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):

Washington Wheat Association of Wheat Growers + See Attached

Travel Dates:

August 19th-21st

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)
735	214	72	

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.

8/28/20	Brett Slaughter	
Date	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.

8/28/2024	Steve Daines
Date	Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

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:
Brett Slaughter

Employing Office/Committee:
U.S. Senator Steve Daines

Private Sponsor(s):
Washington Assn of Wheat Growers

Destination(s):
Lewiston, Idaho

Travel Dates:

August 19th-21st 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.
I am the natural resource liaison in the state dealing with issues including public lands, energy and agriculture. Tour of the Snake River dams directly connects to energy provided to Montanans, water provided for ag and has significant contributions to our state's natural resources.

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.

Date 7/22/24 Signature of Employee Brett Slaughter

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 Steve Daines hereby authorize Brett Slaughter
(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)

7/22/2024
Date

Steve Daines
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Additional Sponsors include the Washington State Potato Commission, the McGregor Company, and Northwest RiverPartners.

Trip Name: Lower Snake River System Educational Tour

Organization Information

Organization Name:
WA Assn of Wheat Growers

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

If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:
[ ] Private Foundation [ ] Public Charity

Address:
109 E 1st Ave.

City, State, Zip:
Ritzville, WA 99169

Phone Number:
509-659-0610

Organization URL:
www.wawg.org

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

We sponsored a similar tour for congressional staffers last year.

Educational Activities

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

We are a member-based, grass roots organization which provides educational workshops that benefit our multi-generational members. Examples include: hosting an annual convention where we provide educational workshops and keynote speakers, we participate farm fairs to educate elementary students about how wheat is grown.

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 will provide a first-hand experience and educational tour of our Lower Snake River System that we use for renewable energy, irrigation and transportation of our commodity. Participants will have the opportunity to experience the lock through the dam on a boat, tour the Lower Granite dam facility, learn more about the Port of Lewiston and its activities as well as learning more about the barge transportation system. They will hear from farmers, barge operators, managers and other related river system users.

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

The Lower Snake River System is an important element in getting our farmers' (members') product to market. Many of those in D.C. making important decisions about the river system have never experienced nor seen the dams and how they benefit our region. We are a nonprofit member-based organization that provides educational information to our members as well as the public about the importance of our wheat industry.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

○ Yes ◉ No

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

We are the main sponsor, planner and organizer. We have three joint sponsors for this educational tour. Washington State Potato Commission, The McGregor Company and Northwest RiverPartners. Our joint sponsors are assisting in funding and providing speakers during the tour.

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):

- ○ No sponsor retains or employs a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principle, 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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Required if selecting the third option in either column - Please explain why the second overnight stay is practically required and necessary to accomplish the purpose of the trip.

There are limited flights out of the Spokane International Airport (two hours from Lewiston) and no flights available after 10:30 pm on the 20th which necessitates a third day for travel.

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.

Invitees list

- ☑ A list of all Senate invitees is attached to this form (required).
- ☑ Members and staff from the House of Representatives will also receive invitations.

Travel Details (Submit additional pages as needed)

Trip Start Date/Time:	⇄	Trip End Date/Time:
Aug.19, 2024 - 7:02 am		Aug. 21, 2024-11:45pm

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

◯ Yes ◉ No

Transportation (Member/Officer/Employee: $735 Accompanying Family Member: $n/a)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airplane	economy	$527
Tour Bus Shuttle	n/a	$104
Boat from Marina to Dam	n/a	$104

Details (optional)

Lodging (Member/Officer/Employee: $214 Accompanying Family Member: $n/a)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
8/19/24	8/21/24	Hells Canyon Grand	Lewiston	WA	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.
2	$107	No	

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.

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.

