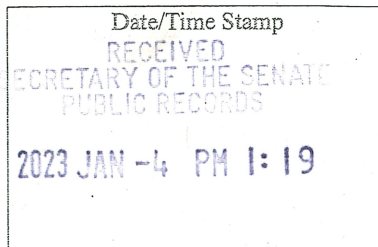


COVER SHEET FOR AMENDMENT OF POST-TRAVEL SUBMISSION



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.**

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Name of Traveler: Hunter Koski

Employing Office/Committee: Office of Senator Marcus Robin

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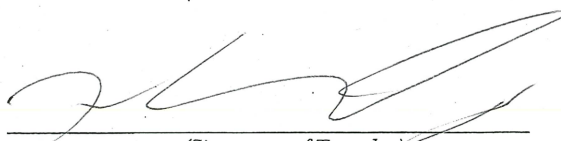
Travel Date(s): October 12-15, 2021

Description/Title of Attached Forms: RIE-1, Trip Itinerary, Invitation, and
Senate invite list.

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): The above
documents were not included in the original
submission.

01/04/2023

(Date)


(Signature of Traveler)

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.

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Name of Traveler: Hunter KoskiEmploying Office/Committee: Office of Senator Marco RubioPrivate Sponsor(s) (list all): South Florida Agricultural Foundation, Inc.Travel date(s): October 12, 2021 to October 15, 2021*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*Destination(s): West Palm Beach, FL; Clewiston, FL (w/site visits in Belle Glade and Boynton Beach, FL)

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

I advise Senator Rubio on agricultural issues. This trip would provide a greater understanding of the sugar industry in Florida and how that is important for local employment.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/ARelationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

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

09/28/2021
(Date)

[Signature]
(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 Marco Rubio hereby authorize Hunter Koski
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (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) ☐

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(Date)

[Signature]
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

South Florida Agricultural Foundation (SFAF)
ITINERARY
2021 Congressional Staff Tour
October 12-15, 2021

***Note: All food/catering/transportation/lodging is paid for
by the South Florida Agricultural Foundation**

Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021

8:30 – 11:05 AM	Depart Washington-Reagan National Airport on American Airlines Flight #AA978.
11:05 – 11:30 AM	Arrive Palm Beach International Airport. SFAF group leaders will meet guests at the West Palm Beach airport, locate luggage, board bus. Guests will be transported by bus for the rest of the trip.
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Bus drives through the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA), presentation of points of interest along the way include the Sem-Chi Rice Plant, Florida Crystals sugarcane fields, the Sugarcane Growers Cooperative Mill and lettuce, sweet corn and sugarcane fields at various stages of growth. Also, a video presentation about water issues pertaining to the lake and how sugarcane is grown and harvested will be shown during the ride.
12:30 – 1:45 PM	Arrive in Belle Glade. Working lunch at Everglades Equipment Group, largest John Deere tractor dealer in Florida. Jason Tucker will discuss issues with Tier 4 tractor emissions required in the U.S. compared to other countries and how Covid has affected their business operations.
1:45 – 2:00 PM	Travel to Slim's Fish Camp in Belle Glade for airboat tour of Lake Okeechobee.
2:00 – 4:30 PM	Depart from dock on airboat for tour of Lake Okeechobee; Boats will stop out on the lake where Terrie Bates, a water resource specialist that assists the agriculture industry in the Lake Okeechobee and Everglades watershed in matters related to Flood Protection, Water Supply and Stormwater Management, will explain the relationship between the lake and agriculture, discuss water quality and quantity issues and how EAA farmers must comply with federal water regulations. She will address questions from staffers. Airboats will return back to the dock.
4:30 – 4:50 PM	Depart Slim's Fish Camp to travel to Roland Martin Marina in Clewiston.
4:50 – 6:15 PM	Check into Roland Martin Marina hotel, prepare for dinner presentation.
6:30 – 9:00 PM	Depart hotel, drive to Staghorn Kitchen. Meet local city and county elected officials during working reception and dinner. The mayor of Clewiston will speak on how important agriculture is to the financial prosperity of the city. The county commissioners present will discuss the effects of Covid on the agricultural community and other issues rural areas are facing. Approximately one and a half hours will be spent on the listed activities and presentations.
9:00 PM	Return to Marina hotel.

Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021

8:00 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast on bus provided by SFAF.
8:30 AM	Depart Roland Martin Marina hotel; travel to sugarcane fields.
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Tour Sugarcane Field operations and harvesting, Les Baucum, agronomist with U. S. Sugar, will discuss compliance of worker protection standards, burning regulations, pesticide and herbicide issues and other Federal regulations that have an impact on the cost and procedures of farming sugarcane. Demonstration of how drones are used in the agricultural fields. Stop by pump station for discussion regarding water quality standards.
12:00 – 12:45 PM	Picnic lunch at Clewiston Civic Park provided by SFAF. Presentation about Clewiston's agricultural history during lunch.
12:45 – 1:00 PM	Travel to U. S. Sugar Mill and Refinery, Clewiston.

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1:00 – 3:00 PM	Arrive at U. S. Sugar Corp. Mill and Refinery for tour of sugarcane processing procedures led by Ryan Duffy, Dir. of Corporate Communications, U. S. Sugar. Discussion will include compliance with OSHA and federal air quality standards, while the refinery will focus on FDA food safety and labeling issues. Tour of packaging facilities.
3:00 – 3:15 PM	Depart mill, travel to Roland Martin Marina hotel, prepare for citrus tour and dinner presentation.
4:30 PM	Depart hotel, drive to Southern Gardens Citrus in Clewiston.
4:45 – 5:45 PM	Southern Gardens Citrus grove stop, Jim Snively, Vice President of Citrus Groves, will discuss citrus greening, hurricanes and other issues destructive to citrus crops, and how they work with the USDA's APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service) to develop new citrus varieties and combat citrus diseases.
6:00 – 6:30 PM	Arrive at Swindle Farms in Clewiston for welcome reception and opportunity to speak one-on-one with local farmers who grow sugarcane, corn, green beans, kale and broccoli. This is an actual working sugarcane farm owned by an independent grower.
6:35 – 9:00 PM	Working dinner where Judy Sanchez, Sr. Dir. of Corporate Communications, U.S. Sugar, and member of the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Sweeteners and Sweetener Products, will give a presentation on American Farm Policy & Trade, discussing the farm bill, NAFTA and other trade issues. Carl Stringer, Vice President, IT Operations, U.S. Sugar, will illustrate how technology is used in farming. SFAF Board President Ardis Hammock will introduce the independent farmers present and each will speak 5-10 minutes on the history of their farm and the produce they grow, showcasing the diversity of crops produced in the area. Staffers will be formally introduced to all the farmers. SFAF will purchase steaks cooked by Hendry County Cattlemen's Association who will discuss the importance of the cattle industry in Florida. Approximately two hours will be spent on the listed activities and presentations.
9:00 PM	Return to Roland Martin Marina hotel.

Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021

8:00 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast on bus provided by SFAF.
8:30 AM	Depart Roland Martin Marina hotel.
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Travel to Belle Glade to A. Duda & Sons.
9:00 – 10:30 AM	Tour of A. Duda & Sons led by Sam Jones, General Manager, showcasing the farming operations where celery, radishes, lettuce and other produce is grown. The group will go out into the field and observe the harvesting of celery while discussing food safety and workforce issues.
10:30 - 10:45 AM	Travel to TKM Bengard Farms, LLC, also in Belle Glade.
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Stephen Basore, one of six brothers who run the farm, will lead the tour of TKM Bengard Farms, LLC, the largest lettuce grower east of the Mississippi that sells produce to major processors and retailers that in turn, distribute to supermarkets, schools, and restaurants across the country. He will discuss transportation issues that affect his company.
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Drive to Bedner's Farm Fresh Market in Western Boynton Beach.

