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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 B. Pierluisi
2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): María - Elena Carrión  
b. Relationship to Member/Officer:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: May 26, 2009 - May, 31, 2009  
b. Dates at personal expense (if any): n/a
4. Itinerary (cities of departure - destination - return): DC → Munich, Germany → Berlin, Tegel, Germany → Frankfurt, Germany → DC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress Congressional Study Group
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): \* Attachment  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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:	\$ 6,267.37	\$ 656.80	\$ 18.58
For accompanying family member:	\$ 6,267.37	\$ 656.80	\$ 18.58

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

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: 6/23/09

Version date 3/2009 by Committee on Standards of Official Conduct



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## 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress-Bundestag Seminar

Wednesday, May 27 to Sunday May 31, 2009

Berlin and Cologne, Germany

**DRAFT PROGRAM as of May 12, 2009**

**In case of emergency, please call: +202-492-6821 (Sudha David-Wilp) or +0173 5612269  
(Renee Krebs)**

### Hotels:

#### Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin (May 27 – May 29)

Unter den Linden 77

D-10117 Berlin

Germany

Tel.: +49 (0)30 2261 0

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#### Excelsior Hotel Ernst (May 29 – May 31)

Trankgasse 1-5/Domplatz

D-50667 Cologne

Germany

Tel.: +49 (0)221 270 1

Fax: +49 (0)221 270 3333

**Tuesday, May 26, 2009**

Late Afternoon Departures from the United States

**Wednesday, May 27, 2009**

Morning/Afternoon Arrival in Berlin and transfers to the hotel

3:00 pm U.S. Members and Former Members of Congress meet in the hotel lobby  
(business attire) to depart for U.S. Embassy Briefing

3:15-4:15 pm ***Briefing on U.S.-German Relations***  
**Chargé d’Affaires a.i. John M. Koenig**  
(for current and former Members of the U.S. Congress)

5:00-5:30 pm Meeting with **German Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel**

6:00 pm Reception at the U.S. Embassy, **Welcome from Chargé d’Affaires a.i.**  
(business attire) **John M. Koenig, U.S. Embassy, and MdB Hans-Ulrich Klose (SPD),**  
Chairman, USA Parliamentary Group in the German Bundestag

**Thursday, May 28, 2009**

starting at 6:30 a.m. Breakfast provided at the hotel in the Restaurant Quarré  
(business attire)

8:45 am Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for first meeting

9:00-10:00 am Discussion with **Federal Minister for Health, Ulla Schmidt (SPD)**  
Paul-Löbe Haus of the Bundestag, Room 4.200

10:15-11:45 am Historic Tour of Berlin  
(spouses and other guests will continue with tour of Berlin and Potsdam  
and return to the hotel before dinner)

12:15-1:15 pm Luncheon with **President of the German Bundestag, Prof. Dr. Norbert**  
**Lammert (CDU/CSU)**  
in the Deutsche Parlamentarische Gesellschaft

1:45-3:30 pm ***Session One: 20 Years after the Fall of the Wall***  
at the Berlin Wall Foundation  
Bernauer Strasse 111

- 4:00-5:00 pm      *Exchange of Ideas Regarding Experience in Handling the Economic and Financial Crisis* with the **Federal Minister of Finance, Peer Steinbrück (SPD)**  
Paul-Löbe Haus of the Bundestag, Room 4.200
- 6:00- 6:30 pm      Meeting with **German Federal Foreign Minister Dr. Frank Walter Steinmeier**
- 7:00 pm  
(**business casual**)      Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for dinner
- 7:30 pm              Dinner at the Turkish restaurant Hasir  
Oranienburger Strasse 4

