



# U.S. House of Representatives COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## Member / Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form Original Amendment

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-81 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: David Trone
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: Oct 3rd Return: Oct 4th  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: 10/5-11. Paid for airfare to and from Spokane personally **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Spokane, WA Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): During the visit, I met with business and civic leaders, Spokane Mayor David Condon, and the workers and executives at private and public sector organizations, including Eastern Washington University. I have attached my schedule of events.
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** the *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 attached sponsor's agenda.  
**Signify statement is true by checking the box:**   
 b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.

Member / Officer Signature: 

Date: 10/14/19



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## Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form

Original  Amendment

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 ten 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: Bipartisan Policy Center

2. Travel Destination(s): Spokane, WA

3. Date of Departure: October 3, 2019 Date of Return: October 4, 2019

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): US Rep. David Trone

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 Question 4:

|                            | Total Transportation Expenses | Total Lodging Expenses | Total Meal Expenses | Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description) |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Traveler                   | N/A                           | N/A                    | \$40.05             | Rental car/fuel \$196.52                                      |
| Accompanying Family Member | N/A                           | N/A                    | N/A                 | N/A   |

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:  Date: 10-11-19

Name: Jason Grumet Title: President

Organization: Bipartisan Policy Center

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box:

Address: 1225 I Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington DC 20005

Telephone: 202-204-2400 Email: jgrumet@bipartisanpolicy.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: David Trone
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel :Spokane, WA
4. a. Date of Departure: 10/3/19 Date of Return: 10/4/19
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? [X] Yes [ ] No
If yes, list dates at personal expense: 10/5-11. Will pay for airfare personally
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? [ ] Yes [X] No If yes:
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member:
(2) Relationship to Traveler: [ ] Spouse [ ] Child [ ] Other (specify):
(3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age: [ ] Yes [ ] No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)? [ ] Yes [X] No
b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:
7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: [X] 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.
During the visit, I will speak with business and civic leaders, Spokane Mayor David Condon, and the workers and executives at private and public sector organizations, including Eastern Washington University. Doing so will help inform my legislative work on the Education and Labor Committee.
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip? [ ] Yes [X] 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.

Signature of Employing Member Date



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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 website (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: Bipartisan Policy Center
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: Square One Foundation
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): U.S. Rep. David Trone
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of Departure: October 2, 2019 Date of Return: October 4, 2019
7. a. City of departure: Spokane, WA  
b. Destination(s): Spokane, WA  
c. City of return: Spokane, WA
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - 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 only 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 you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities 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 only one of the following:**

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. Not Applicable. 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: \_\_\_\_\_)

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. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

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): \$60.00

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2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See addendum

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

Hotel Name: N/A City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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:



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### 18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

|  |   |  |                                     |
|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts                  | Total Transportation Expenses per Participant | Total Lodging Expenses per Participant | Total Meal Expenses per Participant |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates |   |  |                                     |
| For each Member, Officer, or Employee                    | 0.00  | 0.00                                   | \$100.00                            |
| For each Accompanying Family Member                      | N/A   | N/A                                    | N/A                                 |

|                                       |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
|                                       | 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 | \$180.00                                | Rental Car/Fuel, Misc. Parking   |
| For each Accompanying Family Member   | N/A                                     | N/A  |

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### 19. Check only one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below:  **OR**  
 b. *Not Applicable.* Trip 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 8/29/2019

Name: Jason Grumet

Title: President

Organization: Bipartisan Policy Center

Address: 1225 I Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone: (202) 218-6778

Email: jgrumet@bipartisanpolicy.org

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

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U.S. House of Representatives

1015 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515

Phone: 202-225-7103 General Fax: 202-225-7392

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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.

