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U.S. House of Representatives  
112<sup>th</sup> Congress

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 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 annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those persons required to file them. 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 publicly available as soon as possible after they are received. *Obtain the dollar amounts from the sponsor; if exact dollar amounts are unavailable, provide a good faith estimate.*

Name of Employee (print or type): Jennifer P. Wood

Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): None

Relationship to Employee:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Departure and Date of Return: April 22 and May 1, 2011

Dates at Personal Expense: None

Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): Departure from Washington DC,  
Arrive in Istanbul, Turkey, Travel to Ankara Turkey, Return to Washington DC

Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Pacifica Institute, a component organization of  
West America Turkic Alliance

Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): We met with various  
civil society and government leaders. We also attended cultural events, toured historic sites, and  
visited schools, NGOs, and a hospital. See attached for additional information.

Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify "yes" for each item by checking the corresponding box*):

- the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
- the Privately-Sponsored Travel Approval Form completed by the employee; **and**
- the Committee on Ethics letter approving my participation on this trip.

I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda (*signify "yes" by checking box*):

If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**TRAVEL EXPENSES:**

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For employee:	\$1,400	\$560	\$310
For accompanying family member:			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For employee:	\$182	taxis, museum fee, performing arts ticket, parking
For accompanying family member:		

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

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE: Jennifer Wood  
DATE: 5/16/11

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above 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: Karen R. Bass

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Karen R. Bass  
DATE: 5/16/11

*Version date 1/2011 by Committee on Ethics*

**WEST AMERICA TURKIC COUNCIL (WATC) / PACIFICA INSTITUTE  
CONGRESSIONAL STAFF-DEL TRIP TO TURKEY FINAL ITINERARY  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

**Day 1) Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Washington, DC)**

*10:55pm Departure from Dulles International Airport (Turkish Airlines Direct Flight- Flight TK 8)*

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**Day 2) Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> (Istanbul)**

*4:25pm Arrive in Istanbul Ataturk International Airport*

*6:30pm Dinner at Muradan Restaurant*

*7:30pm Check in TOURQUHOUSE HOTEL & Rest for ~ 1 hr –*

*9:30pm-10:30pm Delegation Meeting with Rep. Bob Filner and Bruce Davison*

- *Turkey-US Relations*
- *Turkey Trip Insights*
- *Trip Recommendations*

*Return to hotel*

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**Day 3) Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> (Istanbul)**

*7:15am Breakfast at hotel*

*7:45am-9:00am Trip Orientation (Discussion of the week's itinerary/ schedule of meetings)*

*9:15am Depart Hotel*

**9:30am -12:00pm Visit Topkapi Palace: Tours provided by Historian Vildan Celik**

*(Topkapi Palace is among those monuments belonging to the "Historic Areas of Istanbul", which became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985.)*

- *Ottoman Empire History*
- *Royal Life during Ottoman*
- *Ottoman Empire Government Structure*
- *Recent History of Turks*
- *Minority Populations' Life During Ottoman Empire*

**12:15pm - 1:30pm Lunch at Tamara Restaurant with Local Historian Ms. Vildan Celik.**

- *Mosaic of Cultures in Turkey*
- *Merged Civilizations*
- *Recent Changes in Government*
- *In Search of Stronger Government*

**1:30pm-2:30pm Visit Sultan Ahmet Mosque (Blue Mosque).**

- *Multi religious life in Istanbul*
- *Historic Architecture of Turkish Mosques*

**2:30pm-4:00pm Visit Hagia Sophia**

*(Hagia Sophia is a great architectural beauty and an important monument both for Byzantine and for Ottoman Empires. Once a church, later a mosque, and now a museum at the Turkish Republic)*

- *Byzantine Empire History*
- *Christian Life in Turkey*

- *Multicultural and Multi-religious Tolerance during Ottoman Empire and Republic of Turkey*

**4:30pm-5:30pm Visit Basilica Cistern**

- *Underground Reservoirs*
- *Ancient Water Systems*
- *History of Civilizations*

**6:15pm-7:15pm Boat tour up to Bosphorus**

- *Experience the Europe and Asia View of Istanbul*
- *Overview of Istanbul's Multi Cultural History*
- *City Planning*
- *City's Architectural Design*

