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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, 135 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: Kevin Yoder
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: Brooke Yoder or None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: Sun. August 6, 2017 Return: Fri. August 11, 2017
 b. Dates at personal expense: _____ or None
4. Departure city: district Destination: Berlin, Germany Return city: district
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): The Ripon Society & The Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): _____
See Attached Agenda
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: 

DATE: 8/17/17

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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): The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange
2. Travel Destination(s): Berlin, Germany
3. Date of Departure: Aug. 6, 2017 Date of Return: Aug. 11, 2017
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Kevin Yoder and Brooke Yoder
(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	\$4,990.29	\$838.84	462.15	\$ 126 Security MC paid for tours
Accompanying Relative	\$4,990.29		462.15	\$ 126 Security MC paid for tours

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: James K. Conzelman Title: President and CEO

Organization: The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange

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

Address: 1155 15th Street, NW Suite 550, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone number: 202-216-1008

Email Address: jconzelman@riponsociety.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

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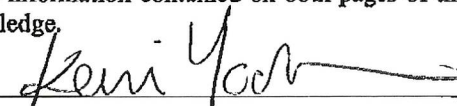
This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392, sent or delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth, or e-mailed to travel.requests@mail.house.gov.*

YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.

Name of Traveler: Representative Kevin Yoder

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

Signature: 

Name of signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member or committee: _____

Office address: 2433 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Telephone number: 202-225-2865

Email address of contact person: Cate.Duerst [REDACTED]@mail.house.gov

- Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

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Travel email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Representative Kevin Yoder
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center For Global Policy Exchange
3. Travel destination(s): Berlin, Germany
4. a. Date of departure Sun. Aug 6, 2017 Date of return: Fri. Aug 11, 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: Mrs. Brooke Yoder
(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 next page

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

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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): _____
The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange
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: _____
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 Attachment A
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of departure: Sunday, August 6, 2017 Date of return: Friday, August 11, 2017
7. a. City of departure: Member's District or Washington, DC
b. Destination(s): Berlin, Germany
c. City of return: Member's District or Washington, DC
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:
The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange are both interested in promoting trade and enhancing international relations between the United States and countries such as Germany. We will discuss various policy issues between our two countries leading up to the Federal elections in Germany. The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center will handle all arrangements for the conference.
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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: _____)
 c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
Busses will be for transportation in Berlin.
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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): _____
\$112.43 average per day.
 2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____
Germany is one of the US's closest and strongest allies, and plays a leadership role in the UN, NATO, the OECD, the G7 and G20, the OSCE and the WTO. Germany will host the G20 in July, and will hold Federal Elections On Sept 24. As a major power, relations with Germany are vital to the U.S.
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
 Hotel name: The Adlon Kempinski City: Berlin Cost per night: \$209.71**
 Reason(s) for selecting: Location, security, facilities, rates. ** could change with exchange rate
 Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____
 Reason(s) for selecting: _____
 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 Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$2800-9,500	\$838.84	\$449.72
For each accompanying relative	\$2800-9,500	\$0	\$449.72

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$118.73	Security per person
For each accompanying relative	\$118.71	Security per person

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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: James K. Conzelman

Name: James K. Conzelman

Title: President and CEO

Organization: The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange

Address: 1155 15th Street, NW Suite 550, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone number: 202-216-1008

Email address: jconzelman@riponsociety.org

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 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)

Question #8:

The Congressman will participate in panels that deal with energy, international taxation, cyber security and health policies, all topics that are at the forefront of the agenda laid out by the President that is in front of Congress. The Congressman has a deep interest in cyber security since he is the author of the Email Privacy Act which is the most co-sponsored bill in Congress. The Congressman is also very interested in the panel focusing on clean power and ways to provide lower cost energy for consumers locally. Perhaps most of all, the panels on how other nations are providing affordable, high-quality health care is of interest as Congress debates reforms to our American system. He is eager to engage with other Members of Congress and hear from the point of view of the speakers to better do his job representing the Kansas Third in Congress.

