RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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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):
Farm Foundation

Travel Dates:
08/06/2024 to 08/08/2024

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$635.00	$258.00	$163.00	$0.00

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.

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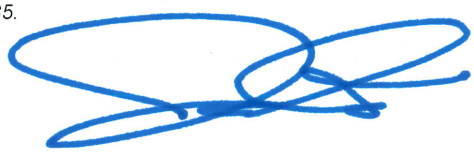
Aria Austin
Printed Name of Traveler


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.

09/05/24
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
There were no changes to pre-approved travel expenses.		

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

○ Yes ● No

Explanation: There were no changes to the pre-approved itinerary.

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

○ Yes ● No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

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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.

Name of Traveler:
Aria Austin

Employing Office/Committee:
FETTERMAN, JOHN

Private Sponsor(s):
Farm Foundation

Destination(s):
St. Louis, Missouri

Travel Dates:
08/06/2024 to 08/08/2024
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.

On this trip, Aria will gain first-hand knowledge about the diversity of the agriculture industry, as well as the innovation and technology being utilized in order to better inform her work as an agriculture policy staffer.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?
No

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
N/A

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

06/17/2024
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)

I Senator John Fetterman (Print Senator's/Officer's Name) hereby authorize Aria Austin (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)

06/17/2024
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Farm Foundation: 2024 Farm Foundation Congressional Fellows

Aria Austin

Title:
None

Employing Office/Committee:
FETTERMAN, JOHN

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):
St. Louis, Missouri

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

On this trip, Aria will gain first-hand knowledge about the diversity of the agriculture industry, as well as the innovation and technology being utilized in order to better inform her work as an agriculture policy staffer.

Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Farm Foundation

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
Yes No

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Public Charity

Address
1301 W 22nd Street Suite 906

Address 2 (Optional)
None

City, State Zip
Oak Brook, Illinois 60523 United States

Phone Number
815-992-1710

Organization URL
www.farmfoundation.org

History of Congressional Travel

Farm Foundation has taken congressional staffers who work with Senators and Representatives on the Agriculture committees on tours of agricultural facilities. We have hosted trips in 2018, 2019, and 2022.

Educational Activities

Our mission is to build trust and understanding at the intersections of agriculture and society. We provide the necessary space for agriculture to respond to the evolving needs of the communities we serve, and for those communities to understand and support the essential work of those throughout the food and ag value chain. Farm Foundation educational programs include: hosting forums on hot topics in agriculture, publishing white papers, convening meetings and events to discuss issues and solve problems in agriculture. Farm Foundation also has 7 programs that work with college students and young professionals to develop the next generation of agriculture leaders.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and do not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- 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.

Comments

None Entered

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

This trip will visit agriculture facilities (production. education, and research) across the St. Louis : Metro region. The trip will give participants the opportunity to learn about agriculture from producers and gain a better understanding of how policies affect their work in feeding the world.

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

Farm Foundation's mission is to build trust and understanding at the intersections of agriculture ' and society. We believe that this trip does just that by bringing together the people working in agriculture and the people creating policies that affect agriculture. By being together they are building understanding on both sides that we hope will lead to policy that will be beneficial to all.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

● Yes ○ No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized specifically 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

- ● 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

- ● 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.

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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- ● 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.

Invitees

Members and staff from the House of Representatives **will** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
08/06/2024 @ 01:30 PM

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Trip End Date/Time:
08/08/2024 @ 12:55 PM

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

○ Yes ● No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $635.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$375.00
Note Round Trip Flight DCA to STL		
Ground Transportation	Coach	$260.00
Note Charter bus rental for tour/rideshare costs		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $258.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
08/06/2024	08/08/2024	Holiday Inn St. Louis Airport	St. Louis	Missouri	United States	2	$129.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $163.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
08/06/2024	$14.00	$16.00	$29.00	$5.00	**$64.00**	St. Louis	Missouri	United States	No
08/07/2024	$14.00	$16.00	$29.00	$5.00	**$64.00**	St. Louis	Missouri	United States	No
08/08/2024	$14.00	$16.00	$0.00	$5.00	**$35.00**	St. Louis	Missouri	United States	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $0.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
There are no miscellaneous expenses.		

Additional Attachments All additional attachments are below.

