

U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics

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MEMBER / OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Niki Tsongas
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: Molly Tsongas *or* None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: May 30, 2017 Return: June 3, 2017  
 b. Dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_ *or* None
4. Departure city: Boston Destination: Berlin & Hamburg, Germany Return city: Boston
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): \_\_\_\_\_  
US Association of Former Members of Congress, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): The meetings and events attended were related to  
US/German relations. Specifically security, energy, trade, and democratic systems.
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
  - a.  a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
  - b.  the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
  - c.  page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the Member or officer; *and*
  - d.  the letter from the Committee on Ethics 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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 on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form 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:

Niki Tsongas

DATE:

June 15, 2017

**U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics**

**SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM**

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. *A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.* You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

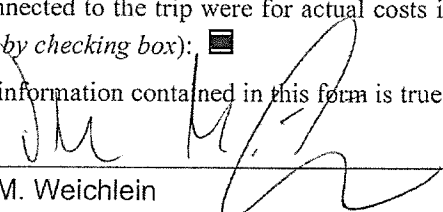
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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): US Association of Former Members of Congress, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius
2. Travel Destination(s): Berlin and Hamburg, Germany
3. Date of Departure: May 30, 2017 Date of Return: June 3, 2017
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Niki Tsongas and Molly Tsongas  
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	5,977.49	916.48	390.54	
Accompanying Relative	168.13	151.65	390.54	

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box):

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

Signature:   
 Name: Peter M. Weichlein Title: CEO  
 Organization: US Association of Former Members of Congress

**I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box):**

Address: 1401 K Street NW, Suite 503  
Washington, DC 20005

Telephone number: 202-507-4850

Email Address: PWeichlein@usafmc.org

*Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.*

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Nicola Tsongas
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress;  
Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom; ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius
3. Travel destination(s): Berlin and Hamburg, Germany
4. a. Date of departure 5/30/2017 Date of return: 6/3/2017  
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 relative at the sponsor's expense?  Yes  No  
b. If yes:  
(1) Name of accompanying relative: Marian (Molly) Sauvage Tsongas  
(2) Relationship to traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age:  Yes  No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (*i.e.*, travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)?  Yes  No  
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms:  Yes  No  
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.  
See attached.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip?  Yes  No

10. **FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

**ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL**

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

U.S. House of Representatives  
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**PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM**

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 at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): \_\_\_\_\_  
US Association of Former Members of Congress, \_\_\_\_\_
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box):
3. *Check only one:* I represent that:
  - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip  *or*
  - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds  *or*.
  - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.   
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_  
Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius \_\_\_\_\_
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):  
(see addendum) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of departure: May 30, 2017 (Pingree: 5/25/2017) Date of return: June 3, 2017
7. a. City of departure: Dent: Newark, Pingree: DC, Rice: New York City, Tsongas: Boston  
b. Destination(s): Berlin and Hamburg, Germany  
c. City of return: Dent: Newark, Pingree: Philadelphia, Rice: Newark, Tsongas: Boston
8. 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.
9. Check one of the following:
  - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
  - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
  - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night:  *or*
  - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights:   
If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (indicate agenda is attached by checking box):

11. Check one:

a. I represent that a registered federal 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 a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

(see addendum)

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13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.

a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (Specify: Premium Economy)

c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

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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:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_  
\$113

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_

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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel name: Westin Grand City: Berlin Cost per night: \$234

Reason(s) for selecting: Proximity to meeting sites and comfort; pre-night booked due to early morning arrival

Hotel name: Park Hyatt City: Hamburg Cost per night: \$219

Reason(s) for selecting: Proximity to meeting sites and comfort;

Hotel name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost per night: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

17. 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):

18. 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	\$6,000	\$921	\$339
For each accompanying relative	\$150	\$32 surcharge	\$339

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	-	
For each accompanying relative	-	

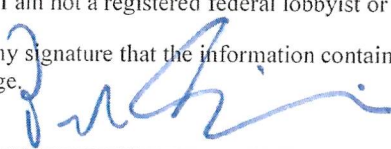
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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below.  *or*  
 b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name: Peter M. Weichlein

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Organization: US Association of Former Members of Congress

Address: 1401 K Street NW, Suite 503, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone number: 202-507-4850

Email address: PWeichlein@usafmc.org

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 (general fax)

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GRANTMAKING TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by a public charity or private foundation (both as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) that provides a grant of funds to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. **Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.**

