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

Name of Traveler: Veronica Duron

Employing Office/Committee: Senator Cory Booker

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources): American Lands Project

Travel Date(s): August 10-16, 2022

Description/Title of Attached Forms: invitation from the American Lands Project and the final version of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): including the invitation from the American Lands Project and the final version of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form

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(Signature of Traveler)



July 8, 2022

Veronica Duron
Chief of Staff
Senator Cory Booker
717 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Veronica,

The American Lands Project appreciates the interest your office has shown in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The 19.6 million-acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is an exceptional and unique landscape – an intact arctic ecosystem, and one of the wildest places on earth. The Iñupiat and Gwich'in people have been stewards of this land from time immemorial, and both groups still depend heavily on the region's subsistence resources. The Arctic Refuge provides critical habitat to polar bears, caribou, musk ox, and hundreds of species of migratory birds.

Land use policy for the Arctic Refuge has varied significantly for many decades. In January 2015, the US Fish & Wildlife Service announced its revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Arctic Refuge that recommended a Wilderness designation for the Coastal Plain area. Later in 2017, legislation was passed that instead opened the Coastal Plain to oil and gas development, and a lease sale was completed in January 2021. Currently, the Department of the Interior has suspended those leases and other drilling activities until additional reviews are completed.

We believe a fact-finding trip to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge would provide you a valuable opportunity to see and experience first-hand this remote arctic landscape and better understand the dynamic human and natural systems at play in this area.

We would like to invite you to join American Lands Project for a trip to the Arctic Refuge from August 10th to August 16th, 2022 (On the ground in the Arctic Refuge from August 11th – August 15th). Attached is a detailed itinerary that includes opportunities to experience some of the most remote country in the United States, and learn about Alaska Native communities, natural systems, energy and climate issues, and the history and land use policy of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Please let me know if I can be helpful in answering any questions about the proposed trip, and I hope you will be able to join us. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Armando Rojas
Program Manager

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1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): American Lands Project
2. Description of the trip: Fact-finding trip to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to learn about its importance to Alaska Natives, Arctic natural systems and history, and land management plans.
3. Dates of travel: Aug 10 - Aug 16, 2022
4. Place of travel: Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: See the attached pg. 5 for list of invitees
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.

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- ☐ (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*).

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- ☐ (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:

American Lands Project (ALP) is the sole sponsor and will be funding the trip, developing the trip itinerary, and organizing all logistics not organized by the backcountry guide service.

ALP Program Manager Armando Rojas will be attending the trip.

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

American Lands Project seeks to inform discussions regarding important public lands in our nation, in part by facilitating fact-finding travel centered on place-based education. This trip will provide history, context, and understanding for guests in support of their responsibilities related to public lands in Arctic Alaska.

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

American Lands Project has organized sponsored travel opportunities for House Members to Southeast Alaska (2021), for congressional staff to Southeastern Oregon (2022), and for a Senate Member to Arctic Alaska (2022).

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

American Lands Project conducts educational briefings for decision-makers in Washington, DC, and

works in coalition with diverse organizations engaged with policies surrounding the use and management

of America's public lands and waters.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
☒ Good Faith estimate	\$5,332.41 total (\$1,648.98 for DC - Fairbanks round trip flights; \$3,658.43 for Fairbanks - Arctic Refuge round trip flights; \$25 for taxis in Fairbanks)	\$383 total (\$308 for 2 nights hotel in Fairbanks; \$75 for tent rental in Arctic Refuge)	\$250 total (\$170 for share of backcountry meals provided by guide, \$80 for two dinners in Fairbanks (none will exceed per diem rates))	\$2,000 total For share of guide service costs
☐ 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:

b) This trip has been arranged specifically with regard to congressional participation.

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

This trip will provide the opportunity to visit the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to learn about Arctic natural systems, land management history, economic drivers, and the importance of the region to Alaska Natives.

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

Best Western Plus Chena River Lodge (1255 Tvsa Way, Fairbanks, AK 99709)

Basecamps will be comprised of individual camping tents in a remote part of the Arctic Refuge.

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

The hotel in Fairbanks was selected for room availability, central location, and comparable seasonal rates to other local hotels. In the Arctic Refuge, basecamps (individual tents) are the only option to stay overnight in this remote location; there are no hotels in the vicinity.

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:

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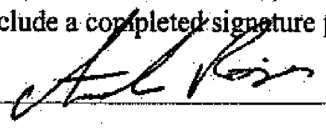
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Signature of Travel Sponsor: 

Name and Title: Armando Rojas, Program Manager

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Address: 1904 3rd Avenue, Suite 406, Seattle WA 98101

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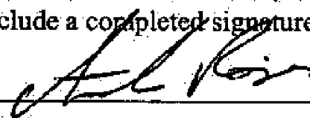
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