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):

St. Louis Agribusiness Club

Travel Dates:

08/23/2023 to 08/25/2023

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

N/A

Relationship to Traveler:

N/A

Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$139.29	$243.58	$158.77	$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.

5/15/24
Date

Ryan Bardot
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.

5/15/24
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
Ground Transportation	$139.29	Ground chartered bus cost increased.
Lodging	$243.58	Slight increase due to tax adjustment.
Meals	$158.77	Increase was due to taxes and an added brunch meal fee at the first tour stop upon arriving to St. Louis.
Airfare	($255.00)	Traveler did not accept airfare from St. Louis Agribusiness Club.

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

Date/Time Stamp

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:
Ryan Bardot

Employing Office/Committee:
SCHMITT, ERIC

Private Sponsor(s):
St. Louis AgriBusiness Club

Destination(s):
Chesterfield, Missouri

Travel Dates:
08/23/2023 to 08/25/2023
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.

This is a trip to better understand the agricultural industry in St. Louis and Missouri. I cover agricultural issues for Senator Schmitt from Missouri.

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.

7/14/2023
Date

Ryan Bardot
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 Eric Schmitt hereby authorize Ryan Bardot
(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)

7/14/2023
Date

Eric S. Schmitt
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

St. Louis AgriBusiness Club: AgMazing Congressional Staff Educational Event

Ryan Bardot

Title:
None

Employing Office/Committee:
SCHMITT, ERIC

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):
Chesterfield, Missouri

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

This is a trip to better understand the agricultural industry in St. Louis and Missouri. I cover agricultural issues for Senator Schmitt from Missouri.

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

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
St. Louis AgriBusiness Club

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

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
None

Address
1105 Old Vincennes Trail

Address 2 (Optional)
None

City, State Zip
O'Fallon, Illinois 62269 United States

Phone Number
(618)604-1622

Organization URL
www.StLouisAgClub.org

History of Congressional Travel

Congressional staff educational tours have been provided by the St. Louis AgriBusiness Club starting in 1985 and every odd numbered year through 2005. Event tours started again in 2013 and have been provided in 2015, 2017, 2019. Our organization has provided fifteen quality, hands-on, and valuable educational events with accountability over 38 years.

Educational Activities

Missouri and Illinois congressional staff are invited to St. Louis AgriBusiness Club meetings from September to June each year to learn more about challenges and successes of the agriculture and food industry. Staff members pay their own registration fees for these professional development events. The club partners with the Saint Louis Science Center GROW agriculture exhibit to educate K-12 students and the general public about the agricultural industry. The club promotes agricultural careers at various educational events within the St. Louis region.

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 event will highlight the process of food and non-food products from the farm to the table and consumer in the St. Louis region of Missouri and Illinois. Participants will have a close up view at each industry site. Tour stops will include: a barge ride on the Mississippi River going through a lock and dam; farm tour showcasing robotics, drones, equipment technology, animal care; grain terminal; plant research labs and greenhouses; food and beverages processing facilities. Expert agribusiness representatives and club members will be presenting the successes and advancements along with communicating issues and challenges at each tour site. Participants will be encouraged to ask questions and interact with industry professionals.

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

World population is expected to grow by 2 billion people to 9.8 billion by 2050. Educating our decision makers and support staff is so important to ensure that our food supply is nutritious, abundant, and affordable. The mission of the St. Louis AgriBusiness Club is to promote the positive impact of the agricultural industry in the Greater St. Louis region through educational, networking and professional development opportunities. The phrase 'seeing is believing' means that if you see something yourself, you will believe it to exist or be true. This educational tour will provide participants with real life experiences beyond a classroom presentation. Our club's educational and networking mission mirrors the purpose of this tour for Congressional staff.

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.