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. I certify that (name of your organization): Friedrich Naumann Foundation  
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.  
 Yes  No
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: US Association of Former Members of Congress
3. I certify that my organization (*complete a or b*):
- a.  Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. *or*
- b.  Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to  
(destination) \_\_\_\_\_ on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ that is  
being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4. Check one:
- a.  My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent *or*
- b.  My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
6. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Claus Gramckow

Title: Representative USA and Canada

Organization: Friedrich Naumann Foundation

Address: 1730 Rhode Island Ave NW, Suite 1010, Washington, DC 20036

Telephone number: 202-293-0954 Email: claus.gramckow@fnst.org

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

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NON-GRANTMAKING TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by a private individual or entity that provides funds, services, or in-kind donations to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. A Non-Grantmaking Sponsor that has a direct involvement in planning, organizing, conducting, or participating in the trip must complete this form. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Name of your organization: ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: US Association of Former Members of Congress
3. My organization has provided funds to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor to pay all or part of the expenses for a trip to (destination) Berlin and Hamburg, Germany on (date) May 30 - June 3, 2017 that primarily is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.  Yes  No
4. My organization has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, arranging, or will have a role in conducting, the trip identified in response to Question 3 or an event that will occur during that trip.  Yes  No
5. Check one:
  - a.  My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent *or*
  - b.  My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
6. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
7. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Tatiana Matthiesen

Name: Dr. Tatiana Matthiesen Title: Head of Education and Training

Organization: ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius

Address: Feldbrunnenstraße 56, 20148 Hamburg, Germanz

Telephone number: +49 40 4133-6842

Email Address: matthiesen@zeit-stiftung.de

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

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May 22, 2017

The Honorable Nicola Tsongas  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1714 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your child's proposed trip to Germany, scheduled for May 30 to June 3, 2017, sponsored by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, and ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$390] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments filed with the Committee, and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

The Honorable Nicola Tsongas  
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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Susan W. Brooks  
Chairwoman



Yvette D. Clarke  
Acting Ranking Member

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## **Addendum**

### *Question #4*

For over three decades, the annual Congress-Bundestag Seminar has brought together Members of Congress with their counterparts in the German Bundestag to address issues of mutual concern to the transatlantic relationship. Therefore, The Congressional Study Group on Germany – a program of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC) – invites Members of Congress who have expressed interest in transatlantic legislative dialogue and cultural exchange in general, as well as the issues of security, energy, trade, and representative democratic systems, more specifically.

The Hon. Charles W. Dent  
The Hon. Chellie Pingree  
The Hon. Kathleen Rice  
The Hon. Niki Tsongas

### *Question #12*

The U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, congressionally-chartered organization, committed to promoting public service and strengthening representative democracy and legislative dialogue domestically and abroad through non-partisan, non-advocacy programming. For over three decades, the Association's Congressional Study Group on Germany has convened the Annual Congress-Bundestag Seminar to foster frank and candid dialogue between Members of the U.S. Congress and Members of the German Bundestag on the most pertinent issues of the bilateral and broader transatlantic relationship. In light of Germany's increased leadership role on the global and European stages with respect to the Ukrainian crisis and Eurozone crisis, relationships between the US and Germany are more vital than ever, especially following the NSA surveillance affair, which continues to strain ties.

Each year, the Study Group partners with one of five German political foundations on a rotating basis. The Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF) is the partner for the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress-Bundestag Seminar. Similar to FMC's mission, FNF fosters political dialogue among political, business, scientific and cultural multipliers from North America and Europe.

FMC has also partnered with the ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius, a private, non-profit, nonpartisan foundation based in Hamburg, which, among its many goals, supports dialogue on cooperative global governance and international understanding.

### *Question #15b.2)*

The Annual Congress-Bundestag Seminar alternates between Germany and the United States each year. Last year's Seminar took place in Washington, DC and Boca Raton, FL, the home district of our Co-Chair, the Hon. Ted Deutch. This year, the Seminar will take place in Berlin and Hamburg. As the seat of the federal government, Berlin is the only destination for high-level meetings with senior government officials. Visiting Hamburg provides the opportunity to learn about transatlantic issues with a regional perspective, especially trade and infrastructure issues. Both cities are also witnesses to a history that includes two world wars and two dictatorships.

The consequences of this history continues to shape German foreign and domestic policy to this day and an understanding of this fact is crucial to stronger bilateral ties.

8) This trip is connected to the Congresswoman's official duties as the travelers will be discussing issues of mutual concern with their counterparts in the German Bundestag. These issues include transatlantic security, energy, trade, and democratic systems. This is relevant to the Congresswoman's service on the House Armed Services and Natural Resources Committees.



