professional Staff Member	Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food & Drug Administration
Patrick Lehman	Legislative Director	Ben Sasse
Patrick O'Neil	Energy LA	Angus King
Paul Wasik	Ag LA	Deb Fischer
Payne Griffin	Legislative Assistant	Mike Braun
Pete Wyckoff	Energy and Environment Policy Adviser	Tina Smith
Peter Schirtzinger	Ag LA	Deb Fischer
Peter Stahley	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
Phil Hancock	Legislative Assistant	Joseph Manchin
Pierce Wiegard	Legislative Assistant	Daniel Sullivan
Preston Cory	Legislative Assistant	John Hoeven
Radha Adhar	Senior Policy Adviser	Tammy Duckworth
Rebecca Higgins	Senior Policy Adviser	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Renae Black	Deputy Staff Director	Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
Richard Parker	LA	Jeff Merkley
Richard Russell	Staff Director, Republican	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Rishi Sahgal	LA	Dianne Feinstein
Rob Childers	Legislative Assistant	Robert Menendez
Rob Rosado	Senior Professional Staff Member	Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry
Rob Skjonsberg	Energy LA	Mike Rounds
Robert Sneeden	Energy LA	Richard Burr
Ron Anderson	Senior Policy Adviser	William Cassidy
Rory Stanley	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
Ryan Donnelly	Legislative Aide	John Thune
Ryan Mowrey	Agriculture LA	Lindsey Graham
Ryan Rasins	LA	Marco Rubio

Sam French	Research Assistant	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Sanjana Puskoor	Legislative Aide	Michael Bennet
Sanjay Kane	Energy LA	Angus King
Santiago Gonzalez	LA	Michael Bennet
Sarah Kelly	Legislative Correspondent	Joni Ernst
Sarah Pearce	Energy LA	Rob Portman
Sarah Peery	Legislative Assistant	Robert Portman
Sarah Schenning	Energy LA	Chris Van Hollen
Sarah Swig	Legislative Assistant	Alex Padilla
Scott Gelbman	Energy LA	Chuck Schumer
Scott Graber	Legislative Assistant/Counsel	Lindsey Graham
Sean Babington	Legislative Assistant	Committee on Agriculture
Sean Bray	LA	Ronald Johnson
Sean Byrne	Legislative Assistant	Chuck Schumer
Seth Gainer	Energy LA	Joe Manchin
Shannon Frede	Legislative Assistant	Benjamin Cardin
Shelby Prettiman	LA	Christopher Van Hollen
Sherman Patrick	Ag LA	Patrick Leahy
Shomari Figures	Ag LA	Sherrod Brown
Skylar Sowder	Legislative Assistant	John Boozman
Steph Carlson	Legislative Assistant	Chuck Grassley
Susan Keith	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry
Sydney Pettit	LA	Shelley Capito
Taylor Reaves	Legislative Aide	Mike Rounds
Tom Fox	Senior Counsel	Committee on Enviroment & Public Works
Travis Cone	Legislative Assistant	Shelley Capito
Trevor Dean	Energy LA	Catherine Cortez-Masto
Trey McKenzie	Legislative Assistant	Roy Blunt
Tristan Abbey	Senior Professional Staff Member	Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
Tucker Stewart	Environment LA	Roger Marshall
Tyler Hardy	Energy LA	John Hoeven
Valerie Manak	Energy Policy Adviser	James Lankford
Virgilio Barrera	Legislative Assistant	Martin Heinrich
Vu Ritchie	Counsel	Thomas Cotton
Wes Brooks	Legislative Assistant	Marco Rubio
Wesley Wright	Legislative Aide	Patrick Toomey
Will Batson	Legislative Assistant	Ted Cruz

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Will Brewster	Agriculture LA	Richard Shelby
Zach Lowry	Legislative Assistant	Roger Marshall

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

Iowa Renewable Fuels Association: brings together Iowa ethanol and biodiesel producers to foster the development and growth of the state's renewable fuels industry through education, promotion and infrastructure development. IRFA is committed to making Iowa a leader in producing renewable fuels and value-added co-products. Renewable fuels demand is impacted by federal laws and regulation. Because it educates staff on renewable fuels, the Tour furthers their efforts to create a positive policy environment for the industry.