- ● 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

- 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:
08/23/2023 @ 09:35 AM

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Trip End Date/Time:
08/25/2023 @ 06:55 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: $337.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$255.00
Note Roundtrip from DC to STL		
Ground Transportation	Coach	$82.00
Note Once in St. Louis, congressional staff and club members will be transported via a chartered bus.		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $240.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
08/23/2023	08/25/2023	DoubleTree Hotel	Chesterfield	Missouri	United States	2	$120.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $124.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
08/23/2023	$0.00	$18.00	$25.00	$0.00	**$43.00**	St. Louis	Missouri	United States	No

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
08/24/2023	$9.00	$18.00	$25.00	$0.00	**$52.00**	St. Lous	Missouri	United States	No
08/25/2023	$9.00	$20.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$29.00**	Alton	Illinois	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
Updated Itinerary

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: AgMazing Congressional Staff Educational Event

Travel Date(s): August 23, 24, 25, 2023

Travel Destination(s): St. Louis, Missouri

Sponsor: St. Louis AgriBusiness Club

Dean Dittmar
(printed name of sponsor representative)

Executive Director
(title)

(signature of sponsor representative)

07/13/2023
(date)

Invitation List - 2023

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
Shelly	Abajian	Jacob	Abbott
Megan	Abbott	Jim	Abbott
Molly	Abboud	Norman	Abbott
Dina	Abdalla	Steven	Abbott
Aiyha	Abdelbagi	Khalil	Abboud
Ayan	Abdi	Michael	Abboud
Sool	Abdirahman	Abdulahi	Abdalla
Pam	Abernathy	Yazeed	Abdelhaq
Hannah	Abernethy	Jonathan	Abdnor
Lydia	Abma	Craig	Abele
Pavitra	Abraham	Juan	Abeyta
Sabey	Abraham	Nik	Abler
Arlet	Abrahamian	Clark	Abourisk
Katherine	Abrames	Beimnet	Abraha
Ana	Abrams	Keith	Abraham
Kyle	Abrams	Mark	Abraham
Majeda	Abu-Alghanam	Bennett	Abrams
Aviva	Abusch	Scott	Abrams
Celeste	Acevedo	Matt	Abshire
Juanita	Acker	Ishmael	Abuabara
Caroline	Ackerman	Steve	Ackerman
Emily	Ackerman	Chuck	Ackman
Courtney	Acoff	Mark	Acornley
Sonia	Acosta	JosÃ©	Acosta
Melissa	Acton	Kenneth	AcuÃ±a
Anna	Adamian	Ryan	Adam
Beverly	Adams	Jon	Adame
Carrie	Adams	Charles	Adams
Julie	Adams	Chris	Adams
Kate	Adams	Gregory	Adams
Kaye	Adams	James	Adams
Lauryn	Adams	Josh	Adams
Natalie	Adams	Josiah	Adams
Robin	Adams	Nic	Adams
Sandy	Adams	Stan	Adams
Sara	Adams	Tyler	Adams
Susan	Adams	Austen	Adcock
Diane	Adamson	Robert	Adkerson
Alexandra	Adcock	David	Adkins
Aderonke	Adeniji	Rick	Adkins
Elizabeth	Adkerson	William	Adkins
Elizabeth	Adkins	Michael	Adusah
Ellen	Adkisson	Puj	Adusumilli
Victoria	Adofoli	Edward	Adutwum