**7:30pm- 8:45 pm Semah Presentation at Hodja Pasha Cultural Center**

- *Turkish Performing Art and Music Show*
- *Sufism and Multiculturalism*
- *Rumi's Philosophy*

**9:30pm-10:30pm Dinner at Bereket Restaurant at Freedom Street.**

*Return to hotel*

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**Day 4) Monday, April 25th (Istanbul)**

**8:00am-8:45am Breakfast at Hotel**

- *Briefing about the day's meetings*

**9:00am Depart Hotel**

**9:30am-11:30am Republic of Turkey Prime Ministry Office of Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey: Meeting with Ismail Bitirim, Senior Project Director**

- *Turkish Republic Foreign Policies*
- *Turkey's Development Projects*
- *Current Programs*
- *Turkey-US Trade Relations*
- *Turkey's Future Trade Projects with US*
- *Turkey's Regional Strategic Role in Middle East and East Europe*
- *Turkey-US Economic Partnerships*
- *Turkey's European Union Journey*

**11:45am-1:15pm Visit Fatih Schools (K-12). Meet with Ugur Tombul, School Principal**

- *Turkish Education System*
- *Accelerated Education Programs*
- *Well Rounded Education Model*
- *School's Parent Involvement*
- *Academic Successes and Challenges*
- *School Tour*

**1:30pm-2:30pm Lunch at Pirpirim Restaurant with Huseyin Hurmali, West America Turkic Council (WATC) CEO**

- *Kurdish Issue and Minorities in Turkey*
- *Kurdish, Jewish and Armenian Minorities and their Contribution to the Country's Development*

**3:00pm-4:45pm Visit Zulfaris Jewish Museum: Meeting with Ms. Misya, Outreach Director.**

- *History of Jews in Turkey*
- *1492 Jewish immigration from Spain to Ottoman*
- *Minority Rights in Turkey*
- *Famous Jewish Government and Celebrity Individuals*

**5.00pm -7:00pm Visit TUSKON (Confederation of Businessmen and Industrialists of Turkey):  
Meeting with Mr. Mustafa Gunay, Vice President of TUSKON**

*TUSKON's activities and foreign investment in Turkey. TUSKON is operating as the top organization of associations of businessmen that are serving to make contributions for economic and social development of Turkey. TUSKON, formed by 7 different regional business federations throughout the country, was established in 2005 in Istanbul. There are 151 associations of businessmen within TUSKON, which are operating in 80 different provinces of Turkey. TUSKON represents 30,000 business people*

- *US –Turkey Business and Trade Relations*
- *Turkey's booming Economic Growth*
- *International Business Opportunities*
- *Turkey Foreign Trade Policies*
- *How Turkey won Global Financial Crisis?*
- *Foreign Investments in Turkey*

**7:30pm-9:30pm Dinner with a local family**

- *Turkish Family Life*
- *Public View of Turkey-US Relations*

**10:00pm Return back to hotel**

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**Day 5) Tuesday, April 26th (Istanbul)**

**8:00am Breakfast at the Hotel**

**9:00am-11:00am Visit Zaman Daily Newspaper: Meeting with Emrah Ulker, Foreign News Editor**

- *Public Media and Press in Turkey*
- *Freedom of Speech and Press Cases*
- *Turkey-US Economic Relations*
- *Turkey's Secularism Story*
- *Democratization of Turkish Republic*
- *Civilian Constitution*
- *European Union Membership Process*
- *Reflection of September 2010 Referendum for Constitutional Amendments*

**11:30am-1:00pm Visit Kimse Yokmu (Is Anybody There?/Helping Hands) Charity Foundation: Meeting with  
Mr. Metin Cetiner, General Coordinator**

(Turkish aid organization Kimse Yok Mu (Is Anybody There), a Turkish charitable association known for its national and international charity work. Kimse yokmu started with a TV program right after the Earthquake of August 17, 1999 in Turkey. The TV program was gradually getting more viewers. Calls for aid and donations wanted to be made by benefactors, and then it reached beyond the limitations of a TV Program. In 2002 an association system was founded to meet benefactors and people in need within the scope of TV. Starting at the international field in this way, Kimse Yokmu's mission continued with humanitarian aid campaigns organized for Palestine -Lebanon, Peru, Bangladesh, Sudan-Darfur, Georgia-Ossetia, Myanmar, China, Gaza and Haiti)

