## Member / Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form

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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.

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NO	TE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.
1.	Name of Traveler: Congresswoman Julia Brownley
2.	a. Name of Accompanying Relative:
	b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Other (specify):
3.	a. Dates: Departure: October 12, 2019 Return: October 15, 2019
	b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any:OR None 🗸
4.	Departure City: Los Angeles, CA Destination: Aspen, CO Return City: Washington, DC
5.	Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip:  The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)
6.	Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Policy Scenario Discussion:
	Computer Modeling of Policy Scenarios; Roundtable Discussion: Meeting the Growing Demand for Electricity
	With Sound, Practical, Affordable Policies; Roundtable Discussion: The Changing Role of Cars in American Life &
	Implications for Energy Needs; Foster Tech Innovations to Meet America's Energy Challenges; Working Dinners
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.  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:
det was app	ertify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have ermined that all of the expenses on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form were necessary and that the travel in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the bearance that I am using public office for private gair.  The provided Heaville State of the best of my knowledge. I have ermined that all of the expenses on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form were necessary and that the travel of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the bearance that I am using public office for private gair.  Date: October 28, 2019

# **Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form**

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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

		lations. Failure to comply v nt traveler to disciplinary a			future requests to sponsor trips
NOT	E: Willful or knowin	g misrepresentations on th	is form may be subject to	criminal prosecution pu	ursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.
1.	Sponsor(s) who pa	id for the trip: The Aspe	en Institute, Inc. (Con	gressional Program)	·
		Aspon Colorado			
		(s): Aspen, Colorado		October 15	2040
				Return: October 15,	2019
	, ,	er(s): Rep. Julia Brownle			
		more than one traveler			
5.	Actual amount of	expenses paid on behalf			
		Total Transportation	Total Lodging	Total Meal	Total Other Expenses
		Expenses	Expenses	Expenses	(dollar amount per item and description
	Traveler	\$1,525	\$525	\$210	\$340 (Aspen airport transfers, meeting space, AV, breakfast & lunch)
	Accompanying Family Member				
	statement is true by	ected to the trip were for y checking box:		8	lump sum payment. Signify
	nature:	Tan Jelik	_		stober 25, 2019
Nan	ne: Dan Glickman			Title: Vic	ce President
Org	anization: The As	pen Institute, Inc.			
I an	an officer of the a	bove-named organization	on. Signify statement	is true by checking box	r: 🗸
Add	ress: 2300 N Stre	et, NW, Suite 700, Wash	nington, DC 20037		·
Tele	phone: 202-736-58	359 (Lisa Jones)		Email: lisa.jor	nes@aspeninst.org
	Committe	ee staff may contact the	ahove-named individ	ual if additional infor-	mation is required

ct 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.

# TRAVELER FORM

1.	Name of Traveler: Julia Brownley
2.	Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)
3.	Travel Destination(s): Aspen, Colorado
4.	a. Date of Departure: October 12, 2019 Date of Return: October, 15, 2019
	b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?   Yes   No
	If yes, list dates at personal expense:
5.	a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense?   Yes  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 <i>Primary Trip Sponsor Form</i> (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?   Yes  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:   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.
	As a member of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee and the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, this
	trip will inform my duties as a Member of Congress, focusing on a new energy economy. Specifically, the issues of jobs,
	climate, and American prosperity.
9.	Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?   Yes  No
10	). For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:
	ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL
di tr ar	nereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my rect supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described avel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the opearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.  Date 9/9/2019
Si	gnature of Employing Member Date 9/9/2019

## **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: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)
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.	<ul> <li>Check only one. I represent that:</li> <li>a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip:  <ul> <li>OR</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	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 attached list
5.	Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?   Yes  No
6.	Date of Departure: October 12, 2019 Date of Return: October 15, 2019
7.	a. City of departure: Washington, DC or the district
	b. Destination(s): Aspen, Colorado
	c. City of return: Washington, DC or the district
8.	<ul> <li>Check only one. I represent that:</li> <li>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</li> </ul>
	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 <i>and</i> lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was <i>de minimis</i> 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:

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). <i>Indicate agenda is attached by checking box:</i>
11.	<ul> <li>Check only one of the following:</li> <li>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</li> </ul>
	b. <i>Not Applicable</i> . Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education:
12.	For <i>each</i> sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip <i>and</i> its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
	Aspen Institute's Congressional Program (AICP) provides non-partisan educational forums for members of Congress on public policy issues. AICP has organized and will conduct the conference and has selected and invited the attendees. The foundations listed in question 3C provide grant funding to AICP generally, they do not play a role in organizing or conducting the conference.
13.	Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if neccessary:
	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:
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.	<ul> <li>Check only one. I represent that either:</li> <li>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</li> </ul>
	b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically <i>with regard</i> to congressional participation: If "b" is checked:
	1) Detail the cost <i>per day</i> of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$70
	2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The Aspen Institute owns a conference center
	in Aspen, Colorado that provides secure meeting facilities and required conference services.
16.	Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
	Hotel Name: Aspen Meadows City: Aspen, Colorado Cost Per Night: \$175
	Reason(s) for Selecting: Private meeting space; conference technology; security; all key factors
	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
L/.	payment. Signify that the statement is true by checking hav.

18.	<b>Total</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	for each	Participant:
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☐ Actual Amounts ☐ Good Faith Estimates	_	0 0 1	Total <b>Meal</b> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$1,050	\$525	\$210
For each Accompanying Family Member			1

	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	\$340	Conf. services of Aspen airport transfers, meeting space, audio/visual services, breakfast and lunch
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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19.	Chec	k	on	lv	one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below: I 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.

an blukman Date: (Updated post conf; Oct. 25) Signature: \_\_\_ Dan Glickman Name: Vice President, Aspen Institute; Executive Director, Congressional Program

Title:

The Aspen Institute, Inc Organization: \_

2300 N St NW Ste 700 Washington, DC 20037 Address:

Telephone: (202) 736-5859 (Lisa Jones)

Email: \_\_\_\_

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

#### Committee on Ethics

U.S. House of Representatives

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

#### **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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l certify that (name of your organization): The Henry Luce Foundation					
	has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service. 🗹 Yes 🔲 No				
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Co	ongressional Program)				
3. I certify that my organization (check and complete a or b):					
a. Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-nan review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the fu gift, or donation. OR	ned Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or unds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant,				
b. 🗖 Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or cor	nducting of a trip to				
Destination:	on Date:				
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named	l Primary Trip Sponsor.				
4. Check only one:					
<ul> <li>a.  My organization does not employ or retain a registered to</li> <li>b.  My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or organizing, or arranging the trip was de minimis under</li> </ul>	r foreign agent, but their involvement in planning,				
5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign ag	gent for any sponsor of this trip. 🗹				
<ol> <li>I certify by my signature that the information contained in this best of my knowledge.</li> </ol>					
Signature: The Mare Volle	Date: 7/24/2019				
Signature: Try Marc. Vollander Volkman	Secretary & Policy Initiative				
Organization: The Henry Luce Foundation					
Address: 51 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10010					
Telephone: 212-489-7700	Email: tvolkman@hluce.org				
If there are any questions regarding this form, please con	ntact the Committee at the following address:				

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	Total (manie of jour organization).
	I certify that (name of your organization): Rockefeller Brothers Fund  has been designated a \$ 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service. Yes No
2.	Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)
3.	I certify that my organization (check and complete a or b):
	a. 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 only one:
	<ul> <li>a.  My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent OR</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
5.	I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. 🗹
5.	I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the
Sig	best of my knowledge.  nature:
Na	me: Stephen Heintz Title: President
Or	ganization: Rockefeller Brothers Fund
Ad	dress: 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115
	ephone: 212-812-4214 Email: sheintz@rbf.org
	If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee at the following address:

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1.	I certify that (name of your organization):
	has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.
2.	Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)
3.	I certify that my organization (check and complete a or b):
	a. 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 only one:
	<ul> <li>a.  My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent OR</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
5.	I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. 🗹
	I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge
Sig	Date: July 19, 2019
Na	me: Joe Goldman Title: President
Or	ganization: Democracy Fund
Ad	dress: 1200 17th Street, NW Suite #300 Washington, DC 20036
Tel	ephone: 202-420-7900 Email: jgoldman@democracyfund.org
	If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee at the following address:

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October 3, 2019

The Honorable Julia Brownley U.S. House of Representatives 2262 Rayburn 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 Aspen, Colorado, scheduled for October 12 to 15, 2019, sponsored by Aspen Institute, Inc., with financial support from Henry Luce Foundation, and Rockefeller Brothers Fund, and Democracy Fund.

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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Answer to Question 4 - House Ethics Primary Trip Sponsor Form (updated Sept. 16))

Aspen Institute – Aspen, Colorado Conference -October 12-15, 2019

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.

Below are the members invited to participate in the conference. Members invited either have direct committee jurisdiction and/or a focus and interest on the conference topic.

- 1. Rep. Jodey Arrington, Texas, Committee on Ways and Means
- 2. Rep. Julia Brownley, California, Select Committee on the Climate Crisis
- 3. Rep. Salud Carbajal, California, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
- 4. Rep. Kathy Castor, Florida, Select Committee on the Climate Crisis
- 5. Rep. Judy Chu, California, Committee on Ways and Means
- 6. Rep. Jason Crow, Colorado, Committee on Armed Services
- 7. Rep. Joe Cunningham, South Carolina, Committee on Natural Resources
- 8. Rep. John Curtis, Utah, Committee on Natural Resources
- 9. Rep. Diana DeGette, CO, Committee on Energy and Commerce
- 10. Rep. Garrett Graves, Louisiana, Committee on Natural Resources
- 11. Rep. Morgan Griffith, Virginia, Committee on Energy and Commerce
- 12. Rep. Jim Himes, Connecticut, Committee on Financial Services
- 13. Rep. Dusty Johnson, South Dakota, Committee on Agriculture
- 14. Rep. Robin Kelly, Illinois, Committee on Energy and Commerce
- 15. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi, Illinois, Committee on Oversight and Reform
- 16. Rep. Ann Kuster, New Hampshire, Committee on Energy and Commerce
- 17. Rep. Billy Long, Missouri, Committee on Energy and Commerce
- 18. Rep. Conor Lamb, Pennsylvania, Committee on Science, Space and Technology
- 19. Rep. Stephen Lynch, Massachusetts, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
- 20. Rep. Donald McEachin, Virginia, Committee on Energy and Commerce
- 21. Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Washington, Committee on Energy and Commerce
- 22. Rep. Joe Neguse, Colorado, Committee on Natural Resources
- 23. Rep. Chellie Pingree, Maine, Committee on Appropriations
- 24. Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester, Delaware, Committee on Energy and Commerce
- 25. Rep. Harley Rouda, California, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
- 26. Rep. Jackie Speier, California, Committee on Oversight and Reform
- 27. Rep. Greg Stanton, Arizona, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
- 28. Rep. Greg Steube, Florida, Committee on Oversight and Reform
- 29. Rep. Scott Tipton, Colorado, Committee on Financial Services
- 30. Rep. Dina Titus, Nevada, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
- 31. Rep. David Trone, Maryland, Committee on Education and Labor
- 32. Rep. Fred Upton, Michigan, Committee on Energy and Commerce
- 33. Rep. John Yarmuth, Kentucky, Committee on Budget

# INNOVATING A NEW ENERGY ECONOMY: BENEFITS FOR JOBS, CLIMATE, AND AMERICAN PROSPERITY

The Aspen Institute Congressional Program
October 12-15, 2019
Aspen, Colorado

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Participants arrive mid-morning to early afternoon

Rep. Julia Brownley departs Los Angeles at 8:10 am on United Airlines 5895 and arrives in Aspen, Colorado, at 11:24 am

#### 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

#### COMPUTER MODELING OF POLICY SCENARIOS

Policy Scenario Discussion

Both nongovernmental organizations *Climate Interactive* and *Energy Innovation* offer interactive, computer-based ways to test the impact of various policies by modelling assumptions over time. Founders of both models will demonstrate their capability to provide insights into the impact of various strategies that may be employed.