Harley	Adsit	Pulu	Ae Ae
Nancy	Afonso	Robert	Aery
Enumale	Agada	Zayn	Aga
Biridiana	Aguilar	Lucas	Agnew
Zoe	Aguillard	Austin	Agrella
Jeanne	Ahern	Joe	Aguilar
Sameeha	Ahmed	Michael	Aguilera
Meeran	Ahn	Derick	Agustin
Hannah	Aiken	Nolan	Ahern
Tammi	Ainsfield	Robert	Ahern
Tammy	Aita	Danniyal	Ahmed
Izmira	Aitch	Maryam	Ahmed
Naureen	Akhter	Gentry	Aiken
Danielle	Akwara	Basil	Ajuo
Jude	Al-Hmoud	Isaiah	Akin
Dunya	Al-Musawi	Tucker	Akin
Tahreem	Alam	Gerald	Ako
Anisa	Alazraie	Emmanuel	Akowuah
Sarah	Albee	Ubong	Akpaninyie
Alexis	Alber	Jawad	Al Baghdadi
Hannah	Albert	Ausan	Al-Eryani
Megan	Alberto	Qusi	Al-Haj
Kimberly	Albrecht-Taylor	Faisal	Al-Hmoud
Amy	Albro	R.	Alagood
Rebecca	Alcorn	Abbas	Alawieh
Brooklyn	Alcott	Joris	Alawoe
Claire	Alden	Ryan	Alban
Jennifer	Alden	Bryson	Albert
Jaqlyn	Alderete	Christopher	Albert
Maron	Alemu	Scott	Albrecht
Desiree	Alexander	John	Aldrich
Diane	Alexander	Emma	Alexander
Kathryn	Alexander	Matt	Alexis
LaVerne	Alexander	John	Alford
Madison	Alexander	Ahmad	Ali
Sarah	Alexander	Siad	Ali
Sarah	Alexcee	Kevin	Alkinburg
Melissa	Alfaro	Justin	Allbright
Rachel	Alger	Steve	Allbrooks
Susan	Alldridge	Bill	Allen
Adelina	Allegretti	Birchard	Allen
Emily	Allegrezza	Henry	Allen
Amber	Allen	Asher	Allman
Kara	Allen	Roncevert	Almond
Lauren	Allen	Stephen	Almy
Leslie	Allen	Thomas	Alston
Mary	Allen	Hussain	Altamimi

Stephanie	Allen	Josh	Altman
Rumer	Alleyne-Legendre	Ryan	Altman
Terisa	Allison	Brian	Aluise
Danica	Allmer	August	Alvarado
Sophia	Allred	Saul	Alvarado
Victoria	Allred	HHernan	Alvarez-Sanchez
Margarita	Almanza	Matt	Alvero
Katherine	Almeida	Kyle	Amato
Maria	Almeida	Michael	Ambinder
Maddie	Alpert	James	Amundsen
Brooke	Alred	Tawsif	Anam
Nadia	Alston	Bryan	Andaya
Serena	Alsup	Ric	Andersen
Kimberly	Altema	Auston	Anderson
Michelle	Altman	Ben	Anderson
Brenda	Alvarado	Brandt	Anderson
Clelia	Alvarado	Christopher	Anderson
Jacqueline	Alvarado	Collin	Anderson
Marie	Alvarado	Dale	Anderson
Nanette	Alvarado	Derek	Anderson
Jazmin	Alvarez	Doug	Anderson
Melissa	Alvarez	Douglas	Anderson
Tiffany	Alvarez	Jacob	Anderson
Yovi	Alvarez	Jeff	Anderson
Mercy	Alves	Jesse	Anderson
Morgan	Alvey	Liam	Anderson
Kathleen	Amacio	Logan	Anderson
Adela	Amador	Matthew	Anderson
Brittany	Amador	Ron	Anderson
Emily	Amador	Timothy	Anderson
Kim	Amason	Tucker	Anderson
Virginia	Amason	Weston	Anderson
Katherine	Ambrose	Will	Anderson
Megan	Amen	Taylor	Andreae
Priya	Amilineni	Don	Andres
McKenzie	Amis	Douglas	Andres
Maggie	Amjad	Gary	Andres
Qay-liwh	Ammon	Robert	Andres
Beatrice	Amoateng	Steven	Angotti
Francesca	Amodeo	Ryan	Annison
Elizabeth	Amster	Nathan	Anonick
Josephine	Amusa	Colin	Anonsen
Jennifer	Andelin	Arya	Ansari
Caroline	Anderegg	Paul	Anstine
Denise	Andersen	Geoffrey	Antell
Alexis	Anderson	Justin	Anthony
Alyssa	Anderson	Rey	Anthony