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1. I certify that (name of your organization): Square One Foundation  
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.  
 Yes  No
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: BiPartisan Policy Center
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: Priscilla Kersten

Name: Priscilla Kersten Title: President

Organization: Square One Foundation

Address: 701 West Erie Chicago, IL 60654

Telephone number: 312-666-5500 Email: kerstenpriscilla@gmail.com

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has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.  
 Yes  No
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: BiPartisan Policy Center
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: Priscilla Kersten

Name: Priscilla Kersten Title: President

Organization: Square One Foundation

Address: 701 West Erie Chicago, IL 60654

Telephone number: 312-666-5500 Email: kerstenpriscilla@gmail.com

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September 26, 2019

The Honorable David Trone  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1213 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 proposed trip to Spokane, Washington, scheduled for October 3 to 4, 2019, sponsored by the Bipartisan Policy Center, with financial support from the Square One Foundation. We note that you will not be accepting lodging or roundtrip airfare from the sponsor.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Theodore E. Deutch  
Chairman

Kenny Marchant  
Ranking Member

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# **American Congressional Exchange (Oct. 3-4, 2019)**

## **Rep. David Trone (D-MD-6) visiting Cathy McMorris Rogers (R-WA-5)**

### **Thur., Oct. 3**

**7:31 a.m.**

**Dep. SEA, DL #5732**

**8:42**

**Arr. GEG**

**8:50-9:15**

**Drive to Spokane City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.**

**9:15-10:00**

**Meet w/ Spokane Mayor David Condon City Hall**

**Contacts: Brandy Cote, Brooklyn Hodge**

Rep. Trone will meet with Spokane Mayor David Condon. A native of Spokane, Mayor Condon was first elected in 2011 and is nearing the end of a two-term limited tenure as Spokane chief-elected official. After a distinguished military career, he retired from the U.S. Army as a Captain and then after a brief period in small business, Condon served on the congressional staff of Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers.

The two members will focus their discussion with Mayor Condon on economic growth and job development, which have been top priorities for Mayor Condon. His program has included new business incentive programs, infrastructure improvements, and a business-friendly customer service model for the city that have all been implemented to help grow Spokane's job and development markets. Spokane's use of federal transportation and development grants will also be a topic, as well as the impact of Fairchild Air Force base on the local economy.

Rep. Trone's position on the Joint Economic Committee and Rep. McMorris Rodgers service on the Energy & Commerce Committee will inspire a productive dialogue about the relationship between the federal government and regional economies like Spokane.

**10:00-10:30**

**Drive to Accra-Fab, Inc.**

**10:30-11:45**

**Visit Accra-Fab, Inc. (fabricated parts and assemblies manufacturing), 23201 E Appleway Ave., Liberty Lake**

**Contact: Sara Ruff**

AccraFab, Inc. was founded in 1979 in Spokane Valley, Washington. As a manufacturer in what is labeled as the 'Inland Northwest', AccraFab has built and maintained a quality manufacturing business to provide innovative precision products and supply chain management solutions in markets which include aerospace, coffee equipment, telecommunications, test and measurement, and medical industries.

In 1999, Greg Konkol and Don Hemmer purchased the then employee owned business with each taking on the title of CEO in turn and running the day-to-day operations. Starting out as a precision sheet metal manufacturer, AccraFab has expanded over recent years to include; engineering and design, prototyping, contract manufacturing, finish and assembly.

The tour of the facility will feature designing, engineering, fabricating, welding, plating, hardware installation, painting, powder coating, silk screening and assembly.

Accra-Fab, Inc. supplies industries which are very much dependent on international export and so some of the discussion will be about U.S. trade and tariff policy which is under the jurisdiction of both the Foreign Affairs Committee (Rep. Trone) and the Energy & Commerce Committee (Rep. McMorris Rodgers). Also, the leadership of AccraFab, Inc. will focus on their workforce collaborations with other similar companies in the Spokane region through the Inland Northwest Aerospace Consortium. This kind of manufacturing cooperation has been a topic of the House Education and Labor Committee, where Rep. Trone serves.