**Friday, May 29, 2009**

- starting at 6:30 a.m.      Breakfast provided at the hotel in the Restaurant Quarré  
(**business attire**)
- 8:45 am              Depart hotel for meeting at the Heinrich-Böll Foundation  
(please be checked-out and have luggage ready to board bus)
- 9:00 am              Welcome from **Ralf Fücks**, Director of the Heinrich-Böll Foundation  
and tour of the energy efficient building
- The Heinrich-Böll Foundation  
Schumannstrasse 8
- 9:30 am              *Session Two: The Road to Copenhagen*  
with **Federal Minister for the Environment Sigmar Gabriel (SPD)**
- 10:45 am              Depart for Haus Huth
- 11:15 am-1:00 pm      *Transatlantic Cooperation in Times of Economic Crisis*  
Luncheon Discussion with **Dr. Karl-Theodor Freiherr zu Guttenberg (CSU), Federal Minister of Economics and Technology**  
hosted by Daimler
- Haus Huth  
Alte Potsdamer Strasse 5
- 11:30-12:00 pm      Study Group Chairs and MdB Hans-Ulrich Klose (SPD) participate in the  
Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) Program
- 1:00 pm              Visit the Kohlhoff-Tower, located directly on the line of the former Berlin  
Wall at Potsdamer Platz, for a panoramic view of Berlin

- 2:00 pm Transfer to the airport
- 4:15 pm LH 278 to Cologne/Bonn Airport
- 5:20 pm Arrival in Cologne and transfer to hotel  
*(Members of Congress and the Bundestag will be picked up in cars from the Ford Motor Company)*
- 7:45 pm Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for dinner at the Rathaus (City Hall)  
**(business attire)**
- 8:00 pm Dinner in the Rathaus of Cologne  
**hosted by Oberbürgermeister (Mayor) Fritz Schramma**  
with remarks from **Bernhard Mattes, Chairman of the Board, Ford of Germany**
- 10:00 pm Night tour of Cologne's Dom followed by visit to the brewery "Gaffel am Dom" with **Professor Dr. Barbara Schock-Werner, Dombaumeisterin (Architect of the Dom)**

**Saturday, May 30, 2009**

- starting at 6:30 a.m. Breakfast provided at the hotel  
**(business casual)**
- 9:15 am Meet in the hotel lobby to walk to museum
- 9:30-11:00 am ***Session Three: Pakistan***  
Held in the Stiftersaal of the Wallraff-Richartz-Museum  
Discussion with **Ambassador Bernd Mützelburg, Germany's Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan**
- 11:00 am Depart for Bonn for luncheon discussion followed by boat tour on the Rhine River
- 12:00 – 1:45 pm ***Session Four: Ties across the Atlantic Today***  
Luncheon discussion at the Konrad Adenauer Haus in Rhöndorf  
**hosted by Baroness Jeane von Oppenheim, Chair of the Amerika Haus e.V. Northrhine-Westphalia**
- 1:45-3:45 pm Boat tour on the Rhine River
- 3:45 pm Approximate return to Cologne
- 6:45 pm Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for dinner  
**(business attire)**

7:30 pm

Dinner at the Grandhotel Schloss Bensberg in Bergisch Gladbach  
**hosted by the Honorable Andreas Krautscheidt of North-Rhine  
Westphalia, Secretary for Federal and International Affairs** and  
closing remarks from **Ambassador Klaus Scharioth, German  
Ambassador to the United States.**

Sunday, May 31, 2009

starting at 6:30 a.m. Breakfast provided at the hotel

8:30 am Departures via bus to Frankfurt airport

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## BRIEFING MEMO

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**TO:** CONGRESSMAN PIERLUISI  
**FROM:** LUIS M BALZAC. --- 646 400 8900  
**DATE:** JUNE 14TH, 2009  
**SUBJECT:** Briefing for Puerto Rican Day Parade & Breakfast

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(1<sup>st</sup> EVENT)

**Annual Parade Breakfast:** Attend this year's Puerto Rican Day Breakfast. The breakfast is attended by an average of 500 guests. It attracts a large number of Latino elected officials and candidates.

**Event Time:** (8:00am to 10:30AM)

*The best time to arrive at the Breakfast is between 9:00am and 9:30am.*

*Carlos Velazquez (Parade Organizer) has offered an opportunity for the Congressman to speak.*

**Location:** New York Marriot Marquis Hotel 1535 Broadway (Between 45th Street & 46th Street) New York, NY

**Planning:** We should talk to Manny Mirabal at the breakfast and touch base with other elected officials that the Congressman wants to walk with.

