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EMPLOYEE
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips, or similar events undertaken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those persons required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, 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 the second page of this form publicly available as soon as possible after it is filed.

Name of Traveler (print or type): Melissa Bartlett

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

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER: Melissa Bartlett

DATE: 12/22/08

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on this form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Joe Barton

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Joe Barton

DATE: 12-22-08

BARTON

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1. Name of Traveler (print or type): Melissa Bartlett
2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): _____
 b. Relationship to Employee: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: December 17, 2008 - December 17, 2008
 b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____
4. Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): Depart from Washington, D.C. for Pamyra, PA. Return to D.C.

5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Visited the Lebanon Valley Brethren
Home to learn about the Green House model of skilled nursing care and to see it first-hand.
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 the trip sponsor, including all attachments;
 - b. the Traveler Form completed by the employee; **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. TRAVEL 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 employee:	\$70 for bus travel		\$34
For accompanying family member:			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For employee:		
For accompanying family member:		

U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF
OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Washington, DC 20515

December 2, 2008

Ms. Melissa Bartlett
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2322A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Bartlett:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip to Palmyra, Pennsylvania scheduled for December 17, 2008 sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) 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 all attachments. You must also include a copy of the Traveler Form completed by you and signed by your employing Member. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$335 from a single source on Schedule VII of that statement.

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

Sincerely,



Gene Green
Acting Chairman



Doc Hastings
Ranking Republican Member

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Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

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COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS

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: Melissa Bartlett

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

Signature: Melissa Bartlett

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: Joe Barton, Committee on Energy and Commerce

Office address: 2320A Rayburn House Office Building

Phone number: (202) 225-3147

Email address of contact person: Melissa.Bartlett@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)

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

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Melissa Bartlett
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
3. Travel destination(s): Lebanon Valley Brethren Home, Palmyra, PA
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: Wednesday, December 17, 2008
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 family member at the sponsor's expense? Yes No
b. If yes, name of accompanying family member: _____
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:

I am the counsel for the Minority staff responsible for Medicare and other health policy issues concerning skilled nursing facilities and other health care providers and will be working on health care reform.

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: 12/2/08

Joe Barton
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): Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

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): Please see the attached addendum.
Please see the attached addendum.

6. Dates of travel: Wednesday, December 17, 2008

7. Cities of departure – destination – return: Depart from Washington, D.C. for Palmyra, PA. Return to D.C.

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:
The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has organized all activities on the trip and has paid all
expenses associated with it, including transportation and food.
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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 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation wants to educate Congressional staff about the Green House model and provide
an opportunity to see it first-hand.
- b. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: n/a
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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): Meals will cost
approximately \$34, which includes continental breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack.
16. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Lebanon Valley Brethren Home is the Green House site
located closest to Washington, D.C. in Palmyra, PA.
17. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: n/a
18. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): n/a
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19. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: n/a
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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	\$70 for Bus Travel	n/a	\$34.00
For each accompanying family member	n/a	n/a	n/a

	<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	n/a	n/a
For each accompanying family member	n/a	n/a

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: Maureen Cozine
Digitally signed by Maureen Cozine
 DN: cn=Maureen Cozine, o=Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, ou=Communications
 Officer, Director, Policy Connections, email=mcozine@rwjf.org, c=US
 Date: 2008.11.13 16:00:43 -07'00'

Name and title: Maureen Cozine, Communications Officer, Director, Policy Connections

Organization: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Address: College Road East & Route 1, P.O. Box 2316, Princeton, NJ 08543

Telephone number: (609) 627-7652

Fax number: (609) 419-8397

Email Address: mcozine@rwjf.org

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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Addendum to Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation December 17, 2008 Congressional Trip

Question 5: Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited.

The following is a complete list of all House of Representatives invitees to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation sponsored Congressional trip on December 17, 2008.