- *Turkey's International Charity Efforts*

- *Red Cross and Kimse Yokmu Collaborations*
- *International Aid Organizations*
- *Africa Volunteering Program for Medical Doctors*

**1:15pm-2:00pm Lunch at Bizim Kofte**

**2:15-4:15pm Visit Journalists and Writers Foundation**

- *Turkey's Civic Organizations*
- *International Interfaith Activities*
- *Turkey's Multi religious Culture*
- *Democratization of Turkey*
- *French Secularism vs. US Secularism(Freedom from Religion vs. Freedom for Religion)*
- *Religious Freedom in Turkey*

**4:30pm-6:00pm Camlica Hill Sightseeing- Asian Side Experience with Huseyin Hurmalı, WATC CEO**

- *Life in the Asian Side of Turkey*
- *New City Developments*

**6:30pm-8:00pm Visit Maiden Tower**

- *History of Istanbul*
- *Daily Life of Turkey's Visitors/Tourists*
- *Unique View of Istanbul's Architecture*

**8:30pm-10:30pm Dinner at Bosphorus**

*Return back to hotel*

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**Day 6) Wednesday, April 27th (Ankara)**

**8:00am Flight to Ankara-SABIHA GOKCEN-ANADOLU JET(TK242)**

**9:00am Arrive Ankara**

**9:30am Check in and Breakfast at Aktif Metropolitan Hotel**

**12:00pm-2:30pm Meeting with Abdullah Bozkurt, Columnist/Editor- Today Zaman**

- *US-Turkey Relations*
- *Turkey's Foreign Policies*
- *Democratization of Turkey*
- *Armenian-Turkey Relations*
- *Armenian Genocide Claims*
- *US-Turkey Economic Development Projects*

**2:45pm- 3:45pm Visit Anitkabir, Mausoleum of Ataturk, Founder of Turkish Republic**

- *Turkey's Recent History*
- *Establishment of Turkish Republic*
- *Ataturk's Role in Independence War and Democracy of Turkey*

**4:00pm-6:00pm US Embassy Visit in Ankara-Meeting with US Embassy's Team of Economic Development and Politics**

- *US-Turkey Relations*
- *Turkey's Political Life*
- *Turkey's International Agenda*
- *Upcoming Elections*
- *Turkey's Economic Growth*
- *2023 Goals of Turkish Government*
- *Current Government and Their Efforts for a Better Economy*
- *Turkey's Strategic Partnership with the US*

- *Egypt and Libya Agenda*

**7:00pm-9:30pm Meeting with Ibrahim Anli, Israel-Turkey Relations Specialist**

- *Israel-Turkey Relations*
- *Democratization of Turkey*
- *Power Struggle in Turkish Politics*
- *Minorities in Turkey*

**Day 7) Thursday, April 28th (Ankara)**

**9:30am-11:30am Breakfast Meeting with Rep. Haluk Ipek, Member of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, Member of Founding Team of Justice and Development Party (AKP), Chairman of Constitutional Amendment Council, Chairman for the Turkey's Election 2011**

- *Story of Founding of Justice and Development Party(AKP)*
- *Upcoming Elections*
- *Democracy in Turkey*
- *Turkey's Foreign Policies*
- *Prime Minister's Current Agenda*
- *Upcoming Elections*
- *European Union Membership Challenges*
- *New Civilian Constitution of Turkish Republic*

**11:45am-1:45pm Aksoy&Aksoy Attorneys at Law Firm Visit: Meeting with Abdulkadir Aksoy, Lawyer**

- *Turkish Judiciary System*
- *Freedom of Press Cases*
- *Turkish and US Law Practices and Struggles*
- *Ergenekon Cases and Power Struggle in Turkey*

**1:45pm-2:45pm Lunch Meeting at Hacibaba Restaurant**

- *US Turkey Relations*
- *Turkish Government Structure*
- *Challenges of European Union Membership Process*

**6:30pm-10:00pm Visit Fatih University Hospital; Meeting with Deputy Chief Surgeon of the Hospital and Dinner Meeting**

- *The Turkish Health System*
- *Turkey's New Universal Healthcare System*
- *US Turkey Medical Practices / Exchange of Ideas*
- *Turkish Hospitals*
- *Doctors' Insurance Costs*
- *US Health Care Program and its Costs*