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1:00 PM	Arrive at Bedner's Farm Fresh Market, one of the few remaining family owned and operated farmer's markets in South Florida, bringing fresh produce to customers from the farm, grown right outside their back door.
1:15 – 1:45 PM	Working lunch provided by SFAF purchased from local farms. Marie Bedner will give an overview of Bedner's farming operations and explain how Covid changed Bedner's business plan from u-pick to pick up boxes and how much food went to waste during the initial Covid lockdown. She will introduce farmers who will participate in the roundtable discussions.
1:45 – 2:30 PM	Tour of Bedner's U-Pick farm on tractor-pulled wagon in fields of strawberries, peppers and tomatoes adjacent to the Everglades. David Legg, an educator/tour guide, will explain just how much of the earth's surface is available for farming, highlighting how important even small farms such as theirs is and how a farm can co-exist next to a federal water refuge, following the regulations required and still provide a safe affordable food supply.
2:30 – 3:30 PM	One-on-one roundtable discussion with farmer members of Florida Farm Bureau's eastern Palm Beach County region moderated by Eva Webb, Assistant Director Field Services, Florida Farm Bureau Federation. Farmers representing sweet corn, green beans, peppers, tomatoes and other vegetables, nursery operations and agricultural research will discuss issues with federal pest management regulations, H2A worker programs, wage and labor compliance, NAFTA and how farming is impacted by state and federal issues.
3:45 – 4:30 PM	Travel to Canopy by Hilton Hotel, West Palm Beach.
4:45 – 5:00 PM	Check in at Canopy by Hilton Hotel, West Palm Beach, prepare for dinner and evening program.
6:45 PM	Meet in hotel lobby.
6:45 – 7:00 PM	Board bus and depart for dinner.
7:00 – 9:00 PM	Working dinner at The Butcher Shop, West Palm Beach, local scratch-made food restaurant. Palm Beach County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay, who represents the area where the western county farms and some of the eastern farms are located, will discuss the importance of agriculture as an economic driver for Palm Beach County. A representative of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will speak about the importance of the Everglades Agricultural Area to the State of Florida and the challenges the state has coordinating with federal agricultural regulations. Approximately one and a half hours will be spent on the listed activities and presentations.
9:00 PM	Return to Canopy by Hilton Hotel.

Friday, Oct. 15, 2021

6:00 – 6:20 AM	Depart hotel, travel to Palm Beach International Airport
7:50 AM – 2:08 PM	Depart Palm Beach International Airport Depart for Washington-Reagan National Airport on American Airlines nonstop Flight #AA550, connect in Charlotte.
2:08 PM	Arrive Washington-Reagan National Airport.

**SOUTH FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL FOUNDATION
OCTOBER 2021 SENATE STAFFERS INVITATION LIST**

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You're Invited to Join Us for an Ag-venture!

Cheryl Klimek <Cheryl@soflagfoundation.org>

Fri 7/2/2021 11:51 AM

To: Koski, Hunter (Rubio) <Hunter_Koski@rubio.senate.gov>

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Good morning Hunter,

The **South Florida Agricultural Foundation, Inc.**, a non-profit organization founded to increase public awareness of South Florida's agricultural industries – including sugarcane, citrus, sweet corn, rice, celery and other crops – through educational and stewardship opportunities, is sponsoring a congressional staff trip to our area on **October 12-15, 2021**. The purpose of this **Ag-venture** is to give staffers an opportunity to tour South Florida's agricultural industry gaining firsthand knowledge of its impact on Florida and the United States.

Your colleague, Lauren Remy, has referred you as a potential participant in our tour. The Foundation would like to extend an invitation to you to join us in this upcoming trip. I have attached last April's itinerary, as we are still working on October's, but you can also check out our website at www.soflagfoundation.org, where you can see the educational opportunities staffers had on previous tours.

Tour participants depart from Ronald Reagan National Airport to Palm Beach International Airport where Foundation staff and a chartered bus will meet them. We'll kickoff the tour by traveling west to the Everglades Agricultural Area. There will even be an ecological **AIR BOAT TOUR** on Lake Okeechobee, the heart of a number of Florida's water issues. Other stops during the tour will include citrus groves, sugarcane field operations and mill, and other vegetable planting and harvesting operations. The Foundation will cover the cost of all travel, lodging and meal expenses associated with the trip and will provide all necessary documentation for the Ethics Committee.

Florida is known as a premier tourist destination with its miles of sandy beaches, but few people know of its abundant agricultural interests and its vital role in food production. In the South Florida region, Palm Beach County alone generates nearly one-and-a-half billion dollars in total agricultural sales each year, ranking it among the top ten counties for highest agricultural revenue in the nation. While Florida has three million acres devoted to agriculture, Palm Beach County has more agriculture than any other county with 40% of its land actively farmed. Florida food is exported to 170 different countries to the tune of \$4 billion worth of food products.

We hope you will be able to join the Foundation on this fact-finding trip. We believe it will be a worthwhile experience and that you will gain a better understanding of the Florida agricultural industry and other ag-related issues that you work with on a daily basis.

Be assured that we will be following all CDC guidelines regarding Covid-19 virus precautions and protocols necessary to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Space is limited, and slots will be filled on a first come, first-served basis. I know it's early, but we wanted to get our preliminary group in place before the August recess. Let us know if you would like to participate in this exciting **Ag-venture** and we'll put you at the top of our RSVP list. We know many will be out of the office during the recess and ethics forms are due by **September 13th**. Feel free to contact us at 561-315-0481 if you have any questions.

Hope to see you in October!

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