**11:45-12:00 noon      Drive to Kaiser Aluminum, 15000 E. Euclid Ave., Spokane Valley**

**12:00-1:30 p.m.      Tour and working lunch, Kaiser Aluminum**  
Kyle England, Director, Human Resources & External Affairs

Kaiser Aluminum Corporation is a leading producer of semi-fabricated aluminum products. Kaiser is a publicly traded company that was originally founded in 1946 by Henry Kaiser after being purchased from the federal government where the facilities produced aluminum during World War II. The company makes products for the most demanding aerospace, automotive and industrial applications. They supply important components to other important companies in Washington State such as Boeing. Kaiser operates 12 production facilities across North America, including in Spokane. Kaiser's local rolling mill known as Trentwood produces plate and sheet for aerospace and general engineering applications, and its 11 extrusion/drawing facilities produce product for aerospace, custom automotive and industrial applications. Workers at the facility are unionized and represented by the United Steelworkers. A significant portion of their produces are also shipped internationally. This will be an opportunity to see a facility which has been important to the manufacturing base of the Spokane area. It relates to several current policy issues that are in the purview of the committees that both members serve on in the House. Representative McMorris Rogers's House Energy and Commerce Committee which oversees a broad range of issues related to energy supplies, manufacturing, trade and commerce. Representative Trone serves on the House Education and Labor Committee as well as the Joint Economic Committee. These two committees have jurisdiction over workforce issues as well as broad economic development matters. This site visit will include a working lunch.

**1:30-2:00              Drive to Hotstart**

**2:00-3:15              Hotstart visit (manufacturing of heating systems for energy, equipment, engines) (5723 E. Alki Ave., Spokane, WA); Tour led by – Terry Judge, Hotstart CEO**

HOTSTART, headquartered in Spokane, is a global provider of engine heating systems. The company, founded in 1942, has grown from a small, local manufacturer to a global company with offices around the world. With 230 employees—200 of which are in Spokane—and tens of millions of dollars in business every year, it represents an important part of the local economy and a significant source of employment. The company's products, sold all over the world, are used in the energy industry and for back-up power generators in a variety of commercial settings.

This visit is an opportunity to learn about an important, local manufacturing company in Washington's 5th Congressional District that is also a significant employer for the area. The visit will include a tour of manufacturing and engineering operations, opportunities to have discussions with employees, and a policy discussion with the company's executive leadership. Relevant to Representative McMorris Rogers's service on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, the company is significantly impacted by US energy and health care policies. Representative Trone serves on the House Education and Labor Committee as well as the Joint Economic Committee. These two committees have jurisdiction over workforce issues as well as broad economic development matters. The two members will have opportunities to learn about HOTSTART's profit-sharing with employees, as well as how the company is impacted by rising health insurance costs, and trade and tariff policy.

**3:15-3:30 Drive to Washington State University Health Sciences Spokane Academic Center, 412 E. Spokane Falls Blvd., Conference Rm. 501.**

**3:30-4:30 Visit WSU Health Sciences Spokane**

Meeting with Vice President and Chancellor Dr. Daryll DeWald, and Lars Gilbert, University District CEO. Presentation about Univ. of Washington School of Medicine's Regional Medical Education Program (WWAMI), a partnership between the University of Washington and Gonzaga University. While there, Rep. Trone will have the opportunity to meet with faculty, students and administrators. This visit will be especially valuable to Rep. Trone's work on the House Education and Labor Committee's Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment.

**4:30-4:50 Walking Tour of University District from atop Gateway Bridge**  
Lars Gilbert and Dr. Kimberly Morris. The two members will see and learn about the Catalyst and Hub Buildings, and the Gleason Institute.

**The Catalyst Building (601 E. Riverside)** will be the anchor building in a planned innovation hub. This dramatic five-story, 150,000-square-foot building will feature two wings around a light-filled collaborative atrium. Catalyst will host dry labs, offices, classrooms and common study areas.

The Catalyst design team has emphasized sustainability as a core value. Catalyst will feature the sustainable use of Cross Laminated Timber (CLT), a mass timber building material made of laminated wood panels, for major structural elements. The building will reduce its environmental footprint by focusing on materials and construction methods that reduce energy use and prolong the life of the building.