**Return to hotel**

**Day 8) Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> (Ankara-Nevsehir-Nigde)**

**7:00am Breakfast at Hotel**

**8:00am- 12:00pm Bus trip to Nevsehir-Capadocia**

**12:30-2:00pm Lunch with İbrahim Süha KARABORAN – Lieutenant Governor of Nevsehir**

- *Turkish Public Administration System*
- *Rural to Urban Development of Small Cities*
- *Multi Civilization History of Capadocia*
- *Tourism Industry*

**2:00pm-4:00pm Meeting with Local Historian and Ancient History Briefing**

- *Early Christian Churches*
- *Open Air Museum*
- *Rock Formations*
- *Ancient Civilizations*
- *Cave Houses and Schools*

**4:00pm-5:00pm Visit Cappadocia and Kaymakli Underground City**

- *Ancient History of Civilizations*
- *Ancient Defense Strategies*
- *Early Christians' Religious Practices*
- *Church History*

**5:00pm -5:30pm Visit A Local Carpet Store Owner (A member of GESIAD)**

- *Government's Support for Export*
- *Turkish Hand Crafts*
- *Local Communities Contribution to Economy*

**5:30pm-6:30pm Drive Nevsehir to Nigde**

**6:30pm -9:30pm School Briefing to Staff Delegation/ Live Student Performances/ Dinner with Local School Board Members and Parents from Sungurbey Private School-Nigde**

- *Turkish Education System*
- *Non-Profit Organizations' Contribution to Education*
- *Discussions on School Development Projects*
- *How Business Owners Contribute to the Local Schools*
- *Success Stories From Parents ( Parent Involvement)*
- *Local Music, Folk Dance, and Visual Art Demonstrations (Water Marbling)*

**Stay with local families**

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**Day 9) Saturday, April 30th (Kayseri-Istanbul)**

**8:00am-9:30am Bus Trip to Kayseri**

**10:25am Flight back to Istanbul; Kayseri-Istanbul (Pegasus Airlines - PC 167)**

**11:25am Arrive in Sabiha Gokcen Airport-Istanbul**

**12:30pm -1.00pm Lunch at Genc Kebap**

**1:00pm-2:00pm Visit Local Businesses and Shopping Stores at the Asian Side of Istanbul**

**2:15pm-2:45pm Ferry Trip to Europe**

**3:00pm-4:30pm Visit Spice Bazaar**

- *Ancient Experience of Spices and Herbs*
- *Local to International Business Models*
- *Tourist Attractions in Traditional Shopping Malls*

**4:30pm-7:00pm Visit Grand Bazaar**

- *Historic Shopping of Ottomans and Turks*
- *Hand Crafts*
- *Mosaic of Colors and Arts*
- *Shopping Culture of Istanbul*

**8:00pm-10:00pm Dinner Meeting with Faruk Taban, President, Turkic American Alliance**

- *Trip Review*

- *Q/As About Turkey-US Relations*
  - *Trip Testimonies( New Picture of Turkey)*
  - *Discussing the Pro's and Con's of the Trip and Participants' Feedback about the Organizations (Turkic American Alliance, West America Turkic Council, and Pacifica Institute).*
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**Day 10) Sunday, May 1st (Istanbul, Washington, DC)**

**10:50am: Flight back to US from Istanbul Ataturk International Airport to Dulles International Airport  
Turkish Airlines Direct Flight (TK 7)**

U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics

**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: Jennifer P Wood

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: Representative Karen Bass

Office address: 408 Cannon House Office Building

Phone number: 202-225-7084

Email address of contact person: jenny.wood@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 Ethics  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1015 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-7103 (phone)  
(202) 225-7392 (fax)

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PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Jennifer P Wood
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Pacifica Institute and West America Turkic Council
3. Travel destination(s): Turkey - Istanbul and Ankara
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: April 22 and May 1  
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 serve as the Foreign Affairs Legislative Assistant to Rep. Bass. Turkey plays a  
critical role in world currently and it will be of value for me to bring first-hand information to my office

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: 3/21/11

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 Ethics**

**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 XXV, 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. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee.