Catherine	Anderson	Haddon	Antonucci
Gena	Anderson	Nicholas	Anuzis
Hannah	Anderson	Marcopolo	Anzora
Jacquline	Anderson	Joey	Apodaca
Jenna	Anderson	Matthew	Apple
Karen	Anderson	Alex	Aprile
Katherine	Anderson	Sami	Araboghli
Kyla	Anderson	Alexander	Aramanda
Kylie	Anderson	Brian	Arata
Margie	Anderson	Alex	Arbaiza
Milla	Anderson	Jeffrey	Arbeit
Sally	Anderson	Joseph	Arbie
Samantha	Anderson	Adrian	Arellano
Erica	Andeweg	Alfredo	Arellano
Jessica	Andino	Santos	Arellano
Edwina	Andrade	Hector	Arguello
Melissa	Andrade	Juan	Arias
Jessica	Andrews	Ryan	Arient
Chloe	Anduiza	Kevin	Arkoosh
Margarita	Angel	Clayton	Armentrout
Chloe	Angelini	Jeff	Armitage
Kathryn	Angell	Ree	Armitage
Rebecca	Angelson	Charles	Armstrong
Viviann	Anguiano	Dodie	Armstrong
Erica	Anhalt	Wesley	Armstrong
Kingsley	Animley	Garrett	Armwood
Michelle	Ankenbrand	Mason	Arndt
Melissa	Anoh	Christopher	Arneson
Mitra	Anoushiravani	Clark	Arnold
Josie	Ansbacher	James	Arnold
Zozan	Antar	Mike	Arntz
Hannah	Anton	Ben	Arquit
Elizabeth	Antonowicz	Francesco	Arreaga
Lenna	Aoki	Aaron	Arriaga
Erika	Appel	David	Arrojo
Haleigh	Apple	Jon	Arroyo
Sophia	Applegate	Roberto	Arteaga
Allison	Aprahamian	Matthew	Arthur
Hadar	Arazi	William	Arthur
Audrey	Arbogast	Cyrus	Artz
Holly	Arbuckle	Uday	Aryal
Erin	Arcand	Kadin	Asbery
Bailey	Archey	Alexander	Ascencio
Amahree	Archie	Alexander	Ascensio
Margaret	Arechiga	Bardia	Asefnia
Paola	Arellano	Taylor	Asher
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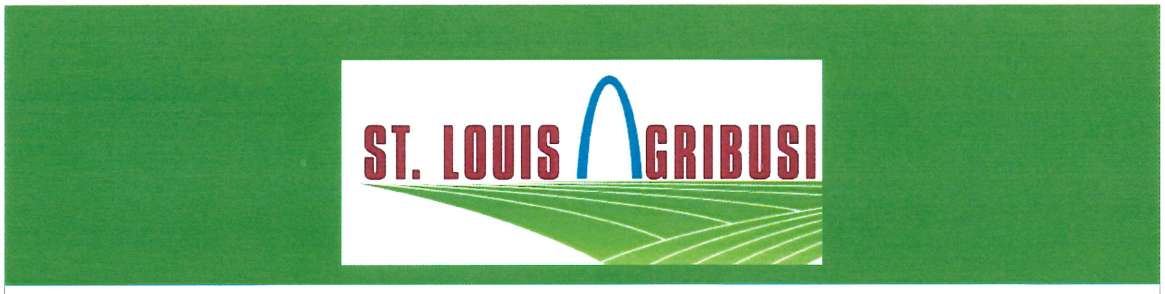
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Jessica	Arevalo	Omar	Ashmawy
Kate	Arey	Daniel	Ashworth
Sarah	Arkin	Allen	Askew
Ana	Armendarez	Brian	Askren
Carina	Armenta	Mohammad	Aslami
Asha	Armstrong	Carleton	Atkinson
Emma	Arnesen	Henry	Atkinson
Jennifer	Arnold	Richard	Atkinson
Eulalia	Arriola	Shallum	Atkinson
Sara	Arsovska	Zach	Atran
Cam	Arthur	Alexander	Attebery
Hannah	Arvey	Casey	Attebery
Sylvia	Asbury	Essam	Attia
Mary	Ascik	Ernest	Audino
Samra	Asghedom	Daniel	Auger
Danielle	Ashbahian	Robert	Augustine
Patricia	Asher	Eric	Aumiller
Asna	Ashfaq	Philip	Austin
Kristin	Ashford	Garrett	Auzenne
Kelli	Ashton	Karla	Avalos
Maya	Ashwal	Chris	Avila
Madison	Aston	Luis	Avila
Laura	Atcheson	Amir	Avin
Susan	Athy	Robert	Axson
Sheri	Atkins	Juan	Ayala
Mary Collins	Atkinson	Miguel	Ayala
Shir	Attias	Brian	Ayers
Simone	Auger	Nicholas	Ayers
Thu	Aung	Naod	Aynalem
Aria	Austin	Korry	Baack
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Donna	Austin	Ian	Bachand
Olga	Avant-Mier	Chris	Bader
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Caitlin	Avey	John	Baggaley
Rebecca	Avitia	Levon	Bagramian
Beth	Awhaitey	Shaefer	Bagwell
Maira	Ayala	Shiraz	Baig
Mercedes	Ayala	Benjamin	Bailey
Javonni	Ayers	Domenick	Bailey
Maggie	Ayrea	Gretchen	Bailey
Mana	Azarmi	Joe	Bailey
Susan	Azevedo	Jonathan	Bailey
Alison	Babb	Michael	Bailey
Ena	Backus	Thomas	Bailey
Jessica	Bae	Matt	Bain

