

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: Scott Graber

Employing Office/Committee: Senator Lindsey Graham

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources): The Humpty Dumpty Institute, HAEDF, CCF, SAHA, IPCS, AGI

Travel Date(s): Dec 11-18 2021

Description/Title of Attached Forms: _____

Private Sponsor Travel Certification form and responses to questions 12 -15 and 18

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): update to previously submitted documents

1/5/23
(Date)


(Signature of Traveler)

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.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): The Humpty Dumpty Institute (HDI), HAEDF, CCF, SAHA, IPCS, AGI. - Please see addendum for details.
2. Description of the trip: The goal of this trip is to get a better understanding of the complexities of the region through meetings with Somalilander government, business, environmental and cultural leaders.
3. Dates of travel: December 11-18, 2021.
4. Place of travel: Hargeisa, Somaliland.
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Please see addendum.
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:

Please see addendum.

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

Please see addendum.

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

Please see addendum.

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

Please see addendum.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
☒ Good Faith estimate	Total: \$3,760 \$3,260 - airfare \$500 - ground transportation incl. airport transfers	Total: \$900 \$500 - lodging in Dubai (layover) \$400 - lodging in Hargeisa	Total: \$564 \$336 - M&I in Dubai (layover) \$228 - M&I in Hargeisa	Total: \$180 \$180 - PCR testing
☐ Actual Amounts				

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:

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

Please see addendum.

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

Ambassador Hotel, Airport Road, Hargeisa, Somaliland

Conrad Dubai Hotel, Sheikh Zayed Rd.; Dubai International Hotel, Dubai Intl. Airport T3, Dubai, UAE

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

Proximity to airport and meeting locations in Somaliland.

Layover, proximity to airport in Dubai.

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:
- Daily lodging expenses in Hargeisa are lower than max. USG per diem rates. Daily meal expenses in Hargeisa are equal to USG per diem rates. Daily lodging expenses in Dubai are lower than max. USG per diem rates. Daily meal expenses in Dubai are equal to USG 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:
- Round trip airfare and ground transportation is provided. All airfare is coach class.
- Taxi to/from the airport in Washington. Taxis/car service in Dubai. Up-armored vehicles in Somaliland.
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: _____
- Name and Title: Joseph Merante, Executive Director
- Name of Organization: The Humpty Dumpty Institute
- Address: 177 Prince Street, New York, NY 10012
- Telephone Number: 202 494 0942
- Fax Number: _____
- E-mail Address: joe.merante@thehdi.org



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Questions 12, 13, 14, 15: Describe role, mission, history, educational activities of each sponsor.

12. Briefly describe a role of each sponsoring organizing and conducting the trip.

The Humpty Dumpty Institute:

HDI will conduct the program from start to finish, including sending invitations to Members and Staff, providing logistical arrangements, providing appropriate Ethics Committee forms for reporting, and coordinating with the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of the Treasury to ensure that everything is done appropriately. HDI will also work with the additional sponsors on arranging the meeting schedule in Somaliland. HDI will accompany the participants to all meeting and make sure that the program follows the Senate Ethics Rules.

Horn of Africa Education Development Fund (Abaarso Network)

Abaarso Network has given HDI a grant to organize and conduct a U.S. Congressional Delegation to Somaliland to interact with the local government officials, business and community leaders. Abaarso Network will also be involved in planning, organizing and conducting of this trip.

Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF)

CCF has given HDI a grant to organize and conduct a U.S. Congressional Delegation to Somaliland to interact with the local government officials, business and community leaders. CCF will also be involved in planning, organizing and conducting of this trip.

Somalilander-American Health Association (SAHA)

SAHA has given HDI a grant to organize and conduct a U.S. Congressional Delegation to Somaliland to interact with the local government officials, business and community leaders. SAHA will also be involved in planning, organizing and conducting of this trip.

The Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS) at the University of Hargeisa

IPCS will provide in-kind support. They will coordinate the delegation's accommodation and logistics on the ground in Somaliland. They will pay for expenses related to this trip directly to vendors.

The American Global Institute (AGI):

AGI will serve as an important liaison between HDI and local sponsors and will be involved in all areas of planning and implementation of this program.



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

The Humpty Dumpty Institute:

HDI's mission is to inform and foster dialogue amongst critical stakeholders on key global issues. Since 2009, HDI has developed overseas programs by which Members of the U.S. Congress and Staff Employees have had the opportunity to meet and discuss issues on an international basis. HDI is organizing a delegation to Somaliland to give U.S. Congressional Members and Congressional Staff an opportunity to meet Somalilander government, civic, business, environmental and cultural leaders to get a better understanding of the complexities of the area.

