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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): Peter H. Chandler

Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Departure and Date of Return: October 20-22, 2011

Dates at Personal Expense: NA

Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): Washington, D.C. to New Orleans, LA  
New Orleans, LA to Washington, D.C.

Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation

Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): See attached

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

1.  the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
2.  the Privately-Sponsored Travel Approval Form completed by the employee; *and*
3.  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*):

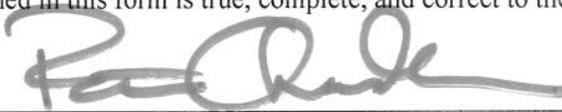
If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAVEL EXPENSES:**

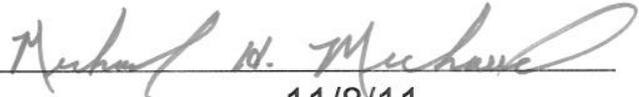
	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For employee:	\$365.90	\$274.00	\$117.50
For accompanying family member:			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For employee:	\$60	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:   
 DATE: 11/8/11

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: Michael H. Michaud  
 SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER:   
 DATE: 11/8/11

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## Meetings and Events

### **10/20/11**

1. Lunch and briefing on the history of the Louisiana sugarcane industry
2. Tour of Blackberry Farms to learn the farming operations during harvest
3. Tour of Lafourche Sugars to learn various steps needed to process sugar cane into raw sugar
4. Reception and dinner at Rebecca Camp to discuss issues of importance to sugar farmers and mill workers

### **10/22/11**

1. Meeting at John Deere to learn about sugar cane harvesting equipment
2. Tour of USDA-ARS Sugarcane Research Laboratory to learn about research to improve sugarcane production practices to help farmers manage risks through improved plant breeding and varietal selection
3. Lunch meeting at Lafourche Visitor's Center with agricultural economist from the LSU AgCenter to discuss the impact of the sugar industry on the Louisiana economy
4. Tour of American Sugar refinery to learn about turning raw sugar into refined sugar
5. Dinner at Arnaud's restaurant with sugar farmers

### **10/22/11**

1. Breakfast briefing at hotel before departure

Jo Bonner, Alabama  
*Chairman*  
Linda T. Sánchez, California  
*Ranking Member*

Michael T. McCaul, Texas  
K. Michael Conaway, Texas  
Charles W. Dent, Pennsylvania  
Gregg Harper, Mississippi

John A. Yarmuth, Kentucky  
Donna F. Edwards, Maryland  
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October 18, 2011

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Mr. Peter Chandler  
Office of the Honorable Michael H. Michaud  
1724 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chandler:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to New Orleans, Louisiana, scheduled for October 20 to 22, 2011, sponsored by the Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation, Inc.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Jo Bonner  
Chairman

Linda T. Sánchez  
Ranking Member

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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: PETER CHANDLER

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: Michael H. Michaud

Office address: 1724 LHOB

Phone number: 202-225-6306

Email address of contact person: peter.chandler@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: PETER CHANDLER
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): LOUISIANA SUGAR CANE FOUNDATION, INC
3. Travel destination(s): SOUTHERN LOUISIANA
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: 10/20/11 10/22/11
- 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:  
THE HOUSE TRADE WORKING-GROUP, WHICH MY BOSS CHAIRS,  
WORKS ON MANY TRADE + AGRICULTURAL ISSUES WHICH  
AFFECT THE SUGAR INDUSTRY.
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: 9/14/11

Michael Michael  
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): \_\_\_\_\_  
Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation, Inc. \_\_\_\_\_
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): \_\_\_\_\_  
see attached list \_\_\_\_\_
6. Dates of travel: Thursday, October 20, 2011 - Saturday, October 22, 2011
7. Cities of departure – destination – return: Departs Washington, DC (Reagan National) to New Orleans, LA to tour the sugarcane industry in southern Louisiana the returns to 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation, Inc. is the sole sponsor of this congressional staffers trip.
13. Describe each sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Coach class airfare will be provided on US Airways. A 28-passenger bus will be provided for travel throughout southern Louisiana
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): On Thursday, lunch and dinner for \$50; on Friday, lunch and dinner for \$100; and Saturday, breakfast for \$20.
17. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: To provide first hand knowledge and experience of the inner working of the Louisiana sugarcane industry,
18. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: 1. Hampton Inn, Thibodaux, LA and 2. Chateau Bourbon, New Orleans, La
19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): 1. \$115 plus tax (Hampton)  
 2. \$175 plus tax (Chateau Bourbon)
20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: 1. Located on the tour route and in the Bayou Lafourche sugar region. 2. On route and close proximity to the site of where sugarcane was first grown by the Jesuit priests on Baronne St.