National Biodiesel Foundation: supports and promotes outreach, education, science, and demonstration activities for the advancement of biodiesel and its co-products to improve national security, air quality and the environment. Renewable fuels demand is impacted by federal laws and regulation. Because it educates staff on renewable fuels, the Tour furthers their efforts to create a positive policy environment for the industry.

Renewable Fuels Foundation: seeks to meet the education, research, and strategic planning needs of the U.S. fuel ethanol industry. Renewable fuels demand is impacted by federal laws and regulation. Because it educates staff on renewable fuels, the Tour furthers their efforts to create a positive policy environment for the industry.

Iowa Corn Growers Association: a membership organization supporting agricultural issues on behalf of its members, ICGA's mission is to create opportunities for long term Iowa corn grower profitability. Agriculture commodity demand is impacted by federal laws and regulation. Because it educates staff on modern production agriculture, the Tour furthers their efforts to create a positive policy environment for farmers and production agriculture.

Iowa Soybean Association: a membership organization recognized for excellence in enhancing long term sustainability of Iowa soybean farmers. ISA's mission is to expand opportunities and deliver results for Iowa soybean farmers. Agriculture commodity demand is impacted by federal laws and regulation. Because it educates staff on modern production agriculture, the Tour furthers their efforts to create a positive policy environment for farmers and production agriculture.

Iowa Biodiesel Board: represents the biodiesel industry in Iowa, from production through distribution to end users. The IBB promotes the commercial success of biodiesel in Iowa. Renewable fuels demand is impacted by federal laws and regulation. Because it educates staff on renewable fuels, the Tour furthers their efforts to create a positive policy environment for the industry.

Missouri Corn Growers Association: a membership organization supporting agricultural issues on behalf of its members. Agriculture commodity demand is impacted by federal laws and regulation. Because it educates staff on modern production agriculture, the Tour furthers their efforts to create a positive policy environment for farmers and production agriculture.

North Dakota Ethanol Council: brings together ethanol producers in North Dakota to help grow production and demand for ethanol. Renewable fuels demand is impacted by federal laws and regulation. Because it educates staff on renewable fuels, the Tour furthers their efforts to create a positive policy environment for the industry.

Renew Kansas: brings together ethanol producers in Kansas to help grow production and demand for ethanol. Renewable fuels demand is impacted by federal laws and regulation. Because it educates staff on renewable fuels, the Tour furthers their efforts to create a positive policy environment for the industry.

Nebraska Corn Board works to support agricultural issues on behalf of its members, including promoting the production and use of renewable fuels. Agriculture commodity demand is impacted by federal laws and regulation. Because it educates staff on modern production agriculture, the Tour furthers their efforts to create a positive policy environment for farmers and production agriculture.

Farm Credit Services of America: a mission-driven financial cooperative serving farmers, ranchers and rural Americans that finances renewable energy projects and has an overall concern regarding the economic health of rural America. Agriculture commodity demand is impacted by federal laws and regulation. Because it educates staff on modern production agriculture, the Tour furthers their efforts to create a positive policy environment for farmers and production agriculture.

Renewable Fuels Nebraska: brings together ethanol producers in Nebraska to help grow production and demand for ethanol. Renewable fuels demand is impacted by federal laws and regulation. Because it educates staff on renewable fuels, the Tour furthers their efforts to create a positive policy environment for the industry.

Kansas Soybean Association: serves as the voice and advocate for soybean-farmer–members, including expanding public awareness of the soybean markets. Agriculture commodity demand is impacted by federal laws and regulation. Because it educates staff on modern production agriculture, the Tour furthers their efforts to create a positive policy environment for farmers and production agriculture.

Kansas Corn Growers Association: actively works with other commodity and farm organizations to maximize the voice of Kansas corn producers for the promotion and market development of ethanol and other value-added products made from corn. Agriculture commodity demand is impacted by federal laws and regulation. Because it educates staff on modern production agriculture, the Tour furthers their efforts to create a positive policy environment for farmers and production agriculture.

Ames Chamber of Commerce: strives to make Ames a better place to live, work, and do business by strengthening the economic vitality and the quality of life in the Ames community. Home to Iowa State University, the Ames economy is a worldwide hub for ag innovation and ag production. Agriculture commodity demand is impacted by federal laws and regulation. Because it educates staff on modern production agriculture, the Tour furthers their efforts to create a positive policy environment for farmers and production agriculture.