**The Hub Building (611 E. Sprague)** will house a central energy plant that will serve both buildings. A joint-venture between Avista and Avista Development/MCKinstry will be called the Eco District on the building's upper floors. Eastern Washington University will utilize both buildings for departments of computer science, electrical engineering, and visual communication design.

**Gleason Institute of Neurosciences (Spokane), 325 E. Sprague** The Institute is being established at the University of Washington in Spokane. The visit will afford Rep. Trone the

opportunity to tour the facility which is slated to open shortly, and meet with Institute leadership and researchers. The Institute is focused on easing the burden of neurodegenerative disease.

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The Steve Gleason Institute for Neuroscience will take an integrated approach to research and care with a Clinical Research and Care Unit and a Discovery Research Unit and provide Rep. Trone with an example of how these issues may be approached and managed in the future.

**4:50-5:00**                      **Walk to WSU Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine (ESFCOM) Virtual Clinic, 534 E. Spokane Falls Blvd.**

**5:00-5:45**                      **Meeting with Dr. DeWald and Dr. Morris**

Discussion about sustainable systems, efficient clinical education, sustainable Graduate Medical Education residencies.

The Virtual Clinical Center at the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine is the central point for all simulation-based training at the school. The center boasts 10 clinical exam rooms, two high-fidelity simulation suites, a classroom for skills-based instruction, a conference room to support video debriefing, and lab space for the creation of low-cost tissue models in-house. The curriculum supported by the Virtual Clinical Center encompasses all aspects and modalities of health care simulation. These include partial-task trainers for teaching basic physical exam or clinical procedural skills, manikin-based simulators to allow learners to experience the pressures of caring for a patient in an acute-care setting, standardized patient encounters for the development and assessment of humanistic and clinical reasoning skills, and computer-based virtual reality simulations for the purposes of exploring emergent technologies and their application in educating the physicians of tomorrow.

**5:45-5:55**                      **Walk to the McKinstry Spokane & Inland Empire Railroad (SIERR) Building, 850 E. Spokane Falls Blvd.**

**5:55-6:15**                      **Tour the SIERR Building and walk back to Orange Parking Lot.**

The Spokane & Inland Empire Railroad (SIERR Building) at McKinstry Station, built in 1907, was formerly a repair depot for the city's first electric railway system. Designated a national, historic landmark in 2010, through McKinstry's efforts, the SIERR Building survives as the largest, most intact example of an electric streetcar facility from its era. McKinstry converted this turn-of-the-century building into their innovative, energy efficient Regional Inland Northwest headquarters, complete with green office space and retail tenants. McKinstry resides in 30,000 sq. ft. of the 68,000 sq. ft. building.

The SIERR Building project delivers a world-class historic renovation that embodies thoughtful sustainable strategies and approaches, transforms a dilapidated building into a community

asset and establishes a clean tech hub for the Inland Northwest. This brick-walled facility on the shores of the Spokane River is a shining example of how sustainable renovation can integrate efficiency measures into historic buildings that preserve a connection to the past.

**6:15-6:30**                      **Drive to Barrister Winery Tasting Room, 203 N. Washington St., #100**  
**6:30-7:30**                      **Wine Tasting.**

**7:30-7:45**                      **Drive to The Historic Davenport Hotel, 10 South Post St., drop off**  
**Rep. Trone for check-in.**

### **Fri., Oct. 4**

**7:15 a.m.**                      **Pick-up Rep. Trone at Davenport Hotel**

**7:15-7:30**                      **Drive to KHQ T.V. station, 1201 W. Sprague Ave.**

**7:30-8:30**                      **Meeting w/ business/civic leaders at Greater Spokane, Inc.**

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With Rep. Trone's service on the Education and Labor Committee, there will be considerable discussion about GSI's Education and Talent program which has successfully created partnerships between business and education including the Education Grows Economies campaign to support the passage of 13 local K-12 public school districts bonds and levies, and the Teaching the Teachers and Business AfterSchool workshops engaging over 32 businesses, 200 business professionals, 260 educators, 30 parents and more than 5,800 students both directly and indirectly.