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	\$500.00	\$315.00	\$170.00
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		
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: Kenneth Gravois

Name and title: Kenneth Gravois, President

Organization: Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation, Inc.

Address: P. O. Box 874, Thibodaux, LA 70302-0874

Telephone number: 225-281-9472

Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: lscf@bellsouth.net

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

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### House Staff Invites

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Wes Climer	Cong. Cassidy	Louisiana
Curtis Philp	Cong. Cassidy	Louisiana
James Quinn	Cong. Cassidy	Louisiana
Brian McNabb	Cong. Cassidy	Louisiana
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**ITINERARY FOR  
CONGRESSIONAL STAFF TOUR  
(October 20-22, 2011)**

**Thursday, October 20, 2011**

- 8:25 a.m.** Group leaves on USAirways Flight 3225 from Washington-Reagan National Airport.
- 10:08 a.m.** Group arrives New Orleans International Airport.
- 10:15 a.m.** Group Leaders will pick up the group at the New Orleans Airport and transport the group for the duration of the trip.
- 11:30 a.m.** Lunch and tour briefing in Vacherie. During this lunch, a briefing on the history of the Louisiana sugarcane industry and a description of the process of creating sugar from cane will be provided.
- 1:00 p.m.** Depart for a field tour of Blackberry Farms. Participants will learn the farming operations during harvest.
- 1:10 p.m.** Arrive Blackberry Farms for field tour.
- 2:30 p.m.** Depart for Thibodaux to tour a raw sugar factory.
- 3:00 p.m.** Arrive at Lafourche Sugars to learn the various steps needed to process the sugarcane into raw sugar.
- 5:00 p.m.** Depart Lafourche Sugars for hotel.
- 5:15 p.m.** Arrive at the Hampton Inn in Thibodaux.
- 6:15 p.m.** Depart hotel for reception with members of the Louisiana Sugar Cane Foundation.
- 6:30 p.m.** Arrive Rebecca Camp for Reception. Opportunity to discuss issues of importance to the farmers and mill workers of Louisiana. Dinner will consist of Louisiana delicacies.
- 10:00 p.m.** Depart Camp for Hampton Inn.
- 10:15 p.m.** Arrive at Hampton Inn for the night.

### **Friday, October 21, 2011**

Please check out before leaving for tours. You will not return to this hotel. Continental breakfast will be in lobby of hotel prior to our departing.

- 8:30 a.m.** Depart Hampton Inn for John Deere
- 8:40 a.m.** Arrive at John Deere in Thibodaux which is among the leading producers of cane harvesting equipment.
- 9:45 a.m.** Depart for Houma.
- 10:15 a.m.** Arrive at USDA-ARS, Sugarcane Research Laboratory. This tour will focus on the research to improve sugarcane production practices to help farmers manage risks through improved plant breeding and varietal selection.
- 12:00 p.m.** Depart for lunch
- 12:30 p.m.** Arrive at the Lafourche Visitor's Center in Raceland, LA for lunch. During lunch, Dr. Mike Salassi, Agricultural Economist with the LSU AgCenter will discuss the impact of the sugar industry on the Louisiana economy.
- 2:00 p.m.** Depart for American Sugar Refinery in Chalmette, LA
- 3:30 p.m.** Arrive American Sugar Refinery for refinery tour. This tour will discuss turning raw sugar into refined sugar.
- 5:30 p.m.** Depart for the Chateau Bourbon Hotel.
- 6:00 p.m.** Arrive at the Chateau Bourbon Hotel
- 7:00 p.m.** Depart for dinner at Arnaud's Restaurant.

### **Saturday, October 22, 2011**

Check out prior to breakfast.

- 7:30 a.m.** Meet in the Lafitte Room of the Chateau Bourbon for a Breakfast Briefing
- 8:30 a.m.** Van shuttle will transport you back to the New Orleans airport for you on USAirways flight # 3396 departing New Orleans at 10:50 a.m. arriving Washington Reagan at 2:16 p.m.

**Contacts during the tour**

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American Sugar Refinery  
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985-969-0654

Arnaud's Restaurant  
813 Rue Bienville  
New Orleans, LA 70112  
504-523-5433

**Hotels during stay**

Hampton Inn  
826 N. Canal Blvd.  
Thibodaux, LA 70301  
985-446 -0900

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