Each of the following individuals was invited because they are a Health Legislative Assistant for a Democratic or Republican member, or a professional staff member, on one of the following committees: Ways & Means Committee, Energy & Commerce Committee, Education & Labor Committee, Appropriations Committee, or Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

House Invitees- Committee Staff

Cybele Bjorklund, Staff Director, House Ways & Means Committee, Health Subcommittee

Chuck Clapton, Staff Director, House Ways & Means Committee, Health Subcommittee

Laura Bozell, Professional Staff, House Ways & Means Committee

Dan Elling, Professional Staff, House Ways & Means Committee

Debbie Curtis, Chief of Staff, House Ways & Means Committee

Jennifer Friedman, Professional Staff, House Ways & Means Committee

Nancy Ridenour, RWJF Health Policy Fellow, House Ways & Means Committee

Joelle Oishi, Professional Staff, House Ways & Means Committee

Melissa Bartlett, Counsel, House Energy & Commerce Committee

Brandon Clark, Professional Staff, House Energy & Commerce Committee

Amy Hall, Professional Staff, House Energy & Commerce Committee

Purvee Kempf, Counsel, House Energy & Commerce Committee

Kirsten Duncan, Professional Staff, House Education & Labor Committee

Julie Radocchia, Policy Advisor, House Education & Labor Committee

Teri Bergman, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee

Steve Crane, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee

Andy Schneider, Professional Staff, House Oversight and Government Reform Committee

House Invitees- Member Staff

Lauren Aronson, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Rahm Emanuel (D-IL-5)

Jacqueline Bender, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Lloyd Doggett (D-TX-25)

Darrell Doss, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Stephanie Jones (D-OH-11)

Marci Harris, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Fortney Stark (D-CA-13)

Jenifer Healy, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Sam Johnson (R-TX-3)

Karin Hope, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Jim Ramstad (R-MN-3)

Kelly Lavin, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Philip English (R-PA-3)

Sean McCluskie, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Xavier Becerra (D-CA-31)

Erik Rasmussen, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Kenny Hulshof (R-MO-9)

Melanie Rhinehart Van Tassell, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Earl Pomeroy (D-ND-AL)

Travis Robey, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Mike Thompson (D-CA-1)

Kate Spaziani, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Ron Kind (D-WI-3)

Brian Sutter, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Dave Camp (R-MI-4)

Derick Apt, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Michael Ferguson (R-NJ-7)

Melissa Bez, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Henry Waxman (D-CA-30)

Sarah Bittleman, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Darlene Hooley (D-OR-5)

Kate Callanan, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Mike Ross (D-AR-4)

Cara Dalmolin, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Marsha Blackburn (R-TN-7)

Paul Edattel, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative John Shadegg (R-AZ-3)

Amy Fisher, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Lois Capps (D-CA-23)

Heather Foster, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Diana DeGette (D-CO-1)

Blake Fulenwider, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Nathan Deal (R-GA-9)

Emily Gibbons, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Eliot Engel (D-NY-17)

Tiffany Guarascio, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Anthony Weiner (D-NY-9)

Sarah Hale, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Sue Myrick (R-NC-9)

Andrew Hawkins, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Michael Rogers (R-MI-8)

Allison Hite, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Steve Buyer (R-IN-4)

Morgan Jones, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Timothy Murphy (R-PA-18)

Erin Katzelnick-Wise, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Anna Eshoo (D-CA-14)

Elizabeth Lee, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Tammy Baldwin (D-WI-2)

Noelle Lee, Health Legislative Assistant, Subcommittee Representative Hilda Solis (D-CA-32)

Elana Leventhal, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Frank Pallone (D-NJ-6)

Susan Lexer, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Thomas Allen (D-ME-1)

Dana Lichtenberg, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Bart Gordon (D-TN-6)

Josh Martin, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Michael Burgess (R-TX-26)

Joe Moser, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Heather Wilson (R-NM-1)

Kyle Oliver, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Ralph Hall (R-TX-4)

Daniel Penchina, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Janice Schakowsky (D-IL-9)

Abigail Pinkele, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Gene Green (D-TX-29)

John Rainbolt, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative John Sullivan (R-OK-1)

Julie Rones, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Edolphus Towns (D-NY-10)