Susan W. Brooks, Indiana
Chairwoman
Theodore E. Deutch, Florida
Ranking Member



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The Honorable Kevin W. Yoder
U.S. House of Representatives
215 Cannon 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 spouse's proposed trip to Germany, scheduled for August 6 to 11, 2017, sponsored by the Ripon Society and the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange.

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 Kevin W. Yoder
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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



Theodore E. Deutch
Ranking Member

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TRANSATLANTIC CAPITAL TO CAPITAL EXCHANGE
BERLIN, GERMANY – AUGUST 7-11, 2017

Conference Agenda – Final

Monday, August 7, 2017

- Afternoon** **Flight arrives in Berlin**
- 5:30 pm** **Registration and Check-in at the Adlon Hotel, Berlin**
- Business Attire – Do Not Bring Cell Phones*
- 6:00 pm-6:30 pm** **Welcome to Berlin by Embassy Staff at U.S. Embassy – No Cell Phones**
Rep. Pat Tiberi leads discussion with Mr. Jeffrey M. Hovenier, Chargé d’Affaires, U.S. Embassy Berlin.
- 6:30 pm-8:30 pm** **Reception and Lite Dinner at the U.S. Embassy in Berlin. Remarks, thank you and gift presentation by Rep. Pat Tiberi to Mr. Jeffrey M. Hovenier, Chargé d’Affaires**
- Rep. Tiberi leads discussions with U.S. Embassy Officials and Staff concerning U.S.-German Relations in 2017 and Beyond**
- Mr. Mike Reinert – Minister-Counselor for Public Affairs
 - Ms. Evyenia Sidreas – Acting Minister-Counselor for Political Affairs
 - Ms. Laura Malenas – Acting Minister-Counselor for Economic Affairs
 - Ms. Diane Holcombe-Geddens – Acting Minister-Counselor for Consular Affairs
 - Colonel Terry Anderson – Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché
- 8:30 pm-12:00 am** **Briefings and Policy Discussion at Adlon Hotel**
Conference briefing by Chairman Dave Camp, Chairman, the Franklin Center for Rep. Tiberi
- Policy discussion on economic and financial issues with German officials**
- The discussion will be on the economic opportunities that might arise from promoting renewable energy sources; the reasons behind the significant German trade surplus and what Germany is doing to promote higher consumer spending; the future of the Euro; and the implications for Germany as “Brexit” proceeds forward and the UK leaves the EU
- The Honorable Pat Tiberi (R-OH)
 - Mr. Peter Fischer, Deputy General for Globalization at the German Foreign Ministry of Finance.
 - Dr. Christian Schleithoff, Head of Division, International Tax Policy, Federal Ministry of Finance

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

7:00 am-9:00 am **Breakfast at hotel in Ballsaal Ballroom**

Business Attire

9:15 am Gather in main lobby to walk to Axica for policy panels

9:30 am-11:00 am **Panel 1: The Importance of International Trade**

Coming off an electoral victory arguably fueled by the denouncement of free trade and globalization, the Trump Administration appears to be pivoting U.S. trade policy towards a more protectionist and “fair trade”-focused philosophy guided by the principle of “America First.” This panel will discuss this apparent policy shift, the important aspects of free trade, and how future bilateral agreements such as TTIP can benefit the U.S. and European economies. Given its strength in the EU, the talk will also touch on the role Germany may play in accomplishing the lofty goal of a Free Trade Agreement between the U.S. and EU, as well as what trade and trade agreements, whether free or fair, should resemble in order to achieve maximum benefits for all stakeholders

The Honorable Frank Lucas (R-OK)

The Honorable Bill Pascrell (D-NJ)

The Honorable Tom Reed (R-NY)

The Honorable Pat Meehan (R-PA)

The Honorable Kevin Yoder (R-KS)

Dr. Heinz Hetmeier – Director-General for Political Staff and Policy Planning, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy

Mr. Martin Biesel – Secretary General of the Westerwelle Foundation, former State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Honorable Pat Tiberi (R-OH), Moderator

