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To: Lisa Eilers <Lisa.Eilers@cityofchicago.org>; Steve Berlin <Steve.Berlin@cityofchicago.org>
Cc: Chris Sauve <Chris.Sauve@cityofchicago.org>
Subject: Re: Travel review - ReFED 2024 Food Waste Solutions Summit

Hi Lisa & Steve,

I returned from the 2024 ReFED Food Waste Solutions Summit, ReFED's national conference, in Baltimore, MD, on June 13, after attending the conference June 11-13.

ReFED is a national non-profit organization that seeks to address food loss and waste across the U.S. food system by advancing data-driven solutions, including composting. My role in the Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation is focused on establishing composting initiatives in the City of Chicago to reduce food waste and greenhouse gas emissions. Attending the ReFED Summit provided me with many opportunities to learn from and build relationships with others across the country that are doing similar work.

NRDC invited me to attend the summit through the City of Chicago's participation in their Food Matters initiative. NRDC covered the expenses of the airfare, hotel, and registration, which included meals. See the travel letter agreement for more details, attached below in my original email from 4/18/2024. I did not receive an honorarium for my attendance. (Note: The airfare cost less than what was allotted in the travel agreement. \$650 was allotted; the cost of the air travel was \$299.08.)

Please let me know if you need additional information about this travel.

Thank you for your assistance.

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From: Susan Casey <Susan.Casey@cityofchicago.org>
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Subject: Travel review - ReFED 2024 Food Waste Solutions Summit

Hello Steve,

I hope all is well with you.

The NRDC has invited me to attend the ReFED 2024 Food Waste Solutions Summit, ReFED's national conference, in Baltimore, Maryland, June 11-13, 2024. It is the same conference that Jennifer Herd from CDPH is attending. Attached is the draft travel letter that details the invitation (NRDC will be able to send a final travel agreement letter only after the city's Board of Ethics approves the travel). Please note, I will not be receiving any honorarium for my attendance.

ReFED is a national non-profit organization that seeks to address food loss and waste across the U.S. food system by advancing data-driven solutions, including composting. My role in the Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation is focused on composting and food waste reduction initiatives in the City of Chicago in support of our waste strategy and climate action goals. In my role, I also work on the city's NRDC Food Matters initiative aimed at reducing Chicago's food waste. Attending this conference will provide me with the opportunity to learn from and build relationships with others across the country that are doing similar work.

Thank you,

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