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MEMBER / OFFICER  
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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: Congressman Erik Paulsen
2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): Carolyn Kelly Paulsen  
b. Relationship to Member/Officer:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: November 10 - 16, 2009  
b. Dates at personal expense (if any): ∅
4. Itinerary (cities of departure - destination - return): Minneapolis - Tel Aviv - Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): The Jewish Community Relations Council  
of Minnesota and the Dakotas (JCRC)
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary):  
Itinerary Attached
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: \_\_\_\_\_

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:	1325. <sup>00</sup>	1200. <sup>00</sup>	375. <sup>00</sup>
For accompanying family member:	1325. <sup>00</sup>		375. <sup>00</sup>

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:	50. <sup>00</sup>	Taxi and admittance fees
For accompanying family member:	50. <sup>00</sup>	Taxi and admittance fees

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: Eric Cantor

DATE: 11/24/2009

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

***Tentative itinerary***

**Rep. Erik Paulsen trip to Israel November 10-15, 2009**

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 a.m.: Arrive in Tel Aviv approx
- 11:00 a.m.: Arrive at hotel
- 12:30 p.m.: Lunch at the King David Hotel and AIPAC briefing @ 1:00 p.m.
- 2:30 p.m.: Yad VaShem
- 6:30 p.m.: Dinner at Darna Restaurant in Jerusalem
- 9:00 p.m.: Rachel's Tomb

Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

- 4 hour tour by The Israel Project (TIP) on geo-politics of Jerusalem and settlements
- Jewish National Fund 9-11 memorial dedication in Jerusalem
- political meetings with Knesset members and briefing at Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Israel Museum to see model of ancient Jerusalem and Dead Sea Scrolls
- Visit to absorption center, Jewish Agency for Israel's absorption center in Mevasseret Zion and dinner outside of Jerusalem, joined by head of Medtronic Israel (location TBD)

Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 a.m.: Rabbi Berel Wein leads a tour of the Old City of Jerusalem
- 1:00 p.m.: Lunch in the Old City/Machanah Yuhudah
- 3:00 p.m.: Hotel meeting (Gordis, Gold, Gellerman, etc)
- Shabbat : individual plans (likely will have shabbat dinner at hotel for those who would like)

Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

- Erik, Kelly, and other group members (who would like to participate) to drive up North to see Christian Holy sites along the Kinneret.
- Visit Poria Hospital, and VIP tour, in Tiberius
- Saturday night, either a cultural event in Jerusalem after Shabbat or meetings with Palestinians.

Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

- Early morning drive to Tel Aviv
- Tel Aviv-area tour for the group.
- Helicopter tour (for those who sign up). We have alternative programming for those who do not do the helicopters.
- Final dinner in Tel Aviv
- Some to airport for late flights back to USA, some back to Jerusalem for extended stay.

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 Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas (JCRC)
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): Rep. Erik Paulsen: There is great community interest in taking a trip to Israel with Rep. Paulsen in an effort to better understand the Israeli economy, security situation, and U.S.- Israel relations
6. Dates of travel: November 10-15, 2009
7. Cities of departure - destination - return: Minneapolis-Tel Aviv-Minneapolis
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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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:  
Daniel N. Rosen (Attorney at Parker Rosen Law Firm and JCRC board member) will be participating  
on the trip and has assisted in the planning of the trip.  
Please see addendum re #12
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.):  
We will fly to Israel and use bus services while in the country. The flight accommodations will be in coach.
- b. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_
14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (Signify that the statement is true by checking box):
15. I represent that either (check one of the following):
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees:  or
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:   
 If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$100.00
16. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: One of the roles of the JCRC is Israel advocacy. No where can one experience and understand Israel better than in Israel.
17. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: King David Hotel in Jerusalem
18. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): \$300.00
19. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: The King David Hotel is often used by visiting diplomats and other government officials in Israel. It also provides a convenient location in Jerusalem.

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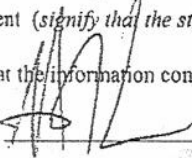
20. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$2,000	\$900	\$500
For each accompanying family member	\$2,000	\$900	\$500

	<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		

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: Steve Hunegs, Executive Director

Organization: Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas

Address: 12 N. 12th St. Minneapolis, MN 55403

Telephone number: (612) 338-7816

Fax number: (612) 349-6569

Email Address: steve@minndakjrc.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:

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct  
 U.S. House of Representatives  
 HT-2, The Capitol  
 Washington, DC 20515  
 (202) 225-7103 (phone)  
 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)

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Committee on Standards of Official Conduct**


**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: Congressman Erik Paulsen

**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): Kayla Priehs

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Office address: 126 Cannon House Office Building

Phone number: 202-225-2871

Email address of contact person: kayla.priehs@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.**

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**PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM**

1. Name of Traveler: Congressman Erik Paulsen
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): The Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas
3. Travel destination(s): Israel
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: November 10-15, 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: Carolyn Kelly Paulsen  
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 Jewish community in my district has expressed a desire for me to attend such a trip in order to better understand the Israeli economy, security situation and US-Israel Relations

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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## U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF  
OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Washington, DC 20515-6328

October 30, 2009

TODD UNGERECHT  
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SUITE HT-2, THE CAPITOL  
(202) 225-7103

The Honorable Erik Paulsen  
U.S. House of Representatives  
126 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip to Israel for you and your spouse scheduled for November 10 to 15, 2009, sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas.

You must complete a Member Travel Disclosure Form 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 attachments. 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 involve 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 from a foreign government by you or your spouse 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,



Zoe Lofgren  
Chair



Jo Bonner  
Ranking Republican Member

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