Meals (Member/Officer/Employee: $72 Accompanying Family Member: $n/a)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem (Y/N)
8/19/24			27		27	Lewiston	ID	USA	N
8/20/24	inc.w/hotel	18	27		45				
8/21/24	inc. w/hotel								

If costs exceed the federal per diem, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses

(Member/Officer/Employee: $_____ Accompanying Family Member: $_____)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes

Additional Details (optional)

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: Lower Snake River System Education Tour

Travel Date(s): August 19-21, 2024

Travel Destination(s): Lewiston, Idaho

Sponsor: Washington Association of Wheat Growers

Michelle Hennings — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Executive Director — *(title)*

Michelle L. Hennings — *(signature of sponsor representative)*

July 16, 2024 — *(date)*

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LOWER SNAKE RIVER DAM SYSTEM EDUCATIONAL TOUR

Lewiston, Idaho

August 20, 2024

6:00 am Breakfast and Registration, Clearwater Room

6:30 am Load bus to go to Boyer Park & Marina, 1753 Granite Rd. Colton (Hwy 195 to Hwy 194)
Michelle Hennings, Welcome & Introductions
Matt Harris, Washington Potato Commission – will speak on importance of irrigation for Columbia Basin farmers
Dennis Wright, AgriNorthwest – will speak on importance of river transportation to his business to provide affordable, reliable and high-quality food to consumers
Randy Suess, Inland Power & Light Co. – importance of hydropower to electric cooperatives as well as sharing the geographic history of the Palouse region
Tom Kammerzell, Port of Whitman Commissioner –history of port/importance of Marine Highway I-84

8:00 am Arrive Boyer Park & Marina
Get on boat to go through the lock to the Lower Granite Dam

8:45 am Arrive at Lower Granite Dam Visitor Center
Clark Mather, Northwest RiverPartners – how energy companies rely on renewable hydropower
Robert Lustig, Corp of Engineers will provide overview and history of facility
Tour Dam: will include walking tour of the powerhouse, fish ladders and the lock system

11:15 am Load bus for Port of Lewiston
Michelle Hennings, WAWG – will speak about importance of the clean, competitive transportation alternative Marine I-84 provides the region's farmers
Casey Chumrau, Washington Grain Commission – will speak about importance of export markets
Leslie Druffel, The McGregor Co. – will speak on the importance of barge transportation of fertilizer and other ag materials
Neil Maunu, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association – will share more about his organization which represents ports, businesses, public agencies, and individuals who rely on the Columbia-Snake River System
Gary Williams, Upper Mississippi Waterways Association – will share some perspective of Mississippi waterways and its similarities/differences to the Columbia-Snake River System

12:30 pm Arrive at Port of Lewiston, 1626 N 6th Ave., Lewiston
Box Lunches provided

Scott Corbitt, Port of Lewiston will provide welcome and then overview of the Port and then hop on the bus and provide a driving tour of the port facilities: the warehouses, several of the businesses that use the port, the loading docks

2:00 pm Load bus to go to Hells Canyon Grand Hotel, 621 21st St.

2:15 pm Importance of Marine Hwy 84 -- River Users' Panel

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LOWER SNAKE RIVER DAM SYSTEM EDUCATIONAL TOUR

Lewiston, Idaho

August 19, 2024 – TRAVEL DAY

Name	Flight #	Time Departure	Time Arrival
Katie Donahue			
Kirby Struhar			
Randy Bogden			
Melissa Boedigheimer			
Katie Kingsley			
Cameron Kockritz			
Jacob Pratt			

2:00 pm Bus Shuttle takes participants from Spokane Airport to Lewiston

4:00 pm Arrive at Hells Canyon Grand Hotel, Lewiston
Check in and box dinner in room

NOTHING SCHEDULED UNTIL NEXT MORNING

Scott Corbitt, Port of Lewiston – will share the economic importance of the river system to area and the transportation alternative it provides to many businesses
Jennifer Riddle, Tidewater Corporate Communications & Marketing Manager – will share about Tidewater's transportation of fuel (as well as other commodities) up and down the river
Rob Rich, Shaver Transportation Vice President Marine Services – will discuss Shavers barge transportation system and the commodities/businesses that rely on their transportation to deliver goods
Captain Jeremy Nielsen, President of Columbia River Pilots – will share importance of maintaining infrastructure in order to navigate the system
Kristin Meira, American Cruise Lines – will share the importance of tourism on the Lower Snake River

4:00 pm Break time at hotel

5:30 pm Load bus to go to Lindsay Creek Vineyard, 3107 Powers Ave.