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### 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress-Bundestag Seminar

Tuesday, May 30 – Saturday, June 3, 2017

Berlin and Hamburg, Germany

Last Update: 4/27/2017 8:47 AM

#### Hotel – Berlin

Westin Grand  
Friedrichstraße 158-164  
10117 Berlin  
+49 30 20270

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Park Hyatt Hamburg  
Bugenhagenstrasse 8  
20095 Hamburg  
+49 40 3332 1234

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Andy: +1 (202) 417-7264  
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### Tuesday, May 30

Evening Delegation departs from home districts

### Wednesday, May 31

\*\*Note: Time difference to Germany is 6 hours

- 9:55 AM Delegation arrives at Berlin-Tegel Airport on LH 176
- Morning Transfer to hotel by mini-bus; check-in
- 12:00 – 12:30 PM **Meeting with the Hon. Dr. Norbert Lammert MdB (CDU), President of the German Bundestag**  
*Bundestag, Platz der Republik 1*
- 12:45 – 2:00 PM Informal lunch  
*Il Punto, Neustädtische Kirchstraße 6, 10117 Berlin*  
Return to the hotel
- 4:00 – 5:30 PM **Striking a Fine Balance: Homeland Security & Migration, Cybersecurity & Data Privacy**  
Roundtable discussion with invited experts; chaired by **Dr. Gunther Krings MdB (CDU)**, Parliamentary State Secretary in the Ministry of the Interior and Vice-Chair of the German-US Parliamentary Friendship Group  
*Alt-Moabit 140, 10557 Berlin*

*In partnership with the Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation and ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius.  
Meeting times and formats subject to change at little notice.*

Return to the hotel

6:00 – 6:45 PM

**Tax and Industry Policy**

Roundtable discussion with **the Hon. Jens Spahn MdB (CDU)**,  
Parliamentary State Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Finance

*Wilhelmstraße 97, 10117 Berlin*

7:15 – 9:00 PM

**Networking Dinner: A Super-Electoral Year - Changing Political  
Landscapes in the US and Europe**

Roundtable dinner discussion with **members of the German Bundestag's  
German-US Parliamentary Friendship Group**, chaired by **the Hon.  
Dagmar Freitag MdB (SPD)**, Chair of the German-US Parliamentary  
Friendship Group, and **the Hon. Jürgen Hardt MdB (CDU)**, Coordinator  
for Transatlantic Relations in the Federal Foreign Office; with honored guest  
**Mr. Kent Logsdon**, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of the US Embassy –  
Berlin

*International Club at the German Federal Foreign Office, Kurstraße 36, 10117 Berlin*

**Thursday, June 1**

8:30 – 10:00 AM

**Business-Government Roundtable: Bilateral Foreign Direct  
Investment**

Roundtable breakfast discussion with members of The Congressional Study  
Group on Germany's Business Advisory Council; led by **Mr. Peter Lefkin**  
of Allianz of America and **Ms. Anna Schneider** of Volkswagen Group of  
America

*Westin Grand Hotel, Room "Coelln 2"*

10:30 – 11:15 AM

**Meeting with His Excellency Frank-Walter Steinmeier, President of  
the Federal Republic of Germany**

*Schloss Bellevue, Spreeweg 1, 10557 Berlin*

11:45 – 12:15 AM

**Germany's Past, Always Present**

Visit to the **German Resistance Memorial Center** at the Federal Ministry  
of Defense, site of the 1944 assassination attempt on Adolf Hitler

*Stauffenbergstraße 13 – 14, 10785 Berlin*

- 12:30 – 2:00 PM      **The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Transatlantic Security Alliance: Counter-Terrorism, NATO**  
 Roundtable luncheon discussion with **Her Excellency Ursula von der Leyen**, Federal Minister of Defense  
*Federal Ministry of Defense, Stauffenbergstr. 18, 10785 Berlin*
- 2:30 – 3:30 PM      **EU-US Trade as a Source of Growth and Prosperity?**  
 Roundtable discussion with **the Hon. Dirk Wiese MdB (SPD)**,  
 Parliamentary State Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs  
 and Energy  
*Scharnhorststraße 34-37, 10115 Berlin*  
 Return to the hotel
- 5:30 – 6:30 PM      **How to approach Russia, China, and other foreign policy priorities?**  
 Roundtable discussion with **Dr. Christoph Heusgen**, National and Foreign  
 Policy Advisor to Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel  
*Federal Chancellery, Willy-Brandt-Straße 1, 10557 Berlin*
- 7:00 – 9:30 PM      **The Transatlantic Relationship under President Trump and the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress**  
 Executive dinner discussions in small groups with invited experts; welcome  
 by **Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Karl-Heinz Paqué**, Vice-Chair of the Board of  
 Directors of the Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung  
*BRASSERIE am Gendarmenmarkt, Taubenstraße 30, 10117 Berlin*  
 Return to the hotel

