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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: Pedro R. Pierluisi
2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): Maria- Elena Carrión
b. Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: August 29, 2009- September 4, 2009
b. Dates at personal expense (if any): August 27,28; September 5,6
4. Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): Washington, D.C. - Ankara - Istanbul- Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): The United States Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC) Congressional Study Group on Turkey (contributions from the German Marshall Fund of the US (GMF); The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Meetings with Ambassadors, Prime Minister, President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey
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: _____

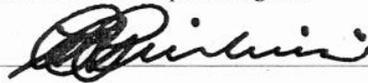
9. **TRIP EXPENSES:** Obtain actual dollar amounts from the sponsor. If exact dollar amounts are unavailable by the due date, provide a good faith estimate and file an amended form once the correct amounts are received.

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	\$3,307.78	\$606.18	\$167.48
For accompanying family member:	\$3,307.78	\$606.18	\$167.48

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:	\$267.39	Ground transportation, tour guide, conference room fee
For accompanying family member:	\$284.31	Ground transportation, tour guide, museum entrance fee, conference room fee

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: 9/17/09

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COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF
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Washington, DC 20515-6328

August 24, 2009

The Honorable Pedro R. Pierluisi
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1218 Longworth House Office Building
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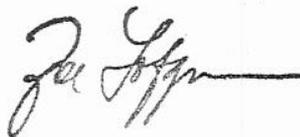
Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip for you and your spouse to Turkey scheduled for August 27 to September 5, 2009, sponsored by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress' Congressional Study Group on Turkey, the German Marshall Fund of the US, and the Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey. We note that this trip includes three days at your personal expense.

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 the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including attachments. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$335 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$335] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$335 received from a foreign government by you or your spouse must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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

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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: Pedro B. Pierluisi

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: 1218 Longworth H. O. B Washington, DC 20515

Phone number: (202) 225 - 2615

Email address of contact person: sonia.garcia@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:

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1. Name of Traveler: Pedro P. Pierluisi
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): The United States Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)'s Congressional Study Group on Turkey (Contributions from German Marshall Fund of the U.S (GMF); The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (EPRF))
3. Travel destination(s): Washington D.C - Ankara - Istanbul - Washington, DC
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: August 29, 2009 - September 4, 2009
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: August 27, 28; September 5, 6
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: Maria - Elena Carrion
c. Relationship to traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
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:
This conference expands my knowledge in Foreign Affairs issues, particularly those of Turkey.

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.

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
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):

The United States Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)'s Congressional Study Group on Turkey, through contributions from the following organizations:
The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF)
The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV)

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):

This conference is intended for legislators from Turkey and the United States; FMC invited Members of the House of Representatives that are Members of the Congressional Caucus on U.S.-Turkey relations & Turkish Americans. A few other Members were also invited due to their expressed interest in Turkey. (Enclosed is a full list of invitees)

6. Dates of travel:

Departure Date: August 29, 2009 - Return Date: Friday, September 4, 2009

7. Cities of departure – destination – return:

Washington DC or cities of residence for the Members – Ankara – Istanbul -
Washington DC or cities of residence for the Members

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:

FMC's Congressional Study Group on Turkey is responsible for organizing the program, arranging meetings and inviting expert speakers to the conference. FMC oversees the budget for the 2009 U.S.-Turkey Seminar.

The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) is invited to participate every year, and the organization usually sends representatives from its Washington DC and Ankara, Turkey offices. In addition, GMF has over the years hosted a panel discussion for one legislator session scheduled on the program.

The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV) is invited every year, and the organization sends a representative from its Washington, DC office. Furthermore, similar to GMF, they host one of the scheduled meals or roundtable discussions at the Seminar.

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.):

The Members of Congress will be traveling business class in commercial aircraft. The Members of Congress will also travel via plane from Ankara to Istanbul on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 in coach class. Ground transportation in Ankara and Istanbul will be covered by FMC through a recommended bus company by the U.S. Embassy in Ankara, Turkey.

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):

16. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:

Ankara is the capital of Turkey, and the U.S. delegation will meet with government officials there. Istanbul is home to many of the Members' Turkish counterparts and significant community leaders.

17. Name of hotel or other lodging facility:

The Rixos Grand Ankara Hotel, Ankara (August 30 – September 1)
 The Ritz-Carlton, Istanbul (September 1-4)

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

The Rixos Grand Ankara Hotel - \$165 for single/double rooms (includes breakfast)
 The Ritz-Carlton - \$252 for single, \$282 for double rooms (includes breakfast)

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

The hotels listed above were selected for their proximity to the events and comfort of accommodations.

20. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates*	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$5,250	\$1,176	\$200*
For each accompanying family member	\$5,250	Family member included in double rate	\$200*

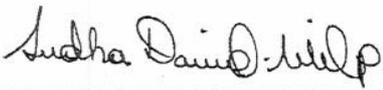
<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)**
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$20	**
For each accompanying family member	\$20	**

*Only a few meals will be covered by the FMC, others will be sponsored. Please see program for meal sponsors (all widely-attended events).