6:00 pm Dinner

8:30 pm Depart for hotel

August 21

6:30 am Breakfast available in main lobby

7:00 am Congressional staffers depart hotel for Spokane International Airport

Name	Return Flight #	Time Departure	Time Arrival Home

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United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

August 14, 2024

Brett Slaughter
Office of Senator Steve Daines
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Slaughter:

This responds to your recent correspondence requesting approval from the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) to accept an invitation you received to travel to the *Lower Snake River Dam System Education Tour* in Lewiston, Idaho, on August 19–21, 2024, sponsored by the Washington Association of Wheat Growers, Washington State Potato Commission, the McGregor Company, and Northwest RiverPartners (the Sponsors). Provided that you adhere to the guidance set forth below, it appears that it is permissible for you to accept necessary expenses from the Sponsors in connection with this trip.

Background

Based on your communication with the Committee, the background in this matter is as follows.[1] You are employed as a Natural Resource Liaison for the Office of Senator Steve Daines. The Sponsors invited you to travel to the *Lower Snake River Dam System Education Tour* in Lewiston, Idaho, on August 19–21, 2024. The Sponsors certified to the Committee that they will pay the necessary expenses[2] related to the travel and that they are neither a lobbyist, lobbying firm, agent of a foreign principal, or otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government. Although at least one of the Sponsors is a private entity that retains or employs a federally registered lobbyist or foreign agent, the Sponsors have certified that no registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal will accompany you on any segment of your trip.[3]

Discussion

Privately sponsored travel includes any gift of travel and travel-related expenses for travel outside the Senate duty station, including transportation, lodging, food and refreshments, and conference fees and materials, whether paid for directly, reimbursed, or provided directly, from a private individual or entity, in connection with a Member's, officer's, or employee's

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[1] If this letter does not correctly recite the facts, contact the Committee immediately.

[2] The term "necessary expenses" has a specific definition. *See Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 10-13.

[3] The term "any segment of your trip" has a specific definition. *See Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 15.

official Senate duties. Incorporating reforms from the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007 (HLOGA), Pub. L. 110–81 (2007), Senate Rule 35.2 permits Members, officers, and employees to accept privately sponsored travel only with the prior written approval of the Committee.

The Committee's approval process is governed by the *Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* (*Travel Regulations*). The *Travel Regulations* contain detailed requirements regarding who may sponsor travel; time limits for trips; and the type and amount of expenses that can be reimbursed.

Trips sponsored by private entities that retain or employ a lobbyist or foreign agent may not exceed one day, exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay. A second overnight stay may be allowed if the sponsor establishes in writing that a two-night stay is practically required and necessary to accomplish the purpose of the trip. The Committee examines these requests on a case-by-case basis and will consider the distance of travel, the availability of transportation to or from the location of the one-day event, the start and end time of the day's official activities, and any other exceptional circumstances described in writing prior to the trip. Regardless of whether one or two overnight stays are approved, all scheduled officially-connected activities must take place on one calendar day. The sponsor may pay for meals and expenses for the overnight stays but may not plan or sponsor any substantive activities for the Senate invitee on those days. For such trips, neither lobbyists nor foreign agents may accompany a Senate invitee on any segment of the trip.[4]

Under Senate Rule 35, Senate staff must receive advance authorization signed by the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the individual works in order to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel. Further, such authorization and expenses must be disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the completed *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* and the *Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses* (Form RE-1 and Form RE-2), along with a copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form,* and all relevant attachments (e.g., the private sponsor's invitation and itinerary) **within 30 days of the conclusion of Privately Sponsored Travel**.

Consistent with these standards and Committee precedent, and the Sponsors' factual representations, it appears that it is permissible for you to accept necessary expenses from the Sponsors in connection with this trip, provided that the actual travel and travel-related expenses for this one-day trip (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) conform to the information and materials you provided, and the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate (Office of Public Records).