Lincolnway Energy: a locally controlled business enterprise providing farmers and local investors with the chance to extract added value through ownership of an ethanol processing plant. Renewable fuels demand is impacted by federal laws and regulation. Because it educates staff on renewable fuels, the Tour furthers their efforts to create a positive policy environment for the industry.

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

Iowa Renewable Fuels Association and **Renewable Fuels Foundation** have hosted each of the past 11 years' Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tours, covering 2009 to 2019.

National Biodiesel Foundation and **Iowa Corn Growers Association** have occasionally hosted congressional briefings, including each Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tour from 2011 to 2019.

Iowa Soybean Association and **Iowa Biodiesel Board** have occasionally hosted congressional briefings, including each Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tour from 2013 to 2019.

Missouri Corn Growers Association and **Kansas Soybean Association** have occasionally hosted congressional briefings, including each Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tour from 2014 to 2019.

Renew Kansas and **North Dakota Ethanol Council** have sponsored each Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tour from 2015 to 2019.

Renewable Fuels Nebraska and **Farm Credit Services of America** sponsored each Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tour from 2016 to 2019.

Nebraska Corn Board, Kansas Corn Growers Association and Ames Chamber of Commerce sponsored each Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tour from 2017 to 2019.

Lincolnway Energy often hosts briefings and tours for state and federal policymakers and their staffs. They also sponsored the Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tour in 2009 and 2015.

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

Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, **Iowa Biodiesel Board**, **Renew Kansas**, **Renewable Fuels Nebraska,** and the **North Dakota Ethanol Council** host educational programs for their members and the public. These activities range from hosting/attending public events, to speaking to school and civic groups, to interfacing with consumers directly at fueling stations. The central focus of these activities is to increase awareness of the benefits of using renewable fuels.

National Biodiesel Foundation develops and supports education and research projects consistent with the needs of the biodiesel industry.

Renewable Fuels Foundation develops K-12 science curriculum on ethanol and sponsors scholarships.

Iowa Corn Growers Association, Kansas Corn Growers Association, **Nebraska Corn Board** and **Missouri Corn Growers Association** conduct many activities to educate consumers and the public on corn issues. Activities would include hosting or speaking at public events, making presentations to school or civic organizations, participating in public workshops, and advertising about the many benefits of corn-based products.

Iowa Soybean Association and **Kansas Soybean Association** organizes many activities to educate consumers and the public on soybean issues. Activities would include hosting or speaking at public events, making presentations to school or civic organizations, participating in public workshops, and advertising about the many benefits of soy-based products.

Lincolnway Energy participates in numerous industry events to educate the public, investors or policy makers about the issues facing renewable fuels. They also occasionally host plant tours for policy makers, schools or the public.

Farm Credit Services of America conducts a community involvement program, which provides funding and resources to a variety of organizations that support agricultural causes. The program is focused on making a positive difference in the communities they serve.

Ames Chamber of Commerce conducts community outreach to businesses and people both in and outside of Ames to highlight the business and living environment provided by a city at the center of the high-tech ag world.

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16. Total expenses for each participant: Meal Expenses: Good Faith Estimate:

Meals in Polk County

Monday Dinner: State Fair Est: $12

Tuesday Breakfast: Hotel Est: $7

Wednesday Breakfast: Hotel Est: $7

Wednesday Dinner: Kimberley Est: $15

Thursday Breakfast: Kwik Trip Est: $10

Thursday Lunch: Corteva Est: $13

Meals in Story and Boone Counties

Tuesday Lunch: Lincolnway Energy Est: $13

Tuesday Dinner: Courser Est: $15

Wednesday Lunch: ISU Est: $12

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Signature of Travel Sponsor: _____

Name and Title: Dan Culhane, CEO

Name of Organization: Ames Chamber of Commerce

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E-mail Address: dan@ameschamber.com

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Signature of Travel Sponsor: Judy Hartlieb

Name and Title: Judy Hartlieb, Vice President

Name of Organization: Farm Credit Services of America

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Signature of Travel Sponsor: Craig A. Floss