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- 8:30-9:05 a.m. Drive to Walter's Fruit Ranch, 9807 E. Day Rd., Mead**
- 9:05-9:30 Visit Walter's Fruit Ranch, Jason Morrell, owner**
- 9:30-9:35 Drive to Beck's Harvest House, 9919 E. Greenbluff Rd., Colbert**
- 9:35-10:00 Visit Beck's Harvest House, Todd & Kim Beck, owners**

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- 10:00-10:45 Travel to Kalispel Tribe in Usk**
- 10:45-12:00 noon Visit Kalispel Tribe, Camas Center for Community Wellness  
1821 LeClerc Rd., North, Cusick, Tribal office, 1981 LeClerc Rd.  
Contact: Afton Servas, Public Relations Coordinator**

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care challenges, which is of particular interest to the congressman, and economic opportunity -- given Rep. Trone's service on the Joint Economic Committee and the House Education and Labor Committee; specifically, the Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Resources has jurisdiction over the Native American Programs Act.

Meeting/tour will be led by Curt Holmes, Vice Chairman and Public & Government Affairs Executive Director and Luke Esser.

**12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. Drive back to Spokane, drop Rep. Trone at GEG.**



## **Addendum – Primary Trip Sponsor Form**

### **Item 4: *Representative David Trone:***

Congressman David Trone is a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, and its following subcommittees: Higher Education and Workforce Investment; Civil Rights and Human Services. He is also a member of the Joint Economic Committee.

Rep. Trone has expressed particular interest in the areas of economic opportunity, education and health (and particularly addiction issues). He represents Maryland's 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, which includes significantly rural areas as well as more densely populated suburbs. His visit to WA-5 will afford him the opportunity to experience a congressional district that includes Washington's second largest city, as well as rural areas. Issues important to both representatives and districts include health care, economic growth, and agriculture.

The visit will provide Rep. Trone, along with Rep. McMorris Rodgers, the chance to meet directly with civic leaders and economic drivers in Spokane as well as workers at local area employers. These stops will relate directly to Rep. Trone's service on Education and Labor and JEC. He will also be able to tour and meet with leadership, faculty and students at institutions of higher learning including programs focused on health and life sciences, which also relates to his work on Education and Labor. Finally, he will visit an agricultural site, and a Native American tribal community which relates to his service on the Civil Rights and Human Services Subcommittee that has jurisdiction over the Native American Programs Act.

### **Item 7 (b):**

#### **Thur., Oct. 3**

**8:00-9:00 a.m. Breakfast w/ business/civic leaders at Greater Spokane, Inc. (801 W Riverside Ave #100, Spokane)**

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**9:00-9:15**                      **Travel to Spokane City Hall**

**9:15-10:00**                    **Meet w/ Spokane Mayor David Condon City Hall (808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane)**

Rep. Trone and Rep. McMorris Rodgers will meet with Spokane Mayor David Condon. A native of Spokane, Mayor Condon was first elected in 2011 and is nearing the end of a two-term limited tenure as Spokane chief-elected official. After a distinguished military career, he retired from the U.S. Army as a Captain and then after a brief period in small business, Condon served on the congressional staff of Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers.

The two members will focus their discussion with Mayor Condon on economic growth and job development, which have been top priorities for Mayor Condon. His program has included new business incentive programs, infrastructure improvements, and a business-friendly customer service model for the city that have all been implemented to help grow Spokane's job and development markets. Spokane's use of federal transportation and development grants will also be a topic, as well as the impact of Fairchild Air Force base on the local economy. Rep. Trone's position on the Joint Economic Committee and Rep. McMorris Rodgers service on the Energy & Commerce Committee will inspire a productive dialogue about the relationship between the federal government and regional economies like Spokane.

**10:00-10:30**                    **Travel to Accra-Fab, Inc.**

**10:30-11:45**                    **Visit Accra-Fab, Inc. (fabricated parts and assemblies manufacturing), (23201 E Appleway Ave Liberty Lake)**

AccraFab, Inc. was founded in 1979 in Spokane Valley, Washington. As a manufacturer in what is labeled as the 'Inland Northwest', AccraFab has built and maintained a quality manufacturing business to provide innovative precision products and supply chain management solutions in markets which include aerospace, coffee equipment, telecommunications, test and measurement, and medical industries.