Hal Harvey, CEO, Energy Innovation Andrew Jones, Co-Director, Climate Interactive

#### 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Pre-dinner Remarks

# MEETING U.S. ENERGY GOALS OF AFFORDABILITY, RELIABILITY & THE ENVIRONMENT

Minnesota-based Xcel Energy, which operates in eight states and is Colorado's largest power supplier, has set out an ambitious corporate plan to produce 100% carbon-free electricity by 2050. Their plans include the country's largest multi-state wind plan with 12 new, low-cost wind farms in seven states; retiring two coal plants in Colorado and adding significant wind and solar capacity as well as large-scale battery storage; retiring 23 coal units over a span of 22 years, which currently represents 50% of its coal-fueled capacity, and a role for nuclear energy as well. Xcel concedes that reaching its goal may require technologies that are not yet commercially available.

Ben Fowke, Chairman of the Board, XCEL Energy

7:00 PM — 9:00 PM Working Dinner Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Discussion will focus on the opportunities and challenges in the transition to a clean energy economy.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:30 AM - 8:45 AM

Breakfast is available

9:00 AM - 10:45 AM Roundtable Discussion

THE TRANSITION TO THE ELECTRIC CENTURY IS UNDERWAY
Even though U.S. oil production has doubled in the last 20 years, renewables continue to provide a growing share of America's energy supply. The pace of technological change, the economies of scale driving down the costs of renewables, and pressures to act in regard to climate change all contribute to an energy.

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Hal Harvey, CEO, Energy Innovation

10:45 AM - 12:30 PM Roundtable Discussion

FOSTERING TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS TO MEET AMERICA'S ENERGY CHALLENGES: PROSPECTS FOR OIL, COAL, GAS, NUCLEAR, SOLAR, WIND & ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Our energy options depend on our technology: A diverse menu of technologies provides a rich menu of choices of energy for transportation, electricity, home heating, and industry. Technological development depends on a complex mixture of market demand, public policy, government and private research & development (R&D), and innovation ecosystems.

- How have today's energy technologies been impacted by public policy—including, e.g., directional drilling, fracking, nuclear power, solar, and wind?
- What are the best practices for federal energy R&D? Can federal policy incentivize privately funded research?
- Will technology provide a gateway for the fossil fuel industry's future through carbon sequestration?
- Is greater use of natural gas a long term trend to serve U.S. energy needs? If so, do policies promote this?
- Is there a need for government regulation to promote better energy efficiency, or are market factors sufficient?
- Is there a need for a strong federal building code to promote energy efficient buildings?
- Why is nuclear power on the decline in the U.S.?

**Arun Majumdar**, Director, Precourt Institute for Energy, Stanford University

# **12:30 PM – 1:15 PM** *Working Lunch*

Discussion continues between members of Congress and scholars regarding grid modernization and technological innovations and their implications for energy security and reliability.

### 1:15 PM - 3:00 PM Roundtable Discussion

# MEETING THE GROWING DEMAND FOR ELECTRICITY WITH SOUND, PRACTICAL, AFFORDABLE POLICIES

Energy tax preferences tend to favor the upper class who can afford initial capital outlays. Energy costs typically are a higher burden for lower income families who often have older homes and appliances, inefficient cars, and less access to renewable energy sources. Government and private industry alike play a vital role in the design of our future energy system, including regulating utility rates and the cost of electricity as technologies change and demand rises.

- To what extent are energy efficient technologies affordable and accessible to the public?
- Are financial incentives or policy mandates more effective for promoting innovation and low-carbon investments?
- To what degree are tax credits and financing mechanisms motivating factors for "clean" energy projects?
- Is variable surge pricing throughout the day, tied to demand-load pressures, an effective incentive for consumers to reduce their electrical consumption?
- How do technology prices differ in character from commodity prices? What are the implications of recent price trends?
- In a low carbon future, how can reliable baseload power be insured?