Shana Sexton, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Jim Matheson (D-UT-2)

Landon Stropko, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Barbara Cubin (R-WY-AL)

Monica Volante, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Joseph Pitts (R-PA-16)

Kiran Bhatraju, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative John Yarmuth (D-KY-3)

Scott Cunningham, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Kenny Marchant (R-TX-24)

Bridgette DeHart, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Yvette Clarke (D-NY-11)

Vic Edgerton, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Dennis Kucinich (D-OH-10)

Peter Kay, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY-4)

Erik Komendant, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Jason Altmire (D-PA-4)

John Laufer, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Luis Fortuno (R-PR-AL)

Conor McGee, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Howard McKeon (R-CA-25)

Robert Moller, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Carol Shea-Porter (D-NH-1)

John Price, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative David Davis (R-TN-1)

Delicia Reynolds, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative John Sarbanes (D-MD-3)

Becky Wolfkiel, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Todd Platts (R-PA-19)

Rebecca Zepeda, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-7)

Bernardette Arellano, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Michael Honda (D-CA-15)

Matthew Brennan, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative John Peterson (R-PA-5)

Mike Collins, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Tom Udall (D-NM-3)

Jean Doyle, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Nita Lowey (D-NY-18)

Charles Dujon, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Jesse Jackson (D-IL-2)

Dan Gage, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative James Walsh (R-NY-25)

Christina Hamilton, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative David Obey (D-WI-7)

Mike Harney, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Patrick Kennedy (D-RI-1)

Debbie Jessup, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA-34)

Ryan Keating, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Tim Ryan (D-OH-17)

Emily Lawrence, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Betty McCollum (D-MN-4)

Brent Mead, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Dennis Rehberg (R-MT-AL)

Leticia Mederos, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-CT-3)

Megan Milam, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Mike Simpson (R-ID-2)

Lori Rowley, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Ralph Regula (R-OH-16)

Christos Tsentas, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Barbara Lee (D-CA-9)

Aaron Sporck, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV-2)

Michelle Adams, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Louise McIntosh Slaughter (D-NY-28)

Lindsay Austin, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Lynn Westmoreland (R-GA-3)

Sarah Beatty, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Mike Conaway (R-TX-11)

AmyClaire Brusck, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Todd Tiahrt (R-KS-4)

Bobby Cornett, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Trent Franks (R-AZ-2)

Pamela Day, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Don Young (R-AK-AL)

Kathee Facchiano, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative John Boozman (R-AR-3)

Kristin Garesche, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA-5)

Cesar Gonzalez, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-FL-21)

Katherine Haley, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Peter Hoekstra (R-MI-2)

Robert Horne, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE-1)

Karen Livingston, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Randy Kuhl (R-NY-29)

Nell Maceda, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Michael Arcuri (D-NY-24)

Cal Marshall, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Jim Jordan (R-OH-4)

Jenny Materio, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Travis Childers (D-MS-1)

Kaitlin McColgan, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Michael Capuano (D-MA-8)

Greg McIlvaine, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Zach Wamp (R-TN-3)

Erika Nelsen, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Jeff Flake (R-AZ-6)

Erika Orloff, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Bart Stupak (D-MI-1)

Rachel Post, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Vernon Ehlers (R-MI-3)

Joye Purser, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX-30)

Kristal Quarker, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI-11)

Keagan Resler, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Pete Sessions (R-TX-32)

Meyer Seligman, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Rodney Alexander (R-LA-5)

Mandy Spears, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Bill Pascrell (D-NJ-8)

Lea Stueve, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Jerry Moran (R-KS-1)

Philip Swartzfager, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Spencer Bachus (R-AL-6)

Bobby Clark, Representative Frank Pallone (D-NJ-6)

David Torian, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Michael McNulty (D-NY-21)

Courtney Williams, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Tim Holden (D-PA-17)

Elizabeth Ziegler, Health Legislative Assistant, Representative Grace Napolitano (D-CA-38)