**Please see program for tour details.

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: 
 Name and title: Sudha David-Wilp, Director of International Programs
 Organization: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress

Address: 1401 K Street, NW, Suite 503, Washington DC 20005

Telephone number: (202) 222-0972

Fax number: (202) 222-0977

Email Address: sdavid-wilp@usafmc.org

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

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THE CONGRESSIONAL STUDY GROUP ON TURKEY

Draft Program

5th Annual U.S.-Turkey Seminar
Sunday, August 30 to Friday, September 4, 2009
Ankara – Istanbul, Turkey

In case of an emergency in Turkey, please call: 001-202-492-6821 (Sudha David-Wilp), or 0532-736-7197 (Esra Alemdar)

Hotels:

Rixos Grand Ankara Hotel (August 30-September 1)

Atatürk Bulv. No:183
06610 Ankara / Turkiye
Tel.: + 90 (312) 410 55 66
Fax: + 90 (312) 410 55 99

The Ritz-Carlton (September 1-4)

Süzer Plaza Askerocağı Cad. No : 9
34367 Şişli-Istanbul
Tel. : +90 212 334 4406
Fax : +90 212 334 4464

Saturday, August 29, 2009

Departures to Turkey (please check individual flight itineraries)

Sunday, August 30, 2009

Afternoon Arrivals in Ankara, Turkey

6:00 pm Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for dinner
(business casual)

6:30 – 8:00 pm Dinner at Köşebaşı Restaurant

8:00 pm Return to the hotel

Monday, August 31, 2009

Starting at 7:00 am Buffet breakfast at the hotel

9:00 am Meet in hotel lobby to depart for Ataturk's Mausoleum (Anitkabir)
(business attire)

9:30 – 11:00 am Tour of Ataturk's Mausoleum (Anitkabir)

11:30 – 1:00 pm Luncheon briefing with **Ambassador James F. Jeffrey**, U.S. Ambassador to Turkey (for current and former Members of Congress)

1:30 – 3:00 pm **Legislator Session One: U.S.-Turkish Relations Today**

1:30 pm Spouses will participate on a tour of Ankara during the afternoon and rejoin the group for dinner

4:00 – 5:00 pm Meeting with **Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan** and/or **President Abdullah Gül** and/or **Minister of Foreign Affairs Prof. Ahmet Davutoglu**

5:00 pm Return to hotel

6:45 pm Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for dinner

7:30 – 9:00 pm Iftar (fast-breaking) dinner hosted by **MP Mevlut Cavusoglu, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Turkish Grand National Assembly**

9:00 pm Return to hotel

Tuesday, September 1, 2009

Starting at 7:00 am Buffet breakfast at the hotel
(business attire)

9:00 am Meet in hotel lobby to depart for first meeting
(please check-out beforehand and have luggage ready to board bus)

9:30 – 10:30 am Turkey's Economic Prospects
Meeting with **Mr. M. Rifat Hisarciklioglu**, President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB)

Ataturk Bulvari, No. 149
Bakanliklar, 06640, Ankara

10:30 am – 12:00 pm **Legislator Session Two: The Middle East**

12:30 – 1:30 pm Meeting with **Chief of the General Staff, Ilker Basbug**

1:30 pm Depart for the airport (Boxed lunch on the bus)

3:00 pm Take TK 0131

4:15 pm Arrive in Ataturk Airport in Istanbul and transfer to hotel

6:00 pm Arrive at the hotel

7:30 pm Depart hotel for dinner

8:00 – 9:30pm Dinner Discussion on Istanbul - European Culture Capital 2010

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

(business casual throughout the day)

Starting at 7:00 am Buffet breakfast at the hotel

- 9:00 am Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for city tour
- 9:30 – 11:30 Visit the Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque and/or the Sunken Palace
Byzantine Cistern
- 12:00 pm Luncheon meeting with the **Jewish community leader the Jewish
community leader at Neve Shalom Synagogue**
- 2:00 – 4:00 pm Tour of the Grand Bazaar
- 6:00 pm Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for Boat Tour of the Bosphorus
(**business attire**) and Dinner sponsored by DEIK (tbd)
- 9:00 pm Return to the hotel

Thursday, September 3, 2009
(**business casual**)

~~Starting at 7:00 am. Breakfast at the hotel~~

- 9:00 am Meet in hotel lobby to depart for meetings
- 9:30 – 10:30 am Roundtable on U.S. Foreign Policy at the Istanbul Policy Center
(IPC)
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Meeting with **the Armenian Patriarch of Istanbul,**
- 1:00 – 2:30 pm Wrap-up discussion on “Turkey as a Crossroads” with author
Hugh Pope
- 3:00 pm Return to hotel
- 6:00 pm Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for dinner
- 6:30 – 8:30 pm Cocktail Prolonge hosted by Mr. Haluk Dincer and Mrs. Suzan
Sabanci Dincer

Friday, September 4, 2009

Departures for the United States (please check individual flight itineraries)