*Private sponsors are urged to submit this form to each House invitee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. The submission of an incomplete form will delay the review process. Before completing this form, sponsors are urged to carefully review the Committee's private travel guidelines and advisory memoranda detailing the rules and restrictions for private travel, as well as the instructions for completing this form. Sponsors should call the Committee with any questions prior to submitting the form. Please type form.*

1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Pacifica Institute
  
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 "yes" 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 "yes" 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 attached list
  
6. Dates of travel: April 22nd - May 1st, 2011
  
7. Cities of departure - destination - return: Washington DC- Istanbul and Istanbul-Washington DC
  
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 federally registered lobbyist or registered foreign agent:  or
  - c. The trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist 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. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered:  or
  - b. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered:If "b" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_

11. If the trip is not sponsored by an institution of higher education, I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*signify "yes" by checking box*):
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip: WATC oversees member component organizations like Pacifica Institute, and WATC's mission is to promote the cultural, educational, academic, business, social and arts relations and to organize events and activities to bring together the American and Turkish, Turkic and Eurasian communities within the US through international cultural and dialog Trips.
13. Describe each sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip: The Intercultural Dialog Trips to this "cradle of civilizations" explores the rich culture that is matured ever since and extends the bridges of friendship between the people of the United States and Turkey. These trips enable understanding through interaction and give the participants an opportunity to make new friends and invaluable connections.
14. Describe the type and class of the transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first-class transportation will be provided. In addition, for travel via aircraft, please indicate if travel is being offered on a commercial flight, chartered flight or on an aircraft operated or paid for by a carrier not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate for compensation or hire (*i.e.*, a private aircraft). If first-class fare is being provided, or if travel is via chartered or private aircraft, please provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: Aircraft and Ground Transportation. The class of travel will be coach. The travel is being offered on commercial flight
15. 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 "yes" by checking box*):
16. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
- 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*
  - The trip involves events that are arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:   
If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_
17. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Turkey holds very significant position for US; strategic, political commercial and cultural interest of both countries in the region overlap and this is congruent with the mission of WATC
18. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: Ramada Istanbul- Old City, Aktif Metropolis, Ankara
19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): Ramada Istanbul- Old City (\$90), Aktif Metropolis, Ankara \$95
20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: Efficiency for location and Price.

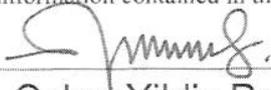
21. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<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	\$1350	\$500	\$300
For each accompanying family member			

	<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	\$175	Museums and Parking
For each accompanying family member		

22. I represent that reimbursement for miscellaneous travel expenses for the trip, such as travel to and from airports, security costs, interpreter fees, visa application fees, and similar expenses, will be for actual costs incurred and are necessary for the purpose of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box):

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

Signature:   
 Name and title: Ozkur Yildiz President  
 Organization: West America Turkic Council  
 Address: 12228 Venice Blvd. Suite 496 Los Angeles, CA 90066-3814  
 Telephone number: 310-993-0302  
 Fax number: 310-988-2640  
 Email Address: president@wafc.org

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

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 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)  
 (202) 226-7172 (fax for travel approvals)

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West America Turkic Council (WATC)/PACIFICA INSTITUTE

Congressional Staff-Del to Turkey April 22- May 1, 2011 **Invitee List**

- 1) Jenny Wood  
Legislative & Special Assistant-Rep. Karen Bass (CA-33)
- 2) Stephanie Hammond  
Foreign Affairs Legislative Assistant- Rep. Trent Franks (AZ-2)
- 3) Rebecca G. Ulrich  
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**WEST AMERICA TURKIC COUNCIL/  
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**CONGRESSIONAL**

**INTERCULTURAL TRIP TO TURKEY**

**ITINERARY**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**

**[www.watc.org](http://www.watc.org)**

**Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Washington, DC)**

*10:55pm Departure from US (Turkish Airlines Direct Flight)*

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> (Istanbul)**

*4:25pm Arrive in Istanbul*

*6:30pm Check in Hotel & Rest for ~ 1 hr -*

*7:30pm Dinner at Hotel*

*Rest for the day*

**Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> (Istanbul)**

*7:15am Breakfast at hotel*

*7:45am-9:00am Trip Orientation (Discussion of the week's itinerary/ schedule of meetings)*

*9:15am Depart Hotel*

*9:30am -11:00am Visit Hagia Sophia*

- *Hagia Sophia is a great architectural beauty and an important monument both for Byzantine and for Ottoman Empires. Once a church, later a mosque, and now a museum at the Turkish Republic.*

