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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVESU.S. House of Representatives  
112<sup>th</sup> CongressMEMBER / 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. *Obtain the dollar amounts from the sponsor; if exact dollar amounts are unavailable, provide a good faith estimate.*

Name of Member or Officer (print or type): Congressman Bob FilnerName of Accompanying Family Member (if any): N/ARelationship to Member/Officer:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_Date of Departure and Date of Return: 04/15/2011 - 04/24/2011Dates at personal expense: N/AItinerary (cities of departure - destination - return): Washington DC, Istanbul, Turkey -Northern IraqSponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Pacifica InstituteDescribe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Please seeattached document.

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 Member or officer; *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: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRIP EXPENSES:**

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	2,300	600	500
For accompanying family member:	—	—	—

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:	300	Museum visits.
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 OR OFFICER:

*Bob Filner*

DATE:

*5/2/11*

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Istanbul, Turkey

- Meeting with Ahmet Calik, President of Calik Holdings .
- President of Turkish American Alliance Faruk Taban

Izmir, Turkey

- Deputy Governor, Ahmet Fatih Kurt
- Izmir Yamanar High School Meeting with Board Members and Founder

Northern Iraq Region

- Meeting with President Barzani of Kurdistan Region
- Meeting with Governor of Hewler, Nawzad Hadi
- Meeting with Foreign Relations Director, Mr. Falah Mustafa
- Meeting with President of Assembly, Sherokh Abbas

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April 8, 2011

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The Honorable Bob Filner  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2428 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Turkey and Iraq scheduled for April 16 to April 24, 2011, sponsored by the Pacifica Institute.

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 \$350 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

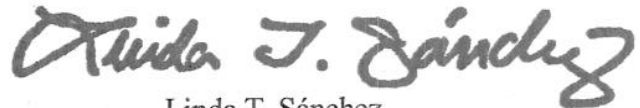
Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$350] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in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



Jo Bonner  
Chairman



Linda T. Sánchez  
Ranking Member

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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): Global Cultural Connections  
dba. 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): Congressman Bob Filner
6. Dates of travel: April 16th 2011 to April 24th 2011
7. Cities of departure - destination - return: Washington DC - Istanbul, Turkey  
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: We are a Turkish-American organization & the trip is to Turkey
13. Describe each sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip: As a Turkish-American organization we are aiming to promote better inter-cultural relations
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: Business class
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):
- 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 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: We are a Turkish-American organization & the aim of the trip is to promote better inter-cultural dialogue
18. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: Ramada Old City, Istanbul
19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): \$80.00 /night
20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: According to our previous experience this hotel is comfortable

21. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$2,000.00	\$560.00	\$300.00
For each accompanying family member			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	N/A	N/A
For each accompanying family member		

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: Ibrahim Barlas, President

Organization: Pacific Institute

Address: 1019 Grayley Ave, Ste A, Los Angeles CA 90024

Telephone number: 310-208-7290

Fax number: 310-524-0979

Email Address: info @ pacificinstitute.org

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

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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  
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 Bob Filner

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

Signature: Bob Filner

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Office address: 2428 Rayburn

Phone number: 225-8045

Email address of contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Bob Filner
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Pacific Institute
3. Travel destination(s): Istanbul, Turkey & Iraq
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: April 16th 2011 - April 24th 2011  
 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:  
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World's tradeable spots.
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.