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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 travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must **complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed**. Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Eleanor H Norton

2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ ***or*** None ■
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____

3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: July 5, 2013 Return: July 7, 2013
   b. Dates at personal expense: None ***or*** None ☐

4. Departure city: Washington DC Destination: New Orleans, LA Return city: WDC

5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): The Essence FestivalAnnual event

6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): This is an annua event to celebrate ESSENCE Magazine's anniversaries

7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
   a. ■ a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
   b. ■ the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
   c. ■ page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the Member or officer; ***and***
   d. ■ the letter from the Committee on Ethics 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: _____

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 on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form 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: Eleanor H Norton

DATE: 8/7/2013

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. ***A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.*** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): The ESSENCE Festival

2. Travel Destination(s): New Orleans, LA

3. Date of Departure: July 6, 2013 Date of Return: July 7, 2013

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total *Transportation* Expenses	Total *Lodging* Expenses	Total *Meal* Expenses	*Other* Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler		265.00		Airline Ticket - $880.80
Accompanying Relative				

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (*Signify statement is true by checking box*): ■

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

Signature: [signature]

Name: Stephanie Perry Title: Director of Finance + Operations

Organization: Essence Festivals Productions LLC

I am an officer of the above-named organization *(signify statement is true by checking box)*: ☒

Address: 135 W 50th St 4th Floor
New York NY 10020

Telephone number: 310-795-6571

Email Address: sperry@essence.com

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

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

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TRAVELER FORM

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 trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. ***Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392, sent or delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth, or e-mailed to travel.requests@mail.house.gov.***

YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.

Name of Traveler: Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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

Signature: Eleanor H Norton

Name of signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member or committee: _____

Office address: 2136 RHOB

Telephone number: (202) 225-8050

Email address of contact person: julie.guyot-diangone@mail.house.gov

☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

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

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

Committee on Ethics
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)
Travel email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): The ESSENCE Festival
3. Travel destination(s): New Orleans
4. a. Date of departure July 6, 2013 Date of return: July 7, 2013
   b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
   If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
   b. If yes:
   (1) Name of accompanying relative: N/A
   (2) Relationship to traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): N/A
   (3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (*i.e.*, travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
   b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:
   N/A
7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: ☒ Yes ☐ No
   NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.
   The Congresswoman is a civil rights icon, who will be discussing elements of black history + legislative activities related to civil rights as a featured speaker.
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? ☐ Yes ☒ No
10. **FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:**
    TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

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

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

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 ***at least 30 days before the start date of the trip***. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): The ESSENCE Festival

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

3. *Check only one:* I represent that:
   a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip ☑ ***or***
   b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds ☐ ***or***.
   c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities. ☐
   If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____

4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):
   Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton and Congressman John Lewis

5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☑ No

6. Date of departure: Saturday, July 6, 2013 Date of return: Sunday, July 7, 2013

7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.
   b. Destination(s): New Orleans, LA
   c. City of return: Washington, D.C.

8. 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. ☐

9. Check one of the following:
   a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☑
   b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
   c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ ***or***
   d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐
   If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (*i.e.*, an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (*indicate agenda is attached by checking box*): ☑

11. Check one:
    a. I represent that a registered federal 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 a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
    Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton will participate on the ESSENCE Festival's Empowerment Experience Seminar Series, Icons of the Civil Rights Movement panel discussion on Saturday, July 6.

13. *Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.*
    a. Mode of travel: Air ☑ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
    b. Class of travel: Coach ☑ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
    c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

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:
    1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): The ESSENCE Festival does not cover incidentals; we offer talent catering on site.
    2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The ESSENCE Festival has been produced in New Orleans, LA for 19 years. It is an annual event produced by ESSENCE Magazine to celebrate its anniversary.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
    Hotel name: Hyatt Regency City: New Orleans Cost per night: $220
    Reason(s) for selecting: located near venue
    Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____
    Reason(s) for selecting: _____
    Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____
    Reason(s) for selecting: _____

17. 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*): ■

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

☐ actual amounts ■ good faith estimates	Total *Transportation* Expenses per Participant	Total *Lodging* Expenses per Participant	Total *Meal* Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	100.00	220.00	n/a
For each accompanying relative	n/a	n/a	n/a

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (*e.g.*, taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	n/a	n/a
For each accompanying relative	n/a	n/a

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19. Check one:
    a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ■ *or*
    b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ■

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

Signature: [signature]

Name: Stephanie Perry

Title: Director of Finance & Operations

Organization: Essence Festivals Productions LLC

Address: 135 W 50th St 4th Fl New York NY 10020

Telephone number: 212.522.1799

Email address: sperry@essence.com

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June 11, 2013

The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton
U.S. House of Representatives
2136 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to New Orleans, Louisiana, scheduled for July 6 to 7, 2013, sponsored by Essence Festivals Productions, LLC.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than $350 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.

Sincerely,

K. Michael Conaway M.C. Linda T. Sánchez

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ESSENCE Festival
NEW ORLEANS 2013 PRESENTED BY Coca-Cola

TENTATIVE ESSENCE EMPOWERMENT EXPERIENCE SCHEDULE

(please do not circulate)

DATE & TIME	SUBJECT	SPEAKER(S)	MODERATOR
SATURDAY, JULY 6		BE FEARLESS IN YOUR COMMUNITY	
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Pre-Show	DJ Charles "Bam Bam" Belonge	
12:00 PM - 12:05 PM	ESSENCE Welcome	TBD	
12:05 PM - 12:10 PM	Host Remarks	TBD	
12:10 PM - 12:40 PM	Stand Down: Ending The Gun Violence Crisis In Our Cities	Mayor Cory Booker, Mayor Rahm Emanuel	Mayor Landrieu
12:40 PM - 12:45 PM	Set Change		
12:45 PM - 12:55 PM	Sponsor Moment		
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	10 Ways to Fix Your Life & Get Happy	Iyanla Vanzant	
1:30 PM - 1:35 PM	Set Change		
1:40 PM - 2:20 PM	Taking Care of Business: Reinvent Your Life & Your Business	Monique Greenwood, Issa Rae, Dr. Julianne Malveaux	Tanisha Sykes
2:10 PM - 2:20 PM		Audience Q & A	
2:20 PM - 2:30 PM	Set change		
2:30 PM - 2:40 PM	Sponsor Moment		
2:45 PM - 3:05 PM	Keynote	Reverend Al Sharpton	
3:05 PM - 3:10 PM	Set Change		
3:15 PM - 3:55 PM	Where Smart Starts	Dr. Steve Perry, Mary A. Jones, Belinda Gross, Vanessa Vedder, Dr. Thelma Baxter, Dr. Lomax	TBD
3:45 PM - 3:55 PM		Audience Q & A	
3:55 PM - 4:05 PM	Set Change		
4:05 PM - 4:15 PM	Sponsor Moment		
4:20 PM - 4:35 PM	Keynote Address	Marc Morial	
4:35 PM - 4:40 PM	Panel Introduction		
4:40 PM - 5:25 PM	Icons of the Civil Rights Movement	Congressman John Lewis, Shirley Chisholm, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, Myrlie Evers	TBD
5:15 PM - 5:25 PM		Audience Q & A	
5:25 PM - 5:30 PM	Set Change		
5:35 PM - 6:20 PM	Black Women's Agenda 2013	Kamala Harris, C. Nicole Mason, Karen Carter Peterson, Dr. Julianne Malveaux	TBD
6:10 PM - 6:20 PM		Audience Q & A	

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