In 1999, Greg Konkol and Don Hemmer purchased the then employee owned business with each taking on the title of CEO in turn and running the day-to-day operations. Starting out as a precision sheet metal manufacturer, AccraFab has expanded over recent years to include; engineering and design, prototyping, contract manufacturing, finish and assembly.

The tour of the facility will feature designing, engineering, fabricating, welding, plating, hardware installation, painting, powder coating, silk screening and assembly.

Accra-Fab, Inc. supplies industries which are very much dependent on international export and so some of the discussion will be about U.S. trade and tariff policy which is under the jurisdiction of both the Foreign Affairs Committee (Rep. Trone) and the Energy & Commerce Committee (Rep. McMorris Rodgers). Also, the leadership of AccraFab, Inc. will focus on their workforce collaborations with other similar companies in the Spokane region through the Inland Northwest Aerospace Consortium. This kind of manufacturing cooperation has been a topic of the House Education and Labor Committee, where Rep. Trone serves.

**11:45-12:00 noon      Travel to Kaiser Aluminum**

**12:00 noon-1:30 p.m.      Tour and working lunch, Kaiser Aluminum (Spokane Valley)**

Kaiser Aluminum Corporation is a leading producer of semi-fabricated aluminum products. Kaiser is a publicly traded company that was originally founded in 1946 by Henry Kaiser after being purchased from the federal government where the facilities produced aluminum during World War II. The company makes products for the most demanding aerospace, automotive and industrial applications. They supply important components to other important companies in Washington State such as Boeing. Kaiser operates 12 production facilities across North America, including in Spokane. Kaiser's local rolling mill known as Trentwood produces plate and sheet for aerospace and general engineering applications, and its 11 extrusion/drawing facilities produce product for aerospace, custom automotive and industrial applications. Workers at the facility are unionized and represented by the United Steelworkers. A significant portion of their produces are also shipped internationally.

This will be an opportunity to see a facility which has been important to the manufacturing base of the Spokane area. It relates to several current policy issues that are in the purview of the committees that both members serve on in the House. Representative McMorris Rogers's House Energy and Commerce Committee which oversees a broad range of issues related to energy supplies, manufacturing, trade and commerce. Representative Trone serves on the House Education and Labor Committee as well as the Joint Economic Committee. These two committees have jurisdiction over workforce issues as well as broad economic development matters. This site visit will include a working lunch.

**1:30-2:00                      Travel to Hotstart**

**2:00-3:15**

**Hotstart visit (manufacturing of heating systems for energy, equipment, engines) (5723 E. Alki Ave., Spokane, WA); Tour led by -- Terry Judge, Hotstart CEO**

HOTSTART, headquartered in Spokane, is a global provider of engine heating systems. The company, founded in 1942, has grown from a small, local manufacturer to a global company with offices around the world. With 230 employees—200 of which are in Spokane—and tens of millions of dollars in business every year, it represents an important part of the local economy and a significant source of employment. The company's products, sold all over the world, are used in the energy industry and for back-up power generators in a variety of commercial settings.

This visit is an opportunity to learn about an important, local manufacturing company in Washington's 5th Congressional District that is also a significant employer for the area. The visit will include a tour of manufacturing and engineering operations, opportunities to have discussions with employees, and a policy discussion with the company's executive leadership. Relevant to Representative McMorris Rogers's service on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, the company is significantly impacted by US energy and health care policies. Representative Trone serves on the House Education and Labor Committee as well as the Joint Economic Committee. These two committees have jurisdiction over workforce issues as well as broad economic development matters. The two members will have opportunities to learn about HOTSTART's profit-sharing with employees, as well as how the company is impacted by rising health insurance costs, and trade and tariff policy.

