

## COVER SHEET FOR AMENDMENT OF POST-TRAVEL SUBMISSION

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**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:

Christina Amato

Employing Office/Committee:

Parliamentarian

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources):

Renew Democracy Initiative

Travel Date(s):

April 27-28, 2023

Description/Title of Attached Forms:

1. ~~RE-2~~ RE-2 Form updated to include supervisor signature date
2. attached final copy of all other documents

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission):

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6/28/2023

(Date)

Christina Amato

(Signature of Traveler)

## RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Date/Time Stamp

**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. **This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

**Certification:** *In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

**Private Sponsor(s):**

Renew Democracy Initiative

**Travel Dates:**

April 27-28, 2023

**Name of accompanying family member (if any):****Relationship to Traveler:**

## Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses

543

Lodging Expenses

369

Meals Expenses

155

Other Expenses (Amount &amp; Description)

*I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:*

- The final **Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

*Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.*

6/28/23

Date

Christina Amatos

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.*

7/10/2023

Date



Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer



## ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

**Note:** Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

| Expense Change | Revised Amount | Explanation                                        |
|----------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Transportation | 543            | Train price increased bc waited for Ethics Approv. |
| Meals          | 155            | Not previously included in total estimate          |
|                |                |                                                    |
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Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation:

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation:

## RE-1 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.

Date/Time Stamp

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Name of Traveler:

Employing Office/Committee:

Christina Amatos

Parliamentarian

Private Sponsor(s):

Destination(s):

Renew Democracy Initiative

New York City

Travel Dates:

April 27-April 28, 2023

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

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

The 3 Parliamentarians (of which I am one) are being honored for their efforts to secure the electoral ballots from harm on January 6, 2021.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip? Name and Relationship to Traveler:

☐

(signify "yes" by checking box)

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

3/27/23

Date



Signature of Employee

## TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms,  
Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

SONCERIA A. BERRY

(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize

Christy Amatos

(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.

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(signify "yes" by checking box)

3/27/2023

Date



Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

**Trip Name:** Renew Democracy Awards Dinner

### Organization Information

**Organization Name:**

Renew Democracy Initiative, Inc.

**Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

**If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:**

☐ Private Foundation

☒ Public Charity

**Address:**

1230 Avenue of the Americas

**City, State, Zip:**

New York NY 10020

**Phone Number:**

2027600286

**Organization URL:**

www.rdi.org

### History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

There has been no prior sponsored congressional travel

### Educational Activities

Describe the educational activities performed by your organization other than sponsoring congressional travel.

RDI hosts events featuring dissidents who have risked their lives for some semblance of freedom in their home countries at university campuses and other venues. RDI also creates a variety of different content promoting democratic principles.

### Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

**Lobbyist Registration Status (Select one):**

☒ I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.

☐ I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.

**Foreign Agent Registration Status (Select one):**

☒ I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and does not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.

☐ I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal but does retain or employ one or more agents of a foreign principal.

### Foreign Government Involvement

**Foreign Agent Registration Status (Must select all):**

☒ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.

☒ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.

☒ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

**Purpose and Details**

Provide a brief description of the trip.

We have invited Elizabeth Coss MacDonough, Christina Anna Amatos, and Leigh Gipson Hildebrand to attend from the Senate Parliamentarian Office as awardees at our annual Heroes of Democracy Gala. We are honoring them because they protected democracy under threat by continuing to work to certify an election in the face of a riot fomented to prevent the peaceful transfer of power.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

The purpose of the Dinner is to highlight those who have made significant contributions to defending democracy .

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If No, describe your organization's role in planning the trip.

If there are multiple sponsors, each sponsor must submit Organization Information (Page 1 of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form) and a Signature Page Form.

**Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)**

If you have a Grantmaking Organization, you must attach a Grantmaking Organization Certification Form.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



## With or Without Regard to Congressional Participation (Select one):

- ☒ The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.
- ☐ The trip is arranged or organized with regard to congressional participation.

## Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

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

## Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing (Must select all):

- ☒ The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- ☒ No funds or in-kind contributions were 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.

## Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations (Select one):

- ☒ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- ☐ The trip is limited to 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
- ☐ The trip is limited to 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

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations (Select one):

- ☐ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
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## Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol (Must select all):

- ☒ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- ☒ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

## Will members and staff from the House of Representatives receive invitations?

- ☒ Yes ☐ No

## Travel Details (Submit additional pages as needed)

Trip Start Date/Time:

4/27/2023



Trip End Date/Time:

4/28/2023

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Transportation (Member/Officer/Employee: \$<sup>505</sup> Accompanying Family Member: \$<sup>0</sup>)

| Transportation Type             | Class          | Amount                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Amtrak for 3 persons round trip | Acela Business | \$505.00 per traveler |
| Details (optional)              |                |                       |

Lodging (Member/Officer/Employee: \$<sup>275</sup> Accompanying Family Member: \$<sup>0</sup>)

| Check-In | Check-Out              | Facility                      | City                                                                                                                                                                                         | State | Country |
|----------|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| 4/27/23  | 4/28/23                | Yale Club                     | NewYork                                                                                                                                                                                      | NY    | USA     |
| Nights   | Cost/Night             | Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No) | If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.<br>This is the standard rate of this venue for all travelers, including non-Congressioanl travelers |       |         |
| 1        | 275 per n <sub>+</sub> | yes                           |                                                                                                                                                                                              |       |         |
| Check-In | Check-Out              | Facility                      | City                                                                                                                                                                                         | State | Country |
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| Nights   | Cost/Night             | Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No) | If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.                                                                                                     |       |         |
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| Check-In | Check-Out              | Facility                      | City                                                                                                                                                                                         | State | Country |
|          |                        |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                              |       |         |
| Nights   | Cost/Night             | Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No) | If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.                                                                                                     |       |         |
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This is the dinner price charged to RDI for all attendees, government and non-government

## PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

## SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: Heroes of Democracy Gala Dinner

Travel Date(s): 4/27/23-4/28/23

Travel Destination(s): New York City

Sponsor: Renew Democracy Initiative Inc.

Uriel Epshtein

*(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Executive Director

*(title)*

*Uriel Epshtein*

*(signature of sponsor representative)*

3/28/23

*(date)*





PO Box 20175, New York  
NY 10025 – USA

Dear Christina,

The Renew Democracy Initiative (RDI) is honored to invite you to our Heroes of Democracy annual gala on **April 27, 2023**, at the **Yale Club** in **New York City**.

Founded in 2017 by Russian dissident and former world chess champion Garry Kasparov, the Renew Democracy Initiative (RDI) identifies and combats threats to freedom in the US and around the world. Today, RDI is one of the leading organizations supporting Ukraine's efforts to defend its democracy from Russia's invasion.

We will be honoring **Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba, Rwandan Dissident Carine Kanimba** along with her father, *Hotel Rwanda* hero **Paul Rusesabagina**; **Senate Parliamentarian Elizabeth MacDonough and her colleagues** and **Philanthropist Howard Buffett**. Additional attendees will include RDI Board members and advisors such as Garry Kasparov, Senators Heidi Heitkamp and Bob Kerrey, Linda Chavez, General Stanley McChrystal and others. We hope you will consider joining us as well.

We look forward to your reply and to celebrating heroes of democracy everywhere.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kasparov", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Garry Kasparov  
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Uriel Epshtein", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Uriel Epshtein  
Executive Director



PO Box 20175, New York  
NY 10025 – USA

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**April 27, 2023:**

11:55am – Leigh Hildebrand Departs Union Station, Washington, DC, on Acela Train # 2164.  
(Arrives at Penn Station, New York, NY, at 2:47pm).

1:50pm – Christy Amatos Departs Union Station, Washington, DC, on Acela Train # 2168.  
(Arrives at Penn Station, New York, NY, at 4:38pm).

3:55pm – Elizabeth MacDonough Departs Union Station, Washington, DC, on Acela Train # 2172. (Arrives at Penn Station, New York, NY, at 6:54pm).

Note: Each traveler will personally arrange for transportation from Penn Station, New York, NY to the hotel and event site (Yale Club, 50 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York, NY).

By 7:00pm – Arrival at Yale Club – Check in and Executive Time at Yale Club Before Heroes of Democracy Awards Gala

6:00pm to 10:00pm Heroes of Democracy Awards Gala

Note: The Heroes of Democracy Awards Gala will involve a reception and dinner to present the 2023 RDI Heroes of Democracy Awards. These awards recognize people who have taken personal risks in defense of democracy. The three Senate travelers will be among numerous 2023 Awardees and are being honored for their roles in securing the electoral ballots after the 2020 presidential election.

Note: After the Heroes of Democracy Awards Gala, travelers will spend the night at the Yale Club.

**April 28, 2023:**

7:00am to 10:30am – Executive time to prepare for departure.

Note: Each traveler will personally arrange for breakfast and transportation from the Yale Club to Penn Station, New York, NY.

11:00am – Travelers Depart Penn Station, New York, NY, on Acela Train # 2155. (Arrives at Union Station, Washington, DC, at 1:54pm).