Green House Congressional Site Visit
Lebanon Valley Brethren Home
1200 Grubb Road, Palmyra, PA 17078

Agenda

Wednesday, December 17

- 8:00 a.m. **Charter Bus Departs Capitol Hill** (Place TBD, Continental breakfast provided)
**An educational video on the Green House project will be shown during the bus ride*
- 10:45 a.m. **Arrival at Lebanon Valley Brethren Home, Palmyra, PA**
- 11:00-11:30 a.m. **Tour of Traditional Nursing Home on Campus**
**Tour will be lead by Robert Jenkins, Director, Green House National Program Office*
- 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Small Groups Tour Green Houses on Campus**
**Tours will be lead by staff from the Green House National Program Office (Robert Jenkins, Ruta Kadonoff, Anna Ortigara), Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (Jane Lowe, Ann Christiano, Maureen Cozine) and Lebanon Valley Brethren Home (Jeff Shireman, Edna Hess).*
- 12:30 - 1:15 p.m. **Lunch and Group Debrief** (Lunch provided)
**Lunch Discussion will be lead by Robert Jenkins, Director, Green House National Program Office*
Opportunity for visitors to discuss the differences they have witnessed first-hand between the traditional nursing home model and the Green House model.
- 1:15 – 1:30 p.m. **Stretch Break**
- 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. **Direct-Care Worker Perspective**
**Guest speakers will include Jeff Shireman, President, Lebanon Valley Brethren Home and Edna Hess, Shahbaz, Lebanon Valley Brethren Home*
- 2:00 – 2:45 p.m. **Discussion: Opportunities & Challenges to Model**
**Guest speakers will include Robert Jenkins, Director, Green House National Program Office and Jane Lowe, Senior Program Officer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*
- 3:00 p.m. **Bus Departs for Washington, D.C.** (Snack provided)
- 6:00 p.m. **Bus Arrives in Washington, D.C.**

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On Wednesday, December 17, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation will host a small group of senior congressional health staff on a day trip to Palmyra, Pa., to see first-hand how the Green House® Project is reinventing skilled nursing care. We hope you will join us. (Scroll down to view the itinerary.)

By altering the facility size, interior design, staffing patterns and methods of delivering skilled services, the Green House model provides elders greater health and quality of life benefits compared to residents of traditional nursing homes.

Currently, there are 42 Green House homes on 15 campuses in 10 states. There are 120 additional houses in planning on 20 campuses, expanding Green House homes to 22 states. The effort, which has received \$15 million in support from RWJF, represents a total rethinking of the architecture, organization, staffing and philosophy of long-term care.

In June, the *Wall Street Journal* ran a front-page story recognizing the project as "the most ambitious effort to date to turn a nice idea into a serious challenger to the nation's system of 16,000 nursing homes." Read the full article here.

In July, the Senate Special Committee on Aging held a hearing on person-centered care with four witnesses representing Green House, including Edna Hess from the Lebanon Valley Brethren Home campus in Palmyra, Pa.

As Edna put it at the hearing, "With Green Houses, seeing is believing."

We took that message to heart. And now Lebanon Valley has graciously offered to host a visit. We hope you will join us.

To confirm your interest in attending, please click here or contact Ben Milder at (301) 652-1558, ext. 5707 or e-mail at bmilder@burnesscommunications.com.

We have consulted with the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct on the trip and will provide you with the completed "Private Sponsor Travel Certification" form to be submitted along with your "Traveler" form.

ITINERARY

8:00 a.m. Charter Bus Departs Capitol Hill (continental breakfast provided)

10:45 a.m. Arrival at Lebanon Valley Brethren Home, Palmyra, Pa.

11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Tour of Traditional Nursing Home on Campus
11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Small Group Tours of Green Houses on Campus
12:30 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Lunch and Group Debrief (lunch provided)
1:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Break
1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Direct-Care Worker Perspective
2:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Discussion: Opportunities and Challenges to Model
3:00 p.m. Bus Departs for Washington, D.C. (snack provided)
6:00 p.m. Bus Arrives on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.

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