**3:15-3:30**

**Travel to Eastern Washington University (Spokane campus)**

**3:30—4:45**

**Visit Eastern Washington University (Spokane)**

Eastern Washington University is a public university. Its mission is to enhance access to higher education in the Inland Northwest and beyond by recruiting and supporting traditional college-bound students, non-traditional students, and those from underserved populations; deliver high-quality academic programs; deliver a high-quality co-curriculum designed to develop the intellectual, cultural, personal and practical aspects of students' lives; and promoting student success by supporting student engagement and timely degree completion.

EWU's vision is to be a driving force for the culture, economy, workforce, and vitality of Washington state, and to have graduates think critically and make meaningful contributions to both their career fields and their communities. EWU seeks to make significant contributions to the economic and social vitality of the region, and claims the best value for higher education in the state.

While there, Rep. Trone will have the opportunity to meet with faculty, students and administrators. This visit will be especially valuable to Rep. Trone's work on the House Education and Labor Committee's Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment.

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1:00 p.m., arrive back in Spokane

**Item 12: *Bipartisan Policy Center:*** The Bipartisan Policy Center is a non-profit organization that combines the best ideas from both parties to promote health, security, and opportunity for all Americans. BPC drives principled and politically viable policy solutions through the power of rigorous analysis and painstaking negotiation.

As a Washington, D.C.-based think tank that actively promotes bipartisanship, BPC works to address the key challenges facing the nation. Our policy solutions are the product of informed deliberations by former elected and appointed officials, business and labor leaders, and academics and advocates who represent both ends of the political spectrum. We are currently focused on such issues as health, energy, national security, the economy, financial regulatory reform, housing, immigration, infrastructure, and governance.

While a healthy, civil debate among those with differing viewpoints is an essential component of our democracy, the current partisan tone in government is impeding progress. BPC is focused on how to overcome political divides and help make our government work better.

Regardless of deep policy disagreements, Congress must operate with mutual respect, decency, and civility which are foundational to forging collaborative solutions. While there are disparities and regional differences, as elected officials, members of Congress all have a responsibility to address challenges confronting their constituents and the nation, as well as strengthen the institution itself.

The American Congressional Exchange (ACE) Program is a systematic approach to building better relationships and bipartisanship in Congress. ACE is focused on members of the U.S. House of Representatives and is built upon three precepts:

- To develop trust, Members of Congress must listen to one another to understand what it is that motivates them and concerns them.
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- A shared experience based on close interaction can be what brings Members of Congress together to take action on behalf of the American people.

The central goal of ACE is to build connections and trust, which will create conditions for intentional negotiation and compromise on issues of importance to the participants' constituencies as well as the nation. The trips will increase mutual understandings, and further collaboration on policy matters and legislation. Additionally, as a result, Congress will operate more effectively. BPC representative will accompany traveler on the trip to provide logistics and coordinate functioning of meetings, events, and site visits.

**Square One Foundation (Grantmaking Trip Sponsor):** Square One is a Chicago-based foundation focused on economic development, education, and Congressional reform issues. It takes a specific interest in finding ways for Members of Congress to engage in bipartisan activities. Square One will play no role in organizing or conducting the trip.

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As referenced above, in WA-5, Rep. Trone will gain valuable insights into a variety of topics relevant to his committees and priorities in Congress representing Maryland's 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

Rep. Trone will have the opportunity to meet with civic and business leaders (including the mayor of Spokane) to discuss and learn about their efforts and strategies for economic growth and ensuring the welfare of their citizens. Rep. Trone represents both suburban and urban areas, as well as rural areas, which is not unlike WA-5. He will be able to experience what is working in Spokane, as well as travelling to an agricultural site at Green Bluff farms, which is valuable as agriculture is also important to MD-6. He will also be able to meet with employees at local businesses which is significant for his efforts on the House Education and Labor Committee.

His visit to the Kalispel Tribe will relate to his service on the Civil Rights and Human Services Subcommittee that has jurisdiction over the Native American Programs Act. Rep. Trone's touring of educational institutions such as Eastern Washington University and Washington State University's new Gleason Institute will also be of benefit to Rep. Trone's work on the House Education and Labor Committee.