Horn of Africa Education Development Fund (Abaarso Network)

Abaarso Network enables transformative change through educating and empowering the human capital needed to achieve ethical and effective development. Founded in 2009, the Abaarso Network includes three world-class educational institutions that provide kindergarten through university students with critical academic fundamentals, and leadership development in Somaliland, Africa. Abaarso Network's alumni will be the new generation of educated and ethical leaders in Somaliland, solving core infrastructure challenges. By sponsoring U.S. Congressional Delegation, Abaarso Network will be able to show the participants complexities of regional educational landscape as well as benefits of creating access to education in the area.

Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF)

CCF's is the global leader in research and conservation of cheetahs and dedicated to saving the cheetah in the wild. CCF is instrumental in establishing first permanent cheetah sanctuary in Somaliland. By sponsoring U.S. Congressional Delegation, CCF will have chance to show the participants region-specific challenges to environment preservation.

Somalilander-American Health Association (SAHA)

SAHA was founded by a group of Somalilander-American doctors, nurses and other health professionals and works to address critical public health needs impacting Somaliland's hospitals and healthcare systems. SAHA aspires to build a healthcare system in Somaliland that delivers the highest quality and affordable healthcare services to the community and the adjoining communities, helping to improve the health indices in the region. By sponsoring U.S. Congressional Delegation, SAHA will show the participants critical public health needs in Somaliland and its implications in the greater Horn of Africa region.

The Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS) at the University of Hargeisa

The Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS) is a teaching and research center at the University of Hargeisa, Somaliland. It was established in 2008 by the University of Hargeisa and Eastern Mennonite University in the United States of America to provide a multidisciplinary approach to understand and address conflict and violence in the Horn of Africa. IPCS outreach activities take place both at a local and a community level in order to enhance the IPCS impact on stability at home and at the regional and international level. By hosting U.S. Congressional Delegation, IPCS will have a chance to show the participants importance of increasing access to higher education in the region and explore areas of possible cooperation with American institutions of higher learning.



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The American Global Institute (AGI):

AGI is a 501C3 NGO based in Washington DC who is focused on the trade and use of trade and economic interaction as vehicles to promote political reform and further human rights. AGI is specifically interested in developing relations between the United States and the Arabic speaking world to advance religious tolerance and ethnic reconciliation through economic development in the region.

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

The Humpty Dumpty Institute:

Since 2009, HDI has developed overseas programs by which Members of the U.S. Congress and Staff Employees have had the opportunity to meet and discuss issues on an international basis. Most recently, HDI brought Congressional Delegations (incl. Staff) to Malawi, Bahrain, Sudan, Belgium, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

Horn of Africa Education Development Fund (Abaarso Network)

None.

Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF)

None.

Somalilander-American Health Association (SAHA)

None.

The Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS) at the University of Hargeisa

None.

The American Global Institute (AGI):

AGI previously sponsored several Congressional Delegations (incl. Staff) to Sudan.

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

The Humpty Dumpty Institute:

The HDI's Higher Education Alliance helps create the next generation of global leaders by connecting institutions of higher education with the United Nations. HEA provides a comprehensive range of services, resources and opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience working with the United Nations and in global affairs.



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HDI organizes Boot Camps for students from all over the world to learn more about the work of the United Nations system, the work of diplomats based in New York City and Washington, D.C. as well as the work of the U.S. government.

Horn of Africa Education Development Fund (Abaarso Network)

Founded in 2009, the Abaarso Network includes three world-class educational institutions that provide kindergarten through university students with critical academic fundamentals, and leadership development in Somaliland, Africa. Abaarso School is an internationally recognized 7th-12th grade co-ed boarding school outside of Hargeisa, Somaliland. Founded in 2017 to become the premier higher education institution in Somaliland, Barwaaqo University is a teacher's college and Somaliland's only all-female university. The Kaabe Schools are a new system of K-12 day schools with Montessori-inspired elementary education. Kaabe focuses on student-centered learning and building positive relationships with local communities.

Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF)

Environmental education is vital to Cheetah Conservation Fund's mission. CCF's research show that public education will help ensure a future for the species in the wild. The development of national pride and international concern for the cheetah are critical to the species survival. In order to reach the widest audience possible, CCF educates farmers, teachers, and the public about methods to conserve biodiversity. Special emphasis is placed on the role of the cheetah and other predators in healthy ecosystems.

Somalilander-American Health Association (SAHA)

SAHA works to improve health outcomes of the people of Somaliland through education, research and system building. Most recently during COVID pandemic, SAHA strongly advocates for global vaccine distribution, educates and strongly encourages everyone who has access to it to take it in accordance with clinical guidelines.

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The American Global Institute (AGI):

None.



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

Somaliland with its strategic location in the Horn of Africa is very important to U.S. interests in region in the current geopolitical situation. It is crucial for Members of Congress and their Staff to get a better understanding of current dynamics and strategic concerns.