Name and Title: Craig Floss, Chief Executive Director

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Signature of Travel Sponsor: _____

Name and Title: Kirk Leeds, Chief Executive Officer

Name of Organization: Iowa Soybean Association

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Signature of Travel Sponsor: Gregory P. Krissek

Name and Title: Greg Krissek, Executive Director

Name of Organization: Kansas Corn Growers Association

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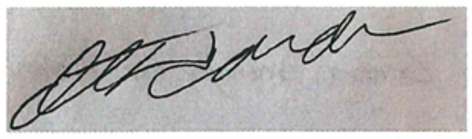
Signature of Travel Sponsor: 

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Signature of Travel Sponsor: Bradley Schad

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Signature of Travel Sponsor: Thomas Verry

Name and Title: Tom Verry, Executive Director

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Signature of Travel Sponsor: Deana Wiese

Name and Title: Deane Wiese, Executive Director

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Signature of Travel Sponsor: Dana Lewis

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Name of Organization: Renewable Fuels Foundation

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Signature of Travel Sponsor: Pam Miller

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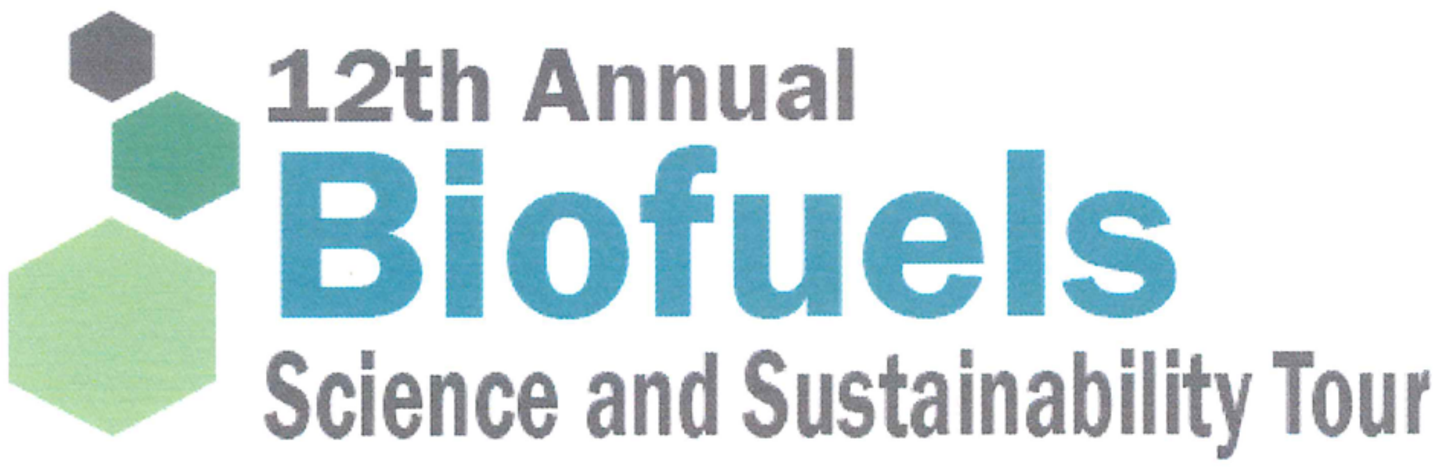

12th Annual Biofuels Science and Sustainability Tour Agenda
August 16 – 19, 2021

Monday, Aug. 16

4:45 pm Arrive Des Moines airport nonstop on American flight 4779
Met by bus.

5:30 pm Depart hotel for Iowa State Fair
2941 Dean Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50317

6:00-6:45 pm **Dinner at Iowa State Fair**
Cattlemen's Beef Headquarters
Topics: Iowa FFA (high school and college students – formerly known as Future Farmers of America) leaders will discuss their hopes for the future of agriculture and the role that biofuels can play.

6:45 pm Walk to Cattle Barn Media Center

7:00-7:30 pm **Gov. Kim Reynolds and Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig address Tour**
3000 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50317
Cattle Barn Media Center
Topics: The Iowa leaders will discuss the importance of biofuels production and use to the Iowa economy and advances in agronomic practices that lead to a reduced environmental footprint year-after-year.