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(2<sup>nd</sup> EVENT)

**Participate:** Puerto Rican Day Parade.

**Parade Route:** From 44th Street to 86th Street (along 5th Avenue)

**Background on Parade:** The parade has been in existence for over 47 years and it averages more than 2 million people along its route making it one of the largest outdoor cultural events in United States. The Puerto Rican Day Parade was established to create a national awareness and appreciation of the Puerto Rican culture and its contributions to society. Over 150 thousand people walk as part of the parade.

**Parade Organizers:** National Puerto Rican Day Parade Inc,  
Carlos Velazquez, (718) 810-8586  
Madelyn Lugo, Chairperson (917) 543-5743

Parade is expected to step off at 11:00am

**FYI: FOX 5 / UPN 9 will have Various Broadcast Media Locations.**

- a) VIP Interview tent, corner of 44th Street and 5th Avenue
- b) Southeast corner on 5th Avenue, just south of 47th Street
- c) Southwest corner on 5th Avenue between 59th Street and 60th Street.

**This year the Parade Formation Area for ALL Elected Offices' Marching Contingents will be lining-up:** Along 43rd Street (Between 5th Avenue and Vanderbilt Avenue)

Additional review / media stands include:

- 67th Street
- 70th Street (Madison Avenue Entrance ONLY)

**Pedestrian Crossings (All Participants May Exit The Parade Route)**

- 49th Street
- 50th Street (West Only)
- 51st Street
- 53rd Street
- 55th Street
- 57th Street
- 58th Street (East Only)
- 59th Street (East Only)
- 60th Street (West Only)
- 65th Street
- 66th Street
- 72nd Street

**2009 HIGHLIGHTS for the NATIONAL PUERTO RICAN DAY PARADE.**

The Board of Directors of the National Puerto Rican Parade, is based in New York City, the organization has held several events that lead up to the Parade with various distinguished personalities from the island and the United States. Madelyn Lugo, President of the Board of Directors, officially announced and extended several invitations to you for participation at various events including to the Parade on Fifth Avenue.

The National Puerto Rican Day Parade is the highest expression of Puerto Rican heritage in the United States covered by national and international press according to Mrs. Lugo; this year the

parade will be seen by more than 16 countries, showing this solidarity message that we embrace to the world.

This year's theme for the National Puerto Rican Parade is "*Celebrating Our Music*". For that purpose activities to enhance the contribution for their musical personalities have been coordinated.

**NATIONAL GRAND MARSHALL**, the Board of Directors selected this distinction to **DAVID BERNIER**, President of the Olympic Committee of Puerto Rico (COPUR).

**KING OF THE PARADE** goes to **VICTOR MANUELLE**, Puerto Rican singer known by numerous hits, composer, he also known by his Grammy's Awards.

**MARSHALL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**, this title has been bestowed upon Bronx Borough President Hon. **RUBEN DIAZ, JR.**

**DEPUTY MARSHALL** Designation has been bestowed upon **LIGIA JAQUEZ**, Deputy Regional Director of the U.S. Census Bureau – New York Region.

This year the Parade Hometown dedication is for the **City of MAYAGUEZ**, celebrating a historic tradition of keeping our culture and folklore. The dedication on North American territory falls on the **STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA** where a large number of Puerto Ricans live.

The Parade will be transmitted live by Fox 5/MY9 and in Puerto Rico through WAPA-TV and a delayed telecast will be carried by WAPA-America.

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PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Pedro R. Pierluisi
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): U.S. Association of former Members of Congress's Congressional Study Group
3. Travel destination(s): Germany
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: May 26, 2009 - May 31, 2009  
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: María Elena Carrión  
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:  
Expand my knowledge on the relationship between the governments of the U.S. and Germany.

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

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Employing Member \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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 R. 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 LHOB, Washington, DC 20515

Phone number: 202.225.2615

Email address of contact person: laura.maristany@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  
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**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 Germany, through contributions from the following organizations:  
The German Marshall Fund of the United States  
The Heinrich Boell 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):

This conference is intended for legislators from Germany and the United States; FMC invited Members of the House of Representatives who are serving on the Europe Subcommittee as well as the Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, and Ways and Means Committees to participate (please see attached). The last three committees were highlighted due to the heavy focus on the current economic global crisis. A few other Members were also invited due to interest in Germany.

