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Committee on Ethics

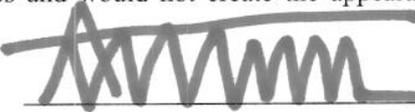
OFFICE OF THE CLERK
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
MEMBER / OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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: Ted Poe
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ *or* None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 6-26-2014 Return: 6-28-2014
 b. Dates at personal expense: _____ *or* None
4. Departure city: Washington, DC Destination: Paris/Villepinte, France Return city: Houston, TX
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): The Organization of Iranian American Community
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Attended and spoke at the OIAC Conference "American Delegation" segment and had meals with staff.
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: 

DATE: 7/9/2014

**U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics**

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.

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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): The Organization of Iranian American Community (OIAC)

2. Travel Destination(s): Villepinte, France

3. Date of Departure: June 26, 2014 Date of Return: June 28, 2014

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Congressman Ted Poe
(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 | 9572 USD | 521 USD | 35 USD | |
| 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: Ross Amin
- Name: Ross Amin Title: Vice President
- Organization: The Organization of Iranian American Community (OIAC)
- I am an officer of the above-named organization (*signify statement is true by checking box*):
- Address: 2020 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 201

Telephone number: (916) 600-7020

Email Address: Ross.Amin@oiac.org

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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APPENDUM #2

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Ted Poe
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Organization of Iranian American Communities (OIAC) Inc.
3. Travel destination(s): Paris, France
4. a. Date of departure 26 June 2014 Date of return: 28 June 2014
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: _____
(2) Relationship to traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
(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:
Travel is to another country and the event will last an entire day so it would make sense to fly out the following morning.
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.
As a Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee I have been involved in the OIAC's efforts for many years now and it is important in my role to continue to make sure their issues are heard in Congress.
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): _____
Organization of Iranian American Communities (OIAC) Inc.
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):
Attachment # 1
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of departure: 26 June 2014 Date of return: 28 June 2014
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.
b. Destination(s): Paris, France (event will be held in Villepint, France, which is a suburb of Paris)
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: _____

Travel is to a foreign destination requiring long duration of travel, and duration of event will make impractical a return flight the same evening

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:

The private sponsor is a co-organizer of the event and will organize and conduct all of the travel. The private sponsor shares the goals that will be addressed as the main topics of discussion by

speakers at the event. The lobbyist has NO involvement or role in planing, organizing and assisting this trip.

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): _____
180 USD

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

The venue should accommodate over 100,000 people. This is the only one close to the Airport.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel name: Hilton Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport City: Roissy Cost per night: 215 USD

Reason(s) for selecting: Close to the Airport and the event 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):

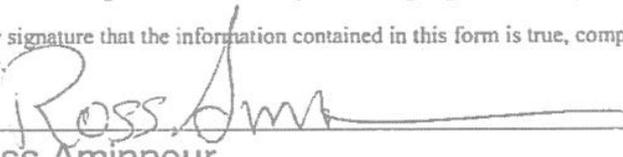
18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

| <input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates | Total Transportation Expenses per Participant | Total Lodging Expenses per Participant | Total Meal Expenses per Participant |
|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | 7000 USD | 430 USD | 280 USD |
| For each accompanying relative | - | | |

| | 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 | - | |
| For each accompanying relative | - | |

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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: 
 Name: Ross Aminpour
 Title: Vice President
 Organization: Organization of Iranian American Communities (OIAC) Inc.
 Address: 2020 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 201
 Telephone number: (916) 600-7020
 Email address: Ross.Amin@OIAC.ORG

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

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June 25, 2014

The Honorable Ted Poe
U.S. House of Representatives
2412 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 France scheduled for June 26 to 28, 2014, sponsored by the Organization of Iranian American Communities, the Anglo Iranian Community in Yorkshire, the Association des Femmes Iraniennes en France, the Iran Solidaritätsverein Göttingen, National Association of Anglo-Iranian Academics in Britain, Associazione Iran Libero Democratic, Iraanse Artsenveriging in Nederland, Alliance for Public Awareness, and Zentrum zur Integration Iranischer Immigranten e.v. We remind you that, because one of the trip sponsors employs a federal lobbyist, you may participate in officially-connected activity on one calendar day only.

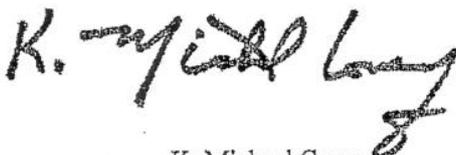
You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this 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.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$375] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government 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.

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

Sincerely,



K. Michael Conaway
Chairman



Linda T. Sánchez
Ranking Member

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Supporting the third option for
a democratic, secular and
non-nuclear republic in Iran

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GUEST ITINERARY
2014 International Convention for Democracy

Villepinte, France

JUNE 27, 2014

Thursday, June 26

6:00 p.m. Leaving Washington, DC

Friday, June 27

7:00 a.m. Arrive Paris (Charles de Gaulle Airport)
7:30 a.m. Depart by car to Hotel (Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport Marriott Hotel
Zone Hoteliere Allee du Verger · Roissy en France, 95700 France)
8:30 a.m. Personal time for rest
12:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m. Lunch at Hotel
1:30 p.m. Depart for Villepinte Convention Center
2:15 p.m. Arrive at Villepinte Convention Center
3:00 p.m. Conference Opening
Opening Remarks (Congressman Patrick Kennedy)
3:00 p.m. – Conference Session. About 40 guest speakers deliver their remarks.
7:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m. Dinner at Villepinte Convention Center (Ballroom A&B)
9:30 p.m.
10:00 p.m. Depart for hotel

Saturday, June 28

8:00 a.m. Breakfast [at hotel]
9:30 a.m. Personal time for rest
4:30 p.m. Return flight departs for Washington Dulles Airport



May 5, 2014

The Honorable Ted Poe
RHOB-2412
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Poe,

On behalf of the Organization of Iranian American Communities (OIAC), a proud sponsor of the 2014 Annual International Convention for Democracy – Villepinte, France, I have the honor of inviting you to attend and speak at this event. The convention will be held Friday, June 27, outside Paris. Attached to this letter is a copy of the event flyer as well as an itinerary for your travel.