11:00 am-12:00 pm **Breakout Session:**

The Future of Globalization and its Impact on Trade and Commerce

Each Member of Congress will lead a discussion at their table of 8-10 people to follow-up on the previous panel and on the broader ideological and practical issues of U.S. foreign policy and engagement during the Trump Administration

All U.S. Members of Congress lead discussions

12:15 pm-1:00 pm **Lunch with speaker: The Future of the EU Post-Brexit**

Dr. Daniela Schwarzer – Director of the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)

The Honorable Kevin Yoder (R-KS), introduction and gift presentation

Tuesday, August 8, 2017 – continued

1:00 pm-2:15 pm

Panel 2: Controlling Health Care Costs

A panel on what the U.S. can learn from Germany and the EU about improving patient outcomes, controlling costs, and increasing effectiveness of care as the U.S. Congress works to once again overhaul our nation's health care system. The conversation will also discuss rising concerns about the cost of prescription drugs and the role government could play in addressing regulation and the approval processes to potentially deliver savings to consumers:

The Honorable Pat Tiberi (R-OH)

The Honorable Bill Pascrell (D-NJ)

The Honorable Tim Murphy (R-PA)

The Honorable Larry Bucshon (R-IN)

Mr. Franz Knieps – Vorstand, BKK Dachverband

Dr. Gerd Kräh – Senior Director Government Affairs, Lilly
Deutschland GmbH

The Honorable Kathleen Rice (D-NY), Moderator

2:15 pm

Return on foot to hotel to prepare for visits

2:30 pm

Meet in hotel lobby for visits. Stasi HQ and Art of East Berlin at the East Side Gallery visits will take buses. Memorial to the Jews visitors will walk

Until 5:00 pm

Historian led visits to: Memorial to the Jews of Europe, the Art of East Berlin at the East Side Gallery or the former Stasi Headquarters

At a time of growing instability around the world, it is critical that America and other free nations stay united when confronted with oppressive regimes and other global threats. The visit to these historical sites is intended to serve as a reminder of how freedom can be overwhelmed by the forces of oppression, and why it is so important for the U.S. to remain vigilant in this regard

Casual Attire

6:30 pm

Gather in lobby of hotel to meet buses to depart for dinner at the Orangery

7:00 pm-9:30 pm

Member of Congress-led dinner roundtable discussions

Each Representative will lead a discussion on an assigned topic with a small group of conference participants seated at their table. The topics are related to the panel discussions being held throughout the conference and are based on the Representative's unique area of interest or expertise.

Rep. Bucshon – Global Engagement & Foreign Aid	Rep. Meehan – Global Engagement & Foreign Aid
Rep. Capuano – Controlling Health Care and Drug Costs	Rep. Murphy – Global Engagement & Foreign Aid
Rep. Curbelo – Controlling Health Care and Drug Costs	Rep. Reed – Global Engagement & Foreign Aid
Rep. Davis – Controlling Health Care and Drug Costs	Rep. Renacci – Global Engagement & Foreign Aid
Rep. Denham – Controlling Health Care and Drug Costs	Rep. Rice – Global Engagement & Foreign Aid
Rep. Dent – Controlling Health Care and Drug Costs	Rep. Pascrell – Global Engagement & Foreign Aid
Rep. Emmer – Global Engagement & Foreign Aid	Rep. Sessions – Controlling Health Care and Drug Costs
Rep. Kelly – Global Engagement & Foreign Aid	Rep. Tiberi – Global Engagement & Foreign Aid
Rep. Lucas – Global Engagement & Foreign Aid	Rep. Yoder – Global Engagement & Foreign Aid
Rep. Maloney – Controlling Health Care and Drug Costs	Ms. Briggs – Controlling Health Care and Drug Costs

