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Subject: Recent trip

Steve,

per Ethics rules I wanted to follow up with the information on my recent trip to Taiwan.

The trip was paid for by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China- Taiwan. It went from July 14 through July 21, 2023 and was in Taipei, Taiwan.

The purpose was to engage with official government agencies/ministries, private businesses and non-profit companies on cultural, economic and government affairs. We also met with American agencies including the American Chamber of Commerce in Taiwan and several Midwest state business reps in Taiwan.

The delegation of elected officials from Illinois, Iowa, Ohio and Minnesota met with ministers in agriculture, health, infrastructure, foreign affairs, foreign trade, and economics and the national legislature. We discussed and built relationships through these officials from Midwest cities and states to reinforce existing relationships, and promote new business and cultural development in Taiwan and the US. For instance, Illinois and Iowa have multi-billion dollar soybean and corn contracts supplying Taiwan with millions of tons of that product each year and discussions involved maintaining global supply chains amidst increasing military pressures by Communist China to disrupt US/Global- Taiwan trade and commerce.

There was no honoraria involved. We did visit several museums that were paid for by the Taiwanese government but all other purchases were made with personal funds and no "swag" from a single source was valued over \$50. Items received were generally government CD's, books or manuals, cups or writing utensils/paper.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

Scott Waguespack

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