6. Dates of travel:

Departure Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 - Return Date: Sunday, May 31, 2009

7. Cities of departure – destination – return:

Washington DC or cities of residence for the Members – Berlin – Cologne - 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 Germany is responsible for organizing the program, arranging meetings and inviting expert speakers to the conference. FMC oversees the budget for the 2009 Congress-Bundestag Seminar.

The Heinrich Boell Foundation will host the group for a panel discussion on Energy (please see enclosed program).

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 Berlin, Germany offices. In addition, GMF has over the years provided a panelist some of the discussion sessions.

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, and staff will be traveling economy class on the transatlantic flights. The Members and Congressional staff will also travel via plane from Berlin to Cologne on Friday, May 29, 2009 in coach class. Ground transportation in Germany will be covered by the German government.

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:

Berlin is the capital of Germany, and the U.S. delegation will meet with government officials there. Cologne is home to many of the Members' German counterparts.

17. Name of hotel or other lodging facility:

The Hotel Adlon Kempinski, Berlin (May 27 – May 29)  
 The Excelsior Hotel Ernst (May 29 – May 31)

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

The Hotel Adlon Kempinski: Approx. €230 for a single room and €250 for a double room  
 The Excelsior Hotel Ernst: Approx. €167 for a single room and €217 for a double room  
 Both rates include 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	approx. \$4200	approx. \$1216.39	*
For each accompanying family member	Approx. \$4200	Family member included in double rate	*

<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	approx. \$15	**
For each accompanying family member	approx. \$15	**

\*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

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Fax number: (202) 222-0977  
Email Address: sdavid-wilp@usafmc.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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Washington, DC 20515  
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## U.S. House of Representatives

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Washington, DC 20515-6328

June 16, 2009

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The Honorable Pedro R. Pierluisi  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1218 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

This letter provides you with *nunc pro tunc* approval of travel expenses incurred in connection with a privately sponsored trip stemming from you and your spouse's participation on a trip to Germany from May 26 to 31, 2009 sponsored by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress' Congressional Study Group on Germany, the German Marshall Fund of the U.S., and the Heinrich Boell Foundation. The background in this matter is as follows.

Ms. Laura Maristany, a legislative assistant in your Washington, DC office emailed the requisite pre-trip approval request materials to this Committee on May 12, 2009. Though you had not received an approval letter from the Committee, you nevertheless participated in the trip. On June 20, 2009, Ms. Sonia Garcia, a legislative assistant in your Washington, DC office contacted Committee counsel for informal advice regarding what was required for your disclosure of this trip. Upon her request, it was determined that the Committee had not processed your pre-trip approval request materials and, thus, no approval letter was generated by the Committee. We would also note that this is the first pre-trip approval request that you have submitted since being elected to the House in 2008.

House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2) requires that Members and staff request and receive approval from the Committee on Standards *before* accepting privately-sponsored travel connected to one's official duties. The pre-approval requirement has been in place since March 1, 2007, pursuant to the House rules that were passed at the start of the 110th Congress in January 2007. The Committee issued advisory memoranda regarding the rule changes (dated February 20, and March 14, 2007), both of which are available on the Committee website.

In view of the fact that this trip otherwise complied with House rules, that your pre-trip approval request materials were submitted in a timely manner, that the Committee did not process these materials, and despite the fact that your office did not follow-up with the Committee when no approval letter was received, we have determined

to grant your request for *nunc pro tunc* approval for you and your spouse's participation on the trip to Germany from May 26 to 31, 2009 sponsored by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress' Congressional Study Group on Germany, the German Marshall Fund of the U.S., and the Heinrich Boell Foundation. We would remind you that in the future your office has the responsibility of following-up with the Committee if you have not received an approval before the commencement of the trip.

You should file a Travel Disclosure Form at the Legislative Resource Center as soon as practicable with all required attachments, including this letter in lieu of the Committee letter pre-authorizing your travel. 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 have involved 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 by you or your spouse 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.

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

Sincerely,



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Jo Bonner  
Ranking Republican Member