Document Name
About Congressional Fellows

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: 2024 Farm Foundation Congressional Fellows

Travel Date(s): August 6-8, 2024

Travel Destination(s): St. Louis, Missouri

Sponsor: Farm Foundation

Todd Price — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Board Secretary — *(title)*

Todd Price — *(signature of sponsor representative)*

5.31.24 — *(date)*

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Dear Aria,

Farm Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit working across the food and ag value chain to build momentum behind meaningful solutions to some of the most important challenges facing farmers and, by extension, our industry as a whole.

The Farm Foundation Congressional Fellows Program provides select congressional staffers with the opportunity to gain firsthand experience and a broader perspective on the food and agriculture sector in the United States. Congressional Fellows, within their official duties, participate in a two-day visit of a selected agricultural region in the United States. The experience offers exposure to perspectives beyond those available in Washington D.C., as well as first-hand exposure to a variety of agricultural production, processing, and marketing systems, with specific areas of education targeted for each tour. (See the attached document for more about our Fellows Program.)

Our tour is scheduled for August 6-8, 2024, and will highlight food, agriculture, transportation, and innovation activities in the St. Louis metropolitan area. All transportation, housing, and meals will be covered by Farm Foundation. The Fellows Program has been designed to be in compliance with the Ethics Rules of the United States House and Senate.

If you are interested in participating in our Fellows Program and the tour, please complete the RSVP form by no later than Thursday May 30, 2024. The cohort size is limited, and all RSVPs may not be accommodated.

If selected for the program, you will receive emailed confirmation of your participation by Monday, June 3, 2024. If selected, you will also receive a formal invitation, including a list of participants and the final agenda, by the end of June.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information at this time.

Sincerely,

Jenna Wicks, Program Manager

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Congressional Fellowship Program
August 2024 Tour – St. Louis, Missouri
August 6-8, 2024

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

12:30pm-1:40pm	**Flight into St. Louis Airport** **Southwest WN 1180 DCA-STL**
2:00pm	**Meet at hotel Holiday Inn St. Louis Airport West Earth City** **3400 Rider Trail South St. Louis, MO 63045**
2:00pm-2:30pm	Travel to 39 North
2:30pm-5:00pm	**39 North** 39 North is a 600-acre innovation district that includes the Danforth Center, BRDG Park, Helix Center Biotech Incubator and Bayer Crop Science. 39 North aims to be the agri-food tech/plant science hub that brings together people, resources, and facilities. 39 North is home to 1000 Plant Science Ph.D.'s and 33 Ag Tech & Bioscience Companies. Participants will learn about the plant science research and technology working to create a safe and abundant food supply. **Speaker: Emily Lohse-Busch, Executive Director**
5:00pm-6:00pm	Travel to Dinner
6:00 pm-8:00pm	**Dinner** Martha King Farm Foundation Vice President of Programs and Projects will share with participants the work of Farm Foundation and how they can utilize the Farm Foundation forums, papers, and network in writing policy. **Speaker: Martha King, Vice President of Program and Projects, Farm Foundation**
8:00pm-8:30pm	Travel to Hotel
8:30pm	Back to hotel

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

7:00 am-7:30am	**Breakfast on your own**
7:30am- 8:00am	**Travel to JJKFAN**

8:00am -9:30am	**Jackie Joyner Kersee Food, Agriculture, and Nutrition, Innovation Center – East St. Louis, Illinois** The mission of the JJK FAN Center is to provide quality youth and community programs in STEAM+Ag, food production, nutrition, and physical activity in East St. Louis and beyond. Participants will learn about how the JJK Food and Nutrition Innovation Center is using agriculture to build up and empower the East St. Louis community. **Speaker: Amy Funk, Director**
9:30am-10:00am	Travel to Mel Price Lock and Dam
10:00am-10:30am	**Mel Price Lock and Dam- Alton, Illinois** As one of the largest locks on the Mississippi River, the Melvin Price Locks & Dam No. 26 is central to river traffic for soybeans, corn, grain, asphalt and other commodities that are transported via the river. Participants will learn about the importance of river transportation to the agricultural industry.
10:30am-11:00am	Travel to NCREC
11:00am-12:30pm	**National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center (NCERC)- Edwardsville, Illinois** The NCERC at SIUE is a nationally recognized research center dedicated to the development and commercialization of biotechnologies. Their unique research laboratories house bench- to demonstration-scale bioreactors and pretreatment and downstream processing equipment, making it the perfect partner to companies in the biotechnology industry. Participants will learn about the research happening and how corn is made into ethanol and the advances in agriculture contributing to ethanol production. **Speaker: Rebecca Damuth**
12:30pm-12:45pm	Travel to Lunch
12:45pm-2:00pm	**Lunch**
2:00pm-2:30pm	Travel to JR Kelly Horseradish
2:30pm-3:30pm	**JR Kelly Horseradish- Collinsville, Illinois** JR Kelly markets ten to twelve million pounds of horseradish roots a year, making them the largest supplier of horseradish roots in the United States. Not only do they supply horseradish roots domestically but internationally as well, shipping tons of horseradish roots to all corners of the globe. Participants will learn about horseradish production and the international trade of the products. **Speaker: Matt McMillin**

