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Subject: Travel Qatar

Jonah,

The Government of Qatar would like to invite Rep. Crawford to travel to Doha to get first hand insight of both the challenges faced and progress being made in the region. Members will meet with various Ministers and leaders of the Qatari government including the Emir and Prime Minister.

They will also travel to the US Embassy for a briefing with Embassy leadership, and tour the American Air Base at Al-Udaid. There they will receive a strategic overview of the region by high ranking military command, as well as visit with American troops stationed in Qatar. Every effort will be made to meet with military personnel from or near the Member's home district. I have attached a draft itinerary from our last trip.

The trip is paid for by the Government of Qatar under consent of Congress through the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act (MECEA), *22 U.S.C. § 2451*, et seq., to the acceptance of certain gifts from foreign governments.

I know it is last minute, but we're hoping to complete travel in February. The trip should take about 72 hours but can be shortened or extended as scheduling permits. The Member may also bring one person from their staff.

If your office is interested, I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Thanks,

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Proposed January Visit to Qatar

- MECEA trip, sponsored by Embassy of Qatar for members and staff.
- Purpose of the trip is to better acquaint members with Qatar, home to 10,000 U.S. military troops. To gain a deeper understanding of the current blockade of Qatar and the diplomatic crisis among the GCC countries; and to learn about Qatar's cooperation with the United States in counterterrorism efforts and war against ISIS and other defense efforts.
- Trip will include in-depth discussions with His Highness the Emir of Qatar, as well as with the Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, Defense Minister, and intelligence officials; a visit to the Al Udeid U.S. military base, as well as cultural excursions.
- Trip can be completed (door to door) in under 72 hours.

Sample Itinerary

Saturday, December 30, 2017

Time	Location	Program/Function
TBD	Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy	Meeting with the Supreme Committee
TBD	Qatar Investment Authority	Visit and Meeting with the QIA
TBD	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs
TBD	Qatar Foundation	Touring the Education City and the Technology Park.
		Break
TBD	Museum of Islamic Arts	Visit to the Museum

Sunday, December 31, 2017

Time	Location	Program/Function
TBD	Emiri Diwan	Audience with HH the Emir
TBD	Emiri Diwan	Meeting with HE the Prime Minister
TBD	Ras Lufan	Tour of the Ras Lufan Industrial City (LNG)
		Break
TBD	Souq Waqif (Old Market)	Free Time

Monday, January 1st, 2018

Time	Location	Program/Function
TBD	US Embassy in Doha	Briefing at the US Embassy
TBD	Al-Udaid Base	visit to the Al-Udaid Air Base, meet with top level

		officials at the Base
		Break
TBD	Katara (Cultural Village)	Visit to the village

Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018

Time	Location	Program/Function
8:20am	Hamad Int. Airport	Depart Doha (Qatar Airways QR707)