

U.S. House of Representatives
110th Congress

MEMBER / OFFICER
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips or similar events in connection with official duties. You need not disclose government-funded or political travel on this form, or travel that is unrelated to official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with clause 5 of House Rule 25, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within **15 days** after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make these forms available to the public as soon as possible after they are received.

1. Name of Traveler: Ted Poe
2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): n/a
b. Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify): n/a
3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: February 16-18th, 2009
b. Dates at personal expense (if any): n/a
4. Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): Houston-Las Vegas-Houston
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): PBUS
Professional Bail Agents of the United States
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
Welcoming Keynote speech/dinner with multiple other attendees/plenary panel sessions/conference awards banquet
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
 - a. the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
 - b. the Traveler Form completed by the Member or officer; **and**
 - c. the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (*Signify that statement is true by checking box*):
b. If not, explain: n/a

U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF
OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Washington, DC 20515

February 12, 2009

The Honorable Ted Poe
U.S. House of Representatives
430 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip to Las Vegas, Nevada scheduled for February 16 to 18, 2009 sponsored by Professional Bail Agents of the United States.

You must complete a Member Travel Disclosure Form and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form (including attachments) and Member travel approval form you previously submitted to the Committee. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$335 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.



Zoe Lofgren
Chair

Sincerely,



Jo Bonner
Ranking Republican Member

ZL/JB:trs

**U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct**

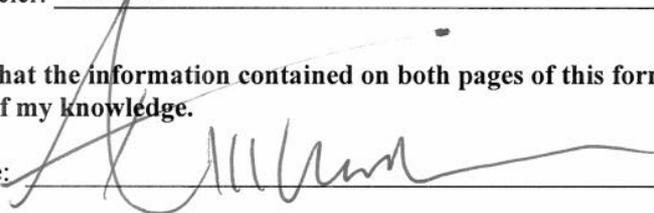
**PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM
For Members, Officers, and Employees**

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392.*

YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 14 days before the trip commences.

Name of Traveler: Ted Foe

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

Signature:  _____

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: _____

Office address: 430 Cannon

Phone number: 5.6565

Email address of contact person: nina.andrews@mail.house.gov

- Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet and the traveler is a Member traveling to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 14 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
U.S. House of Representatives
HT-2, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)

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Committee on Standards of Official Conduct**

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Ted Poe
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): PBUS
Professional Bail Agents of the United States
3. Travel destination(s): Las Vegas, NV
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: February 16th - February 18th
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: n/a
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? Yes No
b. If yes, name of accompanying family member: n/a
c. Relationship to traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): n/a
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (*i.e.*, the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? Yes No
b. If yes, check one of the following: N/A – Sponsor checked 9(a) or 9(b)
(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: or
(2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested:
If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____

7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (*indicate that form is attached by checking box*):
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your individual official or representational duties:
As a member of the Judiciary Committee, I will be updating the members on federal statutes that the US has in place regarding prosecuting criminals, and how this potentially affects bail agents.

9. **FOR STAFF:
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: _____

Signature of Employing Member

NOTE: This page must be submitted with your post-travel disclosure form within 15 days of your return, so you should maintain a photocopy of the completed form for your records.

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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
(provide directly to each House invitee)

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. You must answer every question on the form.

1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): PBUS, Professional Bail
Agents of the United States

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (Signify that the statement is true by checking box):

3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (Signify that the statement is true by checking box):

4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? Yes No

5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): _____

6. Dates of travel: Mon Feb 16, 2009 - Wed Feb 18, 2009

7. Cities of departure -- destination -- return: Houston, TX to Las Vegas, NV
Las Vegas, NV to Houston, TX

8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities) (Signify "yes" by checking box):

9. I represent that (check one of the following):

a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: or

b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: or

c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (i.e., if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:

a. N/A - I checked 9(a) or (b) above:

b. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: or

c. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered:

If "c" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____

11. Check one:

- a. I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (Signify that the statement is true by checking box): or
- b. N/A - trip sponsor is an institution of higher education.

12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the purpose of the trip and the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

We are holding our annual Conference in Las Vegas. The conference offers our members education, information & networking opportunities

13. a. Describe the mode of travel (air, rail, bus, etc.)...For air travel, also indicate the type of aircraft (commercial, charter, or privately owned) and class of travel (coach, business class, first class, etc.):

Commercial Air Coast, Coach travel Continental

b. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: N/A

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (Signify that the statement is true by checking box):

15. I represent that either (check one of the following):

- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: or

- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically with regard to congressional participation:

If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided):

Only Mon: night dinner, pre-Event + Dinner \$45

16. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: We have our conference in Las Vegas every year and have for over 20 yrs.

17. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: Flamingo Hotel

18. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): \$119/night

19. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: Hotel chosen based on available dates, rates & meeting space

20. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good faith estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$957.70	\$238	\$133
For each accompanying family member			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee		
For each accompanying family member		

21. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment (signify that the statement is true by checking box):

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

Signature: Rachel Kovar
 Name and title: Rachel Kovar, Manager, Meetings & Communications
 Organization: Professional Bail Agents of the United States
 Address: 1301 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Suite 925, Washington DC 20004
 Telephone number: 202.783.4120
 Fax number: 202.783.4125
 Email Address: rachel@pbus.com

The Committee staff may contact the above individual if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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Tentative Agenda for Rep. Poe for 2/16/09-2/18/09

Monday 2/16/2009	Start	End
Depart IAH	9:15amC	
Arrive LAS		10:30amP
Opening Session with Congressman Poe	1:30pm	3:45pm
Dinner	5:00pm	6:00pm
Tuesday 2/17/2009	Start	End
Registration	7:00 AM	3:00 PM
Morning Coffee	7:30 AM	8:30 PM
CBA I	7:30 AM	9:30 AM
Exhibit Hall	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
CBA Testing Center	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
MCBA	8:30 AM	9:30 AM
CBA VI	8:30 AM	11:30 AM
For Women Only Brunch	10:30 AM	1:30 PM
CBA II	12:00 PM	2:00 PM
General Session	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Meet & Greet Reception	5:30 PM	7:00 PM
Welcome Reception	6:30 PM	7:30 PM
Awards & Recognition Grand Celebration	7:30 PM	10:30 PM
Wednesday 2/18/2009	Start	End
Depart LAS	11:45amP	
Arrive IAH		4:45pmC

9. **TRIP EXPENSES:** Obtain actual dollar amounts from the sponsor. If exact dollar amounts are unavailable by the due date, provide a good faith estimate and file an amended form once the correct amounts are received.

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	\$957.70	\$289.99	\$133.00
For accompanying family member:	n/a	n/a	n/a

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:	n/a	n/a
For accompanying family member:	n/a	n/a

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER: _____



DATE: February 27th, 2009 _____