3:30pm-4:00pm	Travel to Eckert's Orchard
4:00pm-5:30pm	**Eckert's Orchard- Belleville, Illinois** The Eckert family has been growing apples for more than 100 years in rural Illinois, near St. Louis. Proud of their farming heritage and diligent stewards of the land, the Eckert's have cultivated and preserved their orchard business for eight generations. Participants will learn about fruit production practices and agritourism. **Speaker: Chris Eckert**
5:30pm-6:00pm	Travel to Dinner
6:00-8:00pm	**Dinner**
8:00pm-8:30pm	Travel to Hotel

Thursday August 8, 2024

8:55-11:55am	**Flight home** **Southwest WN4163 8:55am-11:55am**

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About the Program

Farm Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit working across the food and ag value chain to build momentum behind meaningful solutions to some of the most important challenges facing farmers and, by extension, our industry as a whole. Our fiercely nonpartisan approach means we are uniquely able to address issues with objectivity and inclusivity, bringing together diverse perspectives from influential people and organizations to discuss and develop solutions. We support food and agriculture by meeting challenges with a relentless dedication to ensuring all the right stakeholders are involved and engaged in building something for the greater good—providing an agenda-free zone to achieve a shared vision for a better future for food and ag. We move with speed, purpose, and agility to make the greatest impact in the most important areas in the shortest amount of time. Since 1933, Farm Foundation has connected leaders in farming, business, academia, organizations, and government through proactive, rigorous debate and objective issue analysis. Farm Foundation is recognized for convening diverse stakeholder groups to address critical issues in food and agriculture. Farm Foundation does not lobby or advocate on issues.

Building on this leadership history, Farm Foundation is excited to provide congressional staffers with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience and a broader perspective on the U.S. food and agriculture sector. A small group of congressional staffers will be selected to participate in the program. As Fellows and within their official duties, staff will participate in a two-day visit of a selected agricultural region in the United States. The experience will offer exposure to diverse perspectives, as well as a variety of agricultural production, processing, and marketing systems.

The program will include special speakers and facility tours, emphasis will be on the opportunity for Fellows to have one-on-one interactions with farmers, researchers, processors, and other industry leaders to discuss timely issues and challenges facing food and agriculture in that region. Discussions could range from such varied topics as water quality, sustainability, technology, and global trade. Fellows will see first-hand public policies' impact on day-to-day activities across the food and agriculture value chain, gain diverse perspectives on the impacts policies may have at all levels of the value chain, build a network of experts on a variety of issues to call on in the future.

All transportation, housing, and meals will be covered by Farm Foundation.

The Fellows Program has been designed to be in complete compliance with the Ethics Rules of the United States House and Senate. Importantly, we will work to ensure that each participating office will receive an approval letter from their respective ethics offices. We will ensure that participating in the Fellows programs will not constitute a "gift" under Congressional rules and that there will be no involvement by lobbyists in the planning of program events. Farm Foundation does not retain lobbyists; but, if a corporate sponsor of the Fellowship does have their own lobbyists, their participation will be appropriately limited.

The Fellows Program will be administered in the complete discretion of Farm Foundation. No sponsor will be able to finance, direct, or control the selection or participation of any particular staffer who may participate in the program.

If you have any questions on the Farm Foundation Congressional Fellows Program, please contact Jenna Wicks, Program Manager at Farm Foundation, at jenna@farmfoundation.org or (630) 571-4157.