Finally, Senate Rule 34 requires a reporting individual,[5] on their financial disclosure report, to make an annual disclosure of the receipt of payments or reimbursements under Senate Rule 35 from a private sponsor for officially-related travel expenses where, in the aggregate,

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[4] *See Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 6-10.

[5] A reporting individual is someone whose salary equals or exceeds 120% of the basic rate of pay for GS-15 ($147,649 for CY 2024) or is a political fund designee and is required to file financial disclosure reports.

travel expenses exceed $480 from that sponsor during a calendar year. However, if a Member, officer, or employee properly reports the receipt of necessary expenses for such travel to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the travel, as discussed above, the travel expenses need not be disclosed a second time on their financial disclosure report.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,



Shannon Hamilton Kopplin
Chief Counsel and Staff Director

Enclosure: Employee Privately Sponsored Travel Checklist

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Hagler, Christy (Daines)

From: Slaughter, Brett (Daines)
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 4:42 PM
To: Hagler, Christy (Daines); Dellwo, Liz (Daines)
Subject: Fwd: Lower Snake River System Educational Tour Invitation -- August 20th

Hi Christy and Liz,
I rsvp'd to attend this event in Lewiston Idaho thinking that it was held in Lewistown Montana. But now that I had rsvp'd they want to work with Senate ethics to pay for my flight which is what I heard about that it would be okay during the senate ethics training. It would be a helpful tour for my position but since it's in Idaho, would you like me to decline? I am fine either way. Alison from Grain growers suggested I attend. I will also forward the email they sent for the follow up from my rsvp. Thanks!
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** kgilkey@wawg.org
> **Date:** June 18, 2024 at 4:21:23 PM MDT
> **To:** "Slaughter, Brett (Daines)" <Brett_Slaughter@daines.senate.gov>
> **Subject: Lower Snake River System Educational Tour Invitation -- August 20th**
>
> The Washington Association of Wheat Growers (WAWG) would like to invite you to our Lower Snake River Dam Educational Tour to be held on August 20, 2024.
> It will be a privately sponsored event and we hope that date works in your schedule. **Kindly respond no later than June 21st, if you are interested.** There are a limited number of spots available for this educational tour and we will fill them on a first come, first served basis.
> Why do our region's dams matter? Here are some statistics concerning Marine Highway 84:
> • Hydroelectricity is one of the cleanest, affordable and efficient sources of electricity. Hydropower in the Pacific Northwest provides benefits beyond electricity generation by providing flood control, irrigation support and clean drinking water to surrounding communities.
> • River transportation assists in meeting our region's climate goals. Barging is the most efficient transportation mode with the least CO2 emissions per ton-mile. Replacing barging with rail and trucking would require an additional 5 million gallons of diesel each year, significantly increasing CO2 emissions.
> • Dam removal could undermine the U.S. role in global food security. 60% of U.S. Wheat exports, 50% of U.S. wheat donations to international food programs, and 100% of the wheat sent to Yemen with USAID move through the Columbia Snake River System. We would see a significant reduction to this export system's ability to feed the world without the ability to cost-effectively transport this grain.
> • Our region relies on the Columbia Snake River System for irrigation water. More than 50,000 acres of diverse crops are irrigated with water originating from the river.
> • As the nation's single largest wheat export gateway - supporting 15,000 wheat industry-related jobs - the Lower Columbia Snake River ports in Washington and Oregon, are a crucial part of the US economy and an irreplicable part of the global supply chain.
> • With low-income households facing a disproportionately high energy burden, it is important to note that the Lower Snake River dams are key to providing low-cost energy and have a combined nameplate capacity of 3,033 MW.

In addition to the educational tour of Lower Granite Dam and our lock system, our one-day tour will include a visit to the Port of Lewiston, Grain terminal that is a point source for receiving wheat across the northwest and dinner at a local winery. Accommodations will be in Lewiston, ID at Hells Canyon Grand Hotel.

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