9:45 pm-11:00 pm

After dinner coffee at hotel in the Lorenz Adlon Room

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

7:00 am-9:00 am Breakfast at Adlon Hotel in Ballsaal Ballroom

Casual Attire and Walking Shoes

8:50 am or 9:10 am Members of Congress and their spouses/guests and Participants gather in main lobby to bus to Potsdam for policy panels (see card in plastic pocket for your departure time)

10:00 am-11:00 am **Historian led visit to Schloss Cecilienhof**

Seventy-two years ago this summer, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Josef Stalin came together at the Schloss Cecilienhof to hold the Potsdam Conference. It would be the last meeting of the "Big Three" in World War II, where they would discuss the end of the conflict and what would come next. To the extent that America's global alliances are being reassessed today, the purpose of the visit to this historical site is to illustrate the importance of cooperative decision-making among nations, and how the decisions made by one generation can shape the world for years to come.

11:00 am-11:15 am Depart for the Dorint Hotel for policy panel sessions in Ballroom

11:30 am-12:30 pm **Panel 3: 21st Century Global Engagement and Foreign Aid**

A discussion in Potsdam examining the legacy of the Potsdam Conference which led to a divided Germany and Berlin and the Marshall Plan on the occasion of its 70th anniversary. The conversation will also be about the effectiveness of foreign aid and soft power today in the age of budget constraints and trending isolationism

The Honorable Charlie Dent (R-PA)

The Honorable Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY)

The Honorable Rodney Davis (R-IL)

Mr. Thomas Silberhorn, MdB – Parliamentary State Secretary,
Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and
Development

Dr. Almut Wieland-Karimi – Director, ZIF - Center for
International Peace Operations

Ambassador Connie Morella, Moderator

12:30 pm-1:30 pm **Lunch with speaker: A Preview of the German Elections**

Ms. Tina Hassel – Head and TV Editor-in-Chief of ARD-
Hauptstadtstudio Berlin

The Honorable Mike Dubke, introduction and gift presentation

1:30 pm-2:45 pm **Panel 4: Immigration & Refugees: Global Crises, Domestic Opportunities**

A conversation on the mass migration of people around the world including refugees; legal and illegal immigration; and visas and how the U.S., the EU, and Germany should approach these challenges and opportunities. The panel will also discuss protecting its citizens at home from terrorism which may have originated in other countries

The Honorable Jeff Denham (R-CA)

The Honorable Michael Capuano (D-MA)

The Honorable Carlos Curbelo (R-FL)

The Honorable Tom Emmer (R-MN)

Ms. Dagmar Freitag, MdB, Chairwoman of the German-US
Parliamentary Friendship Group

Ms. Astrid Ziebarth – Migration Fellow, Europe Program,
German Marshall Fund

The Honorable Pete Sessions (R-TX), Moderator

Wednesday, August 9, 2017 – continued

3:00 pm-5:00 pm **Historian led visits to Sanssouci, the historic residence of Frederick the Great, King of Prussia, and Neues Palais**

Among his many accomplishments, Frederick the Great was known for his military prowess and his effective creation of a government bureaucracy. He was also an inspiration for George Washington during the Revolutionary War. The purpose of this historical visit is to learn more about his life and better understand how the actions of one leader can impact millions and shape world events.

5:00 pm-6:00 pm All return via bus to the Adlon Hotel in Berlin

Business Casual Attire

7:15 pm **Gather in dinner groups inside Ballsaal Ballroom to depart on foot for restaurants around Berlin**

7:30 pm-9:30 pm **Member of Congress-led dinner roundtable discussions**

Each Representative will lead a discussion on an assigned topic with a small group of conference participants seated at their table. The topics are related to the panel discussions being held throughout the conference and are based on the Representative's unique area of interest or expertise.