Bardot, Ryan (Schmitt)

From: St. Louis AgriBusiness Club <stlouisagclub@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 2:00 PM
To: Bardot, Ryan (Schmitt)
Cc: Janet Wilding
Subject: Fwd: AgMazing Educational Tour - Aug 23-25 - Save the Date & Register

Hi Ryan-
Is this the email message that you are referring to?
Thanks. Dean

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **St. Louis AgriBusiness Club** <stlouisagclub@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Apr 27, 2023 at 6:45 AM
Subject: AgMazing Educational Tour - Aug 23-25 - Save the Date & Register
To: <stlouisagclub@gmail.com>



Hi Congressional Staff:
As a congressional staff member, the **St. Louis Agribusiness Club** would like to offer you an invitation to the **AgMazing Congressional Tour**, Wednesday to Friday, August 23-25, 2023.

The goal of this three day event is to showcase the importance of agriculture in our region as well as nationally and globally. This tour will offer hands on education of farms, processing/storage facilities, river infrastructure and end users. Topics covered will include everything from sustainability in agriculture to job creation, infrastructure needs and economic impact. **$43 billion and 166 thousand jobs for the St. Louis region is demonstrated in our most recent Ag Economic Study.**

We ask that you indicate your interest in attending and help us in planning by following this link to **register** by our preliminary deadline date of **May 15.**



2023 St. Louis AgriBusiness Club Officers

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Our Mission:

To promote the positive impact of the agricultural industry in the Greater St. Louis region through educational, networking and professional development opportunities.
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St. Louis Agribusiness Club AgMazing (8-15-23)
Congressional Staff Educational Event Itinerary
August 23, 24, 25, 2023 (Central Time)

Wednesday, August 23

8:35 am **Southwest Airlines Flight #3344 departs from Reagan International (DCA) for Lambert International (STL)**

9 am **DoubleTree Hotel Westport**
1973 Craigshire Dr, St. Louis, MO 63146

Charter Bus will pick up St. Louis Agribusiness Club members to meet tour participants at the airport. Bus will drop off members and Congressional staff back at the hotel at the conclusion of Wednesday's events.

9:45 am **Southwest Airlines Flight arrives to Lambert International Airport(STL)**
10701 Lambert International Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63145

Participants will be greeted by St. Louis Agribusiness Club members.

10:20 am – 10:40 am **Travel to Saint Louis Science Center**
5050 Oakland Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110

10:40 am - 12:30 pm **GROW Agriculture and Food Exhibit**

GROW is a 5,000-square-foot pavilion and an acre of beautiful outdoor space at the Saint Louis Science Center. In the GROW Pavilion and Gallery, not only will you learn about your food's journey from farm to table, you'll learn the scientific processes that turn seeds into towering plants. Staffers will discover the story of agriculture and the many ways technology is shaping the agricultural landscape. The St. Louis AgriBusiness Club most recent economic study will be presented showcasing the importance of food and agriculture.

12:30 pm - 12:45 pm **Travel to Danforth Center**

12:45 pm - 2:30 pm **Donald Danforth Plant Science Center/I39 North with box lunch**
975 N Warson Rd, Olivette, MO 63132

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