## Friday, June 2

- Breakfast              Hotel buffet available starting at 6:30 AM  
 Check-out and load luggage on bus
- 7:00 AM                Depart hotel for train station
- 7:42 – 9:24 AM        ICE 908 from Berlin Hbf to Hamburg Hbf
- 10:30 – 11:30 AM     **The Legacy of Helmut Schmidt: Political Unification of Europe in Partnership with the United States**  
 Roundtable discussion with **the Hon. Peer Steinbrück**, past Chair of the  
 German-American Parliamentary Friendship Group and former Federal  
 Minister of Finance, at the **Helmut-and-Loki-Schmidt Foundation**  
*Neubergerweg 80, 22419 Hamburg*



12:00 – 1:00 PM

**Informal lunch**

*Rickmer Rickmers, Landungsbrücken, Ponton 1a, 20359 Hamburg*

1:30 – 3:00 PM

**Urban Redevelopment and Infrastructure: Building a 21<sup>st</sup> Century European City**

Roundtable discussion at the Port of Hamburg with **Mr. Daniel Jahn**, Director of Visitor Services and Roundtable discussion with **Mr. Christoph Lieben-Seutter**, General and Artistic Director of the Elbphilharmonie; welcome by **Mr. Jens Meier**, Chairman of the Management Board of the Hamburg Port Authority

*Neuer Wandrabbau 4, 20457 Hamburg, Germany (TBC)*

Transfer to the hotel and check-in

5:00 – 6:00 PM

**Hamburg's Role in Federal Legislation**

Roundtable discussion with the **Hon. Olaf Scholz (SPD)**, First Mayor of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg and the **Hon. Wolfgang Schmidt**, Hamburg State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

*Rathausmarkt 1, 20095 Hamburg*

6:30 – 8:30 PM

**Lessons Learned for the Transatlantic Relationship in 2017**

Roundtable dinner discussion led by the **Hon. Dagmar Freitag MdB (SPD)**, Chair of the German-American Parliamentary Friendship Group and the **Hon. Charles W. Dent (PA-15)**, Co-Chair of The Congressional Study Group on Germany

*Rathausmarkt 1, 20095 Hamburg*

**Saturday, June 3**

Early Morning

Check-out; meet in hotel lobby to depart for Hamburg Airport

Morning

Delegation returns to home districts



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Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Dear Colleague,

Last year, you received an invitation to join us for the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress Bundestag Seminar of The Congressional Study Group on Germany originally planned for March. With the release of the 2017 legislative calendar, we have adjusted the dates of the Seminar to now take place during the Memorial Day recess week: **Tuesday, May 30 – Saturday, June 3, 2017, visiting Berlin and Hamburg.**

As co-chairs for **The Congressional Study Group on Germany (CSGG)**, a private, non-profit legislative exchange, we are pleased to invite you to join us for this Seminar. The Annual Seminar is the highlight of our programming and alternates between the United States and Germany, most recently in Ted's Florida district in March 2016.

The Seminar's roundtable sessions focus on a productive and lively conversations with a multi-partisan delegation of our counterparts from the German Federal Parliament. In addition to meetings with journalists, business leaders, and civil society representatives, previous agendas included conversations with Cabinet-level officials, including Chancellor Angela Merkel, who has consistently met with each Seminar delegation since 2007.

Our visit to Germany comes at a crucial moment. As the 115th Congress and 45th Presidential administration take office, Germany is preparing for their own federal elections this fall. We hope this timely delegation visit will strengthen ties across the Atlantic and serve to sustain the US-German relationship through these times of transition.

**Topics for the 2017 Seminar agenda** include the future of the EU after Brexit and mass migration; economic cooperation without T-TIP; prospects for the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, and the 2017 German federal elections; and securing the international liberal order (China, Russia, and the fight against terrorism).

As in previous years, the 2017 Seminar constitutes "privately-sponsored travel," and the CSGG will provide you with the requisite information for the Ethics Committee for approval. **Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis for a balanced delegation of approximately 6**

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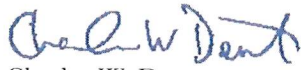


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We hope you will join us for the continuation of this vital transatlantic dialogue. If you are able to join us or have any questions, please contact Lorraine Harbison of The Congressional Study Group on Germany at 202-222-0972 Ext. 170 or [LHarbison@usafmc.org](mailto:LHarbison@usafmc.org).

Best wishes,



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