*11:30am-12:15pm Visit Sultan Ahmet Mosque (Blue Mosque) .*

*12:30pm - 2:00pm Lunch with Local Historian Mr. Aykut Ayik.*

- *Participants will have a chance to learn more about Anatolian ( **Current land of Turkey**) culture and history.*

**2:30pm-4:00pm Visit Topkapi Palace**

- *Topkapi Palace is among those monuments belonging to the "Historic Areas of Istanbul", which became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985. It's a cultural opportunity for participants to learn Turkey history.*

**4:30pm-6:00pm Boat tour up to Bosphorus**

**6:30pm-9:00pm Dinner with a local Family.**

Return to hotel

**Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> (Istanbul)**

**8:00am-8:45am Breakfast at Hotel**

**9:00am Depart Hotel**

**9:30-11:15am Visit Today's Zaman Newspaper. Meet with Mustafa Edip Yilmaz.**

- *Mr. Yilmaz is a columnist for Today's Zaman Newspaper.*
- *Mr. Yilmaz to discuss Turkey domestic policy issues.*

**11:30am-12:30pm Visit Zulfaris Jewish Museum.**

- *Participants will have a chance to learn the History of Jews in Turkey. Jewish Museum of Turkey (officially Quincentennial Foundation Museum of Turkish Jews) is a cultural center established by the Quincentennial Foundation to inform the society of the traditions and history of Turkish Jewry).  
\*Entrance fee is \$15.*

**1:30pm-3:00pm Visit US Consul General-Istanbul Mr.Scott F.Kilner**

- A General overview of Turkey
- US- Turkey Relations

**3.30pm -5:30pm Visit TUS KON (Confederation of Businessmen and Industrialists of Turkey)**

**Meet with Mr. Mustafa Gunay, Vice President of TUSKON**

- *Mr.Gunay to discuss TUSKON's activities and foreign investment in Turkey. TUSKON is operating as the top organization of associations of businessmen that are serving to make contributions for economic and social development of Turkey. TUSKON, formed by 7 different regional business federations throughout the country, was established in 2005 in Istanbul. There are 151 associations of businessmen within TUSKON, which are operating in 80 different provinces of Turkey. TUSKON represents 15,000 business people.*

**6:00pm-7:00pm Return back to hotel, Rest for 1 hr**

**7:30pm-9:30pm Dinner with a local family**

Return to Hotel

**Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> (Ankara)**

**6:00am Depart Hotel**

**7:10am Flight to Ankara (Turkish Airlines - TK 122)**

**8:30am Check in Hotel - Aktif Metropolitan Hotel**

**9:00am Breakfast at Hotel & Rest for ~ 1.0 hr**

**10:15am-12:00pm Visit Grand National Assembly of Turkey**

**12:30-2:30pm Lunch with Visit Hon. Zeynep Dagi, MP, AKP Party**

- *Mrs. Dagi to discuss Turkish women in Politics.*

**4:00pm-6:00pm Visit BOTAS-Turkey's Energy Policy**

- *BOTAŞ Petroleum Pipeline Corporation (BOTAS) is the state-owned crude oil and natural gas pipelines and trading company in Turkey.*

**7:00pm-9:00pm Dinner at Samanyolu College Meet with School's Principals and Some Students.**

Discussion Topic: The Turkish Education System.

Return to hotel

**Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> (Ankara)**

**8:00am Breakfast at Hotel**

**9:00am-11:00am Visit Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

**Meet with Mr. Ali Murat Ersoy , American Desk**

**11:30pm-1:00pm Visit International Strategic Research Organization(ISRO) and meet Sedat Laciner**

- *Mr. Laciner to discuss joint prospects of Turkey and USA in the Middle East. Established in 2004, the International Strategic Research Organization (USAK) has gained wide recognition as Turkey's foremost source of independent and balanced information and research on a broad range of issues affecting Turkey*

**1:15-2:30pm Lunch at Haci Baba Restaurant**

**3:00pm-4:30pm Visit Anitkabir – Anitkabir is the mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the leader of the Turkish War of Independence and the founder and first president of the Republic of Turkey.**

**6:30pm-8:30pm Visit Fatih University Hospital meet Doctors/ Dinner at Hospital**

The Turkish Health System.  
Return to hotel

**Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> (Nevsehir-Nigde)**

**7:00am Breakfast at Hotel**

**8:00am- 12:00pm Bus trip to Nevsehir**

**12:30-2:00pm Lunch with Hasan Unver Mayor of Nevsehir**

- Mr.Unver to discuss social and economic changes in the Central Anatolia.