7:30-10:00 pm **Tour Iowa State Fair Agriculture and Renewable Fuels Exhibits**
3000 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50317
Topics: Attendees will tour state fair exhibits on agriculture and renewable energy to obtain information about new technologies in these industries and to better understand regulatory issues facing the industries.

10:00 pm Depart for hotel

Overnight Savery Hotel
401 Locust Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

Tuesday, Aug. 17

7:00 am Coffee and breakfast available in meeting room

8:00 am Depart hotel for Renewable Energy Group - Newton
3426 E. 28th Street North, Newton, Iowa 50208

9:00-10:30 am **Tour Renewable Energy Group** (biodiesel plant)
Topics: Tour led by Derek Winkel. Participants will see first-hand the improvements in the biodiesel production process, advancements in efficiency, the ability to utilize multiple feedstocks and tour of plant.

10:30-11:00 am **Biodiesel policy update** (same location, no break)
Topics: Paul Winters, National Biodiesel Board Director of Public Affairs and Federal Communications, will discuss the environmental and carbon benefits that biodiesel and renewable diesel are delivering today as well as the significant health care benefits and cost savings for communities that switch to biodiesel.

11:00 am Depart for Lincolnway Energy
59511 West Lincoln Highway, Nevada, IA 50201

Noon-2pm **Lunch and Learn**
Topic: Robert White, Renewable Fuels Association Vice President of Industry Relations will discuss the Renewable Fuel Standard, RINs, small refinery exemptions, exports, octane, carbon, and everything ethanol.

2:00-3:30 pm **Tour Lincolnway Energy** (ethanol plant) (same location, no break)
Topics: Plant CEO Seth Harder to review production process, advancements in efficiency, and lead tour of plant.

3:30 pm Depart for Verbio Nevada
59219 Lincoln Highway, Nevada, IA 50201

3:40-4:00 pm **Driving Tour of Verbio Nevada** (renewable natural gas plant)
Topics: Plant manager Ron DeJongh will provide a brief review of the under-construction plant and how the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) and carbon policy impact Renewable Natural Gas (RNG).

4:00 pm Depart for Couser Cattle Company
19568 620th Ave, Nevada, IA

4:15-5:00 pm **Tour of Couser Cattle Company Feedlot**
Topics: Bill Couser will provide an overview of his family's ag operation followed by informal small group discussions between area farmers and Tour participants on policy, trade and regulations impacting the farm economy.

5:00 pm Depart for Couser Cattle Company demonstration field

5:15-6:30 pm **Tour Couser Cattle Company Demonstration Field**
Topics: Tour participants will learn from Bill Couser about the latest seed technology and agronomic practices for corn and soybeans, learn about the benefits of biofuel feed coproducts in livestock operations, witness the advances in precision farming equipment and discuss how biofuels, environmental and trade policy impact family farm operations.

6:30-7:30 pm **Dinner and Discussion with Area Farmers** (same location, no break)
Topics: Tour participants will be joined by area farmers to discuss topics ranging from trade to energy and environmental policy, to advances in farming practices.

7:30 pm Depart for hotel

Overnight Savery Hotel
401 Locust Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

Wednesday, Aug. 18

7:30 am Coffee and breakfast available in meeting room

8:30 am Depart for Iowa State University Sustainable Advanced Bioeconomy Research (SABR) Farm
1475 Y Avenue, Ames, IA

9:15-10:15 am **Tour Iowa State University Sustainable Advanced Bioeconomy Research (SABR) Farm**
Topic: Dr. Adina Howe: Sustainable Energy Crops for Biofuels and Bioproducts

10:15 am Depart for Iowa State University BioCentury Research Farm
1327 U Ave, Boone, Iowa

10:30-11:30 am **Tour Iowa State University BioCentury Research Farm**
Topics: Led by Andy Suby, attendees will tour the state-of-the-art research facility to witness the latest pre-commercial research on enzymatic and thermo-chemical biofuels production as well as pre-treatment of various feedstocks.

11:30-1:00 pm **Lunch and Learn: Research Updates from Iowa State University**
(same location, no break)
Topic 1: Dr. Marshall D McDaniel: Sustainable Agriculture
Topic 2: Dr. Chad Hart: Carbon Markets

1:00 pm Depart for Eagle's Catch
1802 Detroit Street, Ellsworth, IA 50075

1:45-2:45 pm **Tour of Eagle's Catch** (aquaculture facility)
Topics: Owner Joe Sweeney will discuss sustainable tilapia fish production and its connections with biofuels coproduct production.

2:45 pm Depart for Kimberly Family Farms
12787 NE 112th Street, Maxwell, IA 50161

3:45-5:45 pm **Tour of Kimberly Family Farms**
Topics: Grant Kimberley will review the history of the farm and the advances in technology and productivity made over 5 generations. Tour participants will also be joined by farmer-leaders of Iowa Soybeans and Iowa Corn to discuss and see first-hand the improvements in crop genetics and agronomics.

5:45-6:30 pm **Congressional Staff Roundtable** (same location, no break)
Topics: IRFA's Monte Shaw moderates a Congressional Staff Roundtable where the latest policy updates on the RFS, energy, tax and trade policy will be discussed.

6:30-7:30 pm **Dinner and Discussion with Area Farmers** (same location, no break)
Topics: Tour participants will be joined by area farmers to discuss topics ranging from trade to energy and environmental policy, to advances in farming practices.

7:30 pm Depart for hotel

Overnight Savery Hotel
401 Locust Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

Thursday, Aug. 19

8:30 am Depart for Kwik Star Convenience Store
2351 E. 1st Street, Grimes, Iowa 50111

9:00-9:30 am **Grab and Go Breakfast** at Kwik Star Convenience Store

9:30-10:30 am **Tour Kwik Star Convenience Store** (fueling station)
Topics: Joe Zietlow will discuss why they offer various biofuel blends (E15, E85, and biodiesel), the necessary equipment, and customer acceptance. See blenders pumps and other fuel dispensing equipment.

10:30 am Depart for Corteva Agriscience
7000 NW 62nd Ave, Johnston, IA 50131

10:45-12:15 pm **Tour Corteva Agriscience test plots**

Topics: Tour participants tour test plots for new seed varieties and Bob Haus will discuss how Corteva Agriscience works to advance crop science and seed technology to enhance yields, lower inputs, grow farmer profitability and reduce environmental footprints.

12:15-1:10 pm **Lunch and Learn** (same location, no break)

Topics: IRFA's Monte Shaw will highlight the key issues discussed during the Tour and review policy priorities for biofuels producers.

1:10 pm Depart for Des Moines airport

1:40 pm Arrive at Airport

2:40 pm Depart Des Moines for DC via Chicago on American flight 4221

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Dear Hunter Thompson,

On behalf of the Iowa State University Bioeconomy Institute and 15 other sponsoring organizations, you are cordially invited to participate in the **12th Annual Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tour** from August 16-19, 2021, taking place in Iowa. This privately-sponsored tour has been organized to provide congressional staff and agency representatives an opportunity to learn how Iowa's biofuels industry and research community are leading the nation in responding to the many challenges and opportunities in renewable energy and agriculture.

This event will include "hands on" tours of biofuel refineries as well as cutting edge research projects aimed at advancing current and next generation renewable fuels. In addition, briefings will be conducted by state and national experts, technology providers, family farmers and university research staff.

The tour is designed to provide participants with a better understanding of the environmental and economic impacts of renewable fuels, to highlight technological advancements that are improving the efficiency and carbon footprint of biofuels production and agricultural processes, and to showcase the capabilities of Iowa's premier research entities. The tentative tour schedule **linked here** includes time for open exchanges of ideas regarding energy and biofuels policy.

As part of the tour, you are invited to participate in a roundtable discussion on the Energy Policy Outlook for the 117th Congress. Other congressional staff members will be invited to participate in this panel as well.

Space is limited. If you are interested in participating in the tour, **please complete the following:**

- **Click here to fill out the tour registration form and return it to Monte Shaw, Executive Director of the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, at mshaw@IowaRFA.org** ***Please reply as soon as possible.***
- **Once registered, you will receive all of the paperwork necessary for submission to the Senate Ethics Committee (which is due no later than July 16, 2021).**

Any questions may be directed to Monte Shaw at (515) 252-6249, mshaw@IowaRFA.org. Thanks, and we hope to see you on the tour!

Sincerely,

Robert C. Brown

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