Jason Bordoff, Director, Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University Jay Faison, Founder, ClearPath

# 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Policy Scenario Discussion

#### **COMPUTER MODELING OF POLICY SCENARIOS**

Both nongovernmental organizations *Climate Interactive* and *Energy Innovation* offer interactive, computer-based ways to test the impact of various policies by modelling assumptions over time. Founders of both models will demonstrate their capability to provide insights into the impact of various strategies that may be employed.

Hal Harvey, CEO, Energy Innovation Andrew Jones, Co-Director, Climate Interactive 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM Working Dinner Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Discussion will focus on the opportunities, challenges, and potential solutions regarding electricity in America's energy future.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:30 AM - 8:45 AM

Breakfast is available

9:00 AM - 10:45 AM Roundtable Discussion

# THE CHANGING ROLE OF CARS IN AMERICAN LIFE & IMPLICATIONS FOR ENERGY NEEDS

In 2017, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the transportation sector surpassed the power sector for the first time in over 40 years. With four million hybrids and over half a million plug-in electric cars on American roads today, changes in vehicle fleets and transportation needs are already underway. The changing roles of cars ahead—with widespread ride-sharing and potential autonomous vehicles displacing traditional drivers—could have dramatic impacts on historical driving patterns and energy use.

- As the average age of vehicles on the road continues to increase, how are companies and government policies adapting?
- How crucial is development of better battery storage power to a successful Electric Vehicle (EV) evolution, and does this have promise?
- Is a charging infrastructure for electric cars a public or private responsibility, and what are the implications on the power sector?
- Do road building standards need to be changed for automated vehicles?
- Will the administration's plan to rollback fuel efficiency standards, now at an average of 37 mpg compared to the previous goal of 54 mpg, divide the American auto market with 13 different states having different standards?
- What are the implications of the effort by the federal government to abolish California's stricter auto emissions standards?

Rohan Patel, Director, Policy and Business Development,

Tesla Motors

Bob Holycross, Global Director, Sustainability,

Homologation & Compliance, Ford Motor Company

#### 10:45 AM - 12:30 PM

Roundtable Discussion

# INFRASTRUCTURE FOR AMERICA'S CHANGING TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

Infrastructure investment is a perennial topic of bipartisan interest in policy debates. The American Society of Civil Engineers rates the domestic energy infrastructure a "D+" because of its age, bottlenecks and vulnerability to disruption. Analysts are forecasting the "three revolutions (3Rs)" ahead in transportation: electrification, automation, and sharing. How does the U.S. most efficiently design the infrastructure needs to meet these upcoming revolutionary changes?

- Are government incentives for vehicle electrification necessary?
- Will the gas tax become an outdated method of infrastructure financing?
- Is government research to improve battery storage necessary?
- What role does government have in car-sharing?
- How can a widespread national charging infrastructure materialize?
- Will parking garages become obsolete?
- What will the impact of the 3Rs be on the insurance industry, and how will they impact consumers?

Beth Osborne, Director, Transportation for America

**12:30 PM - 1:15 PM** *Working Lunch* 

Discussion continues between members of Congress and scholars regarding the challenges of transportation in America's energy future.

#### 1:15 PM - 3:00 PM Roundtable Discussion

#### **IMPLICATIONS FOR AMERICAN JOBS**

Employment data indicates that slightly more than 50% of Americans who work in the energy sector (3.5 million) contribute to a low emissions economy. On an economy-wide scale, jobs in transportation, industry and manufacturing, infrastructure, and energy will all be influenced by the new energy economy.

- How can the renewable energy industry learn from the boom and bust oil and gas economy to promote longterm job growth throughout the transition and beyond?
- What are the opportunities in adapting infrastructure and transitioning to a clean energy economy for American jobs and prosperity?
- Do displaced workers from conventional fuels jobs need federal support to learn new workforce