More than 100,000 Iranian expatriates from North America, Europe and other part of the world will participate in this gathering, which is the largest gathering of Iranians seeking establishment of freedom, democracy and respect for human rights in Iran.

The event highlight the deteriorating human rights situation in Iran under Rouhani, the plight of the Iranian refugees in Iraq, worsening of women's rights violation, and desire of the Iranian people for democratic change.

Over 120 prominent parliamentarians, former government officials, human rights activists, women activists and law experts from the U.S., the UK, and EU are expected to attend.

The Organization of Iranian American Communities (OIAC), as a nonprofit institution, will cover the appropriate expenses including travel, lodging, and food for the guests according to the House ethics rules and regulations.



Pursuant to the requirements of House Rule XXV, clause 5, and to assist your preparation for receiving approval from the House Committee on Ethics, we have prepared the attached "Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form." **You must submit this form along with your "Traveler Form" to the Ethics Committee no later than May 25, 2014, or thirty (30) days prior to travel on June 26.** Within ten (10) days of completing the travel, we will provide you with our "Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form," which you may use to complete and submit to the Clerk of the House your "Post-Travel Disclosure Form." Please review the attached form and contact me at your earliest convenience if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this invitation. We would be happy to provide any additional information.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,
Ross Amin
Ross Amin
Vice President

Enclosure:

- 1- Preliminary agenda for the duration of your trip,
- 2- Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form,
- 3- OIAC brochure

2014 Gathering in Paris

Partial list of quest speakers

June 27, 2014

---Updated on May 5, 2014---

General James Jones, Commander, United States European Command (COMUSEUCOM) and Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) from 2003 to 2006. The former United States National Security Advisor.

Gov. Tom Ridge, 43rd Governor of Pennsylvania (1995–2001) United States Secretary of Homeland Security (2003–2005)

Brian Binley, MP from the U.K. House of Commons;

David Amess, Member of U.K. Parliament;

Patrick Kennedy, Member of US House of Representatives (1995-2011);

Rudy Giuliani, former mayor of New York and presidency candidate (2008);

Alejo Vidal-Quadras, Vice President of the European parliament;

Struan Stevenson, President of Delegation for Relations with Iraq of the European Parliament;

Gov. Ed Rendell, Chair of the Democratic National Committee (1999-2001) and Governor of Pennsylvania (2002-2011);

Ambassador John Bolton, former US Ambassador to the United Nations);

Judge Michael Mukasey, US Attorney General in the Bush Administration (2007-2009);

Ambassador Mitchell Reiss, former Director of Policy Planning at the US Department of State (2003-2005);

Robert Joseph, U.S. Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security;

Yves Bonnet, former director of the French DST;

Sid Ahmed Ghozali, former Prime minister;

Linda Chavez, former White House Director for Public Liaison;

Gen. David Phillips, Commander of U.S. Military Police in Iraq (2008-2011);

Senator Jean-Pierre Michel, co-president of the French Committee for a Democratic Iran;

Anissa Boumediene, lawyer and former first Lady of Algeria;

Lars Rise, the President of the Norwegian committee of Friends of a Free Iran;

Jean-Charles Rielle, Head of the Geneva City Council;

Eric Voruz, member of the Swiss Parliament;

Rita Sussmuth, Former President of the German Bundestag;

Otto Bernhardt, Chairman of the German Committee of solidarity with free Iran;



Mission

We at the Organization of Iranian-American Communities (OIAC) represent the network of Iranian-American organizations in 37 U.S. States that advocate for democratic change in Iran and uphold the rich heritage of the Iranian culture.

Vision

We at OIAC value universal human rights and suffrage, freedoms and liberties to pursue happiness, and social, economic, and spiritual prosperity.

Goals

We support the Iranian people before, during, and after they replace the theocratic regime ruling Iran with a democratic, secular, non-nuclear and a republic Iran.

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LIST OF HOUSE INVITEES TO “2104 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR DEMOCRACY-VILLEPINTE-FRANCE”

(As of May 1, 2014)

Attachment # 1

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| Rep. Ted Poe | Chair, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Non-Proliferation and Trade, HFAC. Sponsoring many initiations to support democracy in Iran. |
| Ms. Gina Santucci | Re. Ted Poe's Chief of Staff |
| Rep. Loretta Sanchez | Sponsoring women's rights and democracy in Iran |
| Rep. Tom McClintock | sponsoring many initiations to support democracy in Iran |
| Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee | Sponsoring many initiations to support democracy in Iran |
| Rep. Dana Rohrabacher | Co-chair of Congressional Iran Human Rights & Democracy Caucus |
| Rep. Danny Davis | Sponsoring many initiations to support democracy in Iran |