**2:30-3:30 pm Visit İbrahim Süha KARABORAN – Lieutenant Governor of Nevsehir**

Mr. KARABORAN to discuss Turkey's Government.

**4:00pm-5:00pm Visit Cappadocia and Kaymakli Underground City**

- These troglodyte cave-cities were excavated as early as Hittite times and they were much later extended and brought into use as refuges for Christians persecuted by the Romans. Others maintain that the cities were created somewhat later, by the Phrygians, as a line of defense against the Assyrians..

**5:30pm -6:30pm Visit A Local Carpet Store Owner (A member of GESIAD)**

- To discuss business life in Turkey

**7:00pm -9:00pm Dinner with Local School Board Members and Parents from Sungurbey Private School-Nigde**

- Discussions on school projects
- How business owners contribute to the local schools
- Success stories from parents ( parent involvement)
- Local music, folk dance, and art demonstrations

Stay with local families

**Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> (Istanbul)**

**6:00am Breakfast at Hotel**

**6:45am Depart Hotel**

**8:10-9:05am Flight back to Istanbul (Pegasus Airlines - PC 163)**

**10:30pm-12:30pm Meeting with Prof. Ergun Ozbudun, Constitutional Reform Debate,**

- Mr. Ozbudun is Professor of political science at Bilkent University  
A constitutional referendum on a number of changes to the constitution was held in Turkey on September 12, 2010. Mr. Ozbudun is to discuss Constitutional Reform in Turkey.

**1:00pm -3.00pm Visit Kimse Yok Mu Foundation, Meet with Mr. Metin Cetiner General Coordinator**

- Mr. Cetiner to discuss Kimse Yokmu's activities and charitable works in Turkey  
Turkish aid organization Kimse Yok Mu (Is Anybody There), a Turkish charitable association known for its national and international charity work. Kimse yokmu started with a TV program right after the Earthquake of August 17, 1999 in Turkey. The TV program was gradually getting more viewers.



Calls for aid and donations wanted to be made by benefactors, and then it reached beyond the limitations of a TV Program. In 2002 an association system was founded to meet benefactors and people in need within the scope of TV. Starting at the international field in this way, Kimse Yokmu's mission continued with humanitarian aid campaigns organized for Palestine -Lebanon, Peru, Bangladesh, Sudan-Darfur, Georgia-Ossetia, Myanmar, China, Gaza and Haiti. On the other hand, the association reached people from 60 countries to convey aids of Turkish people in the periods of Ramadan and Ed al-adha.

**4:00pm Return to Hotel– 2 hr rest**

**6:00pm-8:00pm Dinner with Mr.Ismail Kavuncu, Vice Mayor of Eyup District**

- Mr.Kavuncu to discuss the help of municipalities through social responsibility projects.

**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> (Istanbul)**

**9:00am Breakfast at Hotel**

**10:00am-12:00pm Visit Journalists and Authors Foundation, Meet with Salih Yaylaci Executive Director**

- Mr.Yaylaci to discuss interfaith and intercultural dialogue between nations and the contributions of the foundation

**1:00pm-2:30pm Lunch at Konyali**

**2:30-6:00pm Visit Grand bazaar - Free Time for Shopping**

**7:00-9:00pm Dinner at hotel and Final Remarks**

Discussing the pro's and con's of the trip and get participants feedback about the organization.

**Sunday, May 1st (Istanbul)**

**10:50am Flight back to US**

\*In case of any inconvenience, the best substitutes will be visited in place of the honorable hosts.

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April 4, 2011

Ms. Jennifer Wood  
Office of the Honorable Karen Bass  
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Dear Ms. Wood:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Turkey scheduled for April 22 to May 1, 2011, sponsored by the Pacifica Institute and the West America Turkic Council.

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 \$350 from a single source on Schedule VII of that statement.

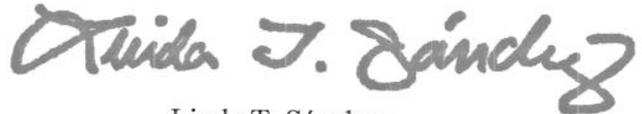
Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$350] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$350 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.

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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