Rep. Bucshon – Domestic and Worldwide Taxation	Rep. Meehan – Digital Privacy and Cybersecurity
Rep. Capuano – Digital Privacy and Cybersecurity	Rep. Murphy – Transportation and Infrastructure
Rep. Curbelo – Domestic and Worldwide Taxation	Rep. Reed – Domestic and Worldwide Taxation
Rep. Davis – Global Energy, Nuclear and Climate Change	Rep. Renacci – Transportation and Infrastructure
Rep. Denham – NATO and Global Military Readiness	Rep. Rice – Transportation and Infrastructure
Rep. Dent – Global Energy, Nuclear and Climate Change	Rep. Pascrell – Transportation and Infrastructure
Rep. Emmer – NATO and Global Military Readiness	Rep. Sessions – Transportation and Infrastructure
Rep. Kelly – Global Energy, Nuclear and Climate Change	Rep. Tiberi – Domestic and Worldwide Taxation
Rep. Lucas – Global Energy, Nuclear and Climate Change	Rep. Yoder – Digital Privacy and Cybersecurity
Rep. Maloney – Transportation and Infrastructure	Ms. Briggs – Domestic and Worldwide Taxation

9:30 pm **After dinner coffee at hotel in the Lorenz Adlon Room**

Thursday, August 10, 2017

7:00 am-8:00 am **Breakfast at hotel in Ballsaal Ballroom**

Business Attire – Bring your Passport to enter the Reichstag Building

7:45 am Members of Congress and their spouse/guests and Participants gather in main lobby to walk to the Reichstag building, home of the Bundestag, for policy panels in the Abgeordnetenrestaurant, the Members' restaurant

8:30 am-9:45 am **Panel 5: Global Energy, Nuclear, Clean Power and Climate Change**

A discussion on all facets of energy including U.S. and German – as well as global – production and consumption, with a focus on contrasting coal, clean power, and nuclear. The panel will also discuss Germany's experience and transitions from different power sources and its impact on the consumer marketplace, climate change, and the economy as a whole. The topic of the future of U.S. engagement in the Paris Agreement may also occur

The Honorable Tim Murphy (R-PA)

The Honorable Tom Reed (R-NY)

The Honorable Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY)

The Honorable Carlos Curbelo (R-FL)

Mr. Jochen Flasbarth – State Secretary, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building & Nuclear Safety

Dr. Camilla Bausch – Director, Ecologic Institute, Europe

The Honorable Larry Bucshon (R-IN), Moderator

9:45 am-10:45 am **Panel 6: Transportation & Infrastructure: Moving People, Energy, Data, and Goods Safely and Efficiently**

With infrastructure investment being a large priority of the Trump Administration and both parties in the U.S., this panel will discuss what the U.S. can learn about the famously-efficient German infrastructure such as the Autobahn and high-speed rail, while both countries are attempting to maintain the safety and effectiveness of their structures. The panel will also discuss putting in place proper regulation to encourage safety and economic growth, as well as necessary future maintenance investment

The Honorable Jeff Denham (R-CA)

The Honorable Michael Capuano (D-MA)

The Honorable Mike Kelly (R-PA)

The Honorable Rodney Davis (R-IL)

The Honorable Tom Emmer (R-MN)

Mr. Eckart von Klaeden – Vice President for External Affairs, Daimler AG, former Member of the German Bundestag

Mr. Dieter Michell-Auli – Chief Sales Officer, DB Engineering & Consulting (Deutsche Bahn)

The Honorable Frank Lucas (R-OK), Moderator

10:45 am **Break**

Thursday, August 10, 2017 – continued

11:00 am-12:15 pm Panel 7: Domestic and Worldwide Taxation

Comprehensive tax reform has been a top priority for many in the United States for years and the timing seems right for that effort to finally be fulfilled. The panel will discuss these ongoing discussions, including the potential for a border adjustment tax, and how industry can assist to finally complete this herculean task. Additionally, the panel will discuss balancing deficits with pro-growth policies as well as base-erosion provisions and other schemes to prevent corporate inversions

The Honorable Bill Pascrell (D-NJ)

The Honorable Jim Renacci (R-OH)

The Honorable Mike Kelly (R-PA)

The Honorable Pat Meehan (R-PA)

Dr. Christian Schleithoff, Head of Division, International Tax Policy, Federal Ministry of Finance

The Honorable Dave Camp, Moderator

12:30 pm-1:45 pm Lunch with speaker in Dachgartenrestaurant

The Future of U.S.-German Relations

A long-range view of our future bilateral relationship

Mr. Thomas Kleine-Brockhoff – Vice President, Director Europe Program, German Marshall Fund

Mr. John Hasselmann, Chairman, The Ripon Society, introduction and gift presentation

2:00 pm-3:00 pm Panel 8: NATO and the Future of Global Military Readiness

The panel will discuss the future of NATO, its place in the world and the role the U.S. will play in it during the Trump Administration. The conversation will also discuss funding of this important international organization including member countries commitments to fulfilling their defense spending per-GDP obligations. With continued concerns about Russia and its interference in Ukraine and with events like the U.S. elections, the conversation will also discuss NATO's role standing up to Putin as well as the possibility of a cyber-attack triggering Article 5. Direct investment military in the U.S., Germany and the EU will also be addressed

The Honorable Pete Sessions (R-TX)

The Honorable Kathleen Rice (D-NY)

The Honorable Charlie Dent (R-PA)

Mr. Jürgen Hardt, MdB – Coordinator of Transatlantic Cooperation, Federal Foreign Office

The Honorable Mike Dubke, Moderator

3:00 pm-6:00 pm Return to hotel, pack for departure and dress for dinner

Business or Cocktail Attire

6:30 pm Gather in lobby to bus to closing reception and dinner at the Deutsches Historisches Museum

6:45 pm-10:00 pm Closing Reception and Dinner

10:00 pm After dinner coffee in the Lorenz Adlon Room

Friday, August 11, 2017

7:00 am-9:00 am Breakfast at hotel in Ballsaal Ballroom

Morning Departures

End of TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange



**TRANSATLANTIC CAPITAL TO CAPITAL EXCHANGE
BERLIN, GERMANY – AUGUST 7-11, 2017**

April 27, 2017

The Honorable Kevin Yoder
U.S. House of Representatives
2433 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Yoder;

We are writing to invite you and Brooke to participate in the TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange that The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center are holding in **Berlin, Germany, August 7-11, 2017**. We plan on departing from the U.S. on Sunday, August 6th to arrive in Berlin on Monday morning, August 7th, and return to the U.S. on Friday, August 11th.

The purpose of this policy conference is to examine some of the key issues impacting the U.S.-German relationship. One of our main topics will be trade, particularly as it relates between the U.S. and EU countries. The conference will also feature panel discussions and keynote presentations on such topics as energy, international taxation, security and NATO, health policies, cybersecurity and transportation.

The conference keynote addresses and panel discussions will feature Members of Congress, German government officials, diplomats from the region, and policy experts from both business and academia. As a leader in U.S. legislative policy and a longtime proponent of keeping the United States engaged around the world, we would be honored to have you participate in these policy discussions as well.

You and Brooke will receive non-refundable roundtrip business class airfare from your Congressional District to Berlin, Germany, hotel accommodations, group meals and ground transportation. The TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange has been organized in accordance with all Ethics Committee guidelines.

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As we are still finalizing plans for the program, we will send you a final agenda in June. You are asked to be a speaker at one or more of the sessions. While your contributions to all sessions would be of great interest, we will work with your office to identify the specific topic(s) where you can help lead the discussion as a speaker.

Among the historic places you will visit include the German Bundestag (Parliament), the city of Potsdam for policy panels; where the Potsdam Conference was held in 1945, as well as the historic residence of Frederick the Great.

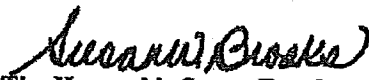
Once we receive your acceptance, we will provide the necessary documents you must submit to the House Ethics Committee. We can accommodate a 25 Member bipartisan delegation along with our other guests. It is our sincere hope that you will be able to participate in this event as well. We have limited capacity and must hear from you as soon as possible if you would like to participate, but no later than May 11th If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jim Conzelman at (202) 216-1008 or jconzelman@riponsociety.org.



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