Date/Time Stamp

COVER SHEET FOR AMENDMENT OF POST-TRAVEL SUBMISSION

Instructions: Use this form as a cover sheet for any paperwork you may need to submit to the **Office of Public Records** in order to make your Privately Sponsored Post-Travel Submission complete in accordance with Rule 35. **Only complete this form if you need to submit an amendment to a post-travel filing you have already submitted.**

SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO THE **OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN 232 HART BUILDING**

Name of Traveler: Olivia Trusty

Employing Office/Committee: Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources): The Foundation for Rural Service

Travel Date(s): August 17-20, 2021

Description/Title of Attached Forms: Employee Pre-Travel Authorization
Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form
Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form - Attachment A

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission):
The purpose for amending the original submission is because the RE-1 (Employee Pre-Travel Authorization Form) and the final version of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form were not inlcuded in the post-travel paperwork submitted to the Ethics Committee.

07.19.22
(Date)

Olivia Trusty
(Signature of Traveler)

(Revised 4/19/2010)

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): Foundation for Rural Service (FRS)

2. Description of the trip: Travel throughout Montana to visit local broadband providers and highlight the geographic and financial challenges of providing rural broadband.

3. Dates of travel: August 17-20, 2021

4. Place of travel: Great Falls, Havre, Box Elder, Carter, and Stanford, Montana (flying in and out of Great Falls)

5. Name and title of Senate invitees: All Senate telecom staffers (list attached)

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:

See Attachment A for response

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

The mission of FRS is to sustain and enhance the quality of life in America by advancing an understanding of rural issues. FRS educates the public on the benefits of rural broadband for health, education, agriculture and other purposes.The trip will showcase the challenges of providing broadband to rural communities.

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

FRS has sponsored similar trips for congressional staff to Montana (2013), upstate New York (2014), Kentucky/Tennessee (2015), Wyoming (2016), South Dakota (2017) and West Virginia (2018).

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

FRS produces white papers and economic studies on rural broadband issues, hosts an annual youth tour to Washington, DC for rural high school students, sponsors college scholarship and community grant programs, and offers educational events such as Rural Broadband 101 for Hill staff and third parties.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
☒ Good Faith estimate ☐ Actual Amounts	$1500 ($1250 for flights and $250 for bus)	$288 ($96 x 3 nights)	$192 (2 partial days @ $41.25 and 2 full days at $55)	none

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:

b.) This trip involves an event that is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

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

Rural Montana highlights a wide variety of geographic challenges reflecting those faced by other rural areas of the U.S.

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

Day 1: Comfort Inn & Suites -- Airport in Great Falls, MT; Day 2: Best Western Plus Havre Inn & Suites in Havre, MT; Day 3: Comfort Inn & Suites -- Airport in Great Falls, MT

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

Montana and Yellowstone National Park are both very popular tourist destinations in August. The selected hotels are of good quality and meet the per diem rate requirements.

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 lodging selected equals the federal per diem rate of $96 for this geographic area (without taxes). The hotels offer free breakfast and the remainder of meals are equal to per diem rates.

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:

Flights will be coach round-trip from Washington, DC to Montana; transportation within the state will be via chartered coach bus.

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: Pamela Becker

Name and Title: Pamela Becker, Executive Director

Name of Organization: Foundation for Rural Service

Address: 4121 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1000, Arlington, VA 22203

Telephone Number: office: 703-351-2044; mobile 703-346-0817

Fax Number:

E-mail Address: pbecker@frs.org

Date/Time Stamp:

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: Olivia Trusty

Employing Office/Committee: Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Foundation for Rural Service

Travel date(s): August 17-20, 2021

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

Destination(s): Great Falls, Carter, Havre, Box Elder, and Stanford, Montana

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

As policy director over the Communications, Media, and Broadband Subcommittee, one of the top priorities of the Subcommittee is to expand internet access to every American. The pandemic highlighted the importance of broadband in rural communities. The trip will help me better understand how federal broadband programs like the FCC's Universal Service Fund or the USDA's ReConnect Program impact community-based broadband providers and rural Americans. It will help staff learn about the significance of rural broadband in supporting education, health, commerce, and agriculture.

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:

7/30/21
(Date)

Olivia Trusty
(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, Senator Roger F. Wicker *(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)* hereby authorize Olivia Trusty *(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)* ☐

7/30/21
(Date)

Roger F. Wicker
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

(Revised 10/19/15)

Form RE-1

Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form – ATTACHMENT A

Sponsor: The Foundation for Rural Service

Question 12

FRS is the sole sponsor of this trip and will make all arrangements for travel (lodging, meals, transportation) and will incur all expenses. FRS receives donations from many different companies and individuals that make its programs possible. Some funding is given specifically for educational awareness activities and programming, but it is up to FRS to decide how to use this funding. There have been no direct or indirect requirements on how to use the funding beyond for educational awareness on rural issues (as established in our mission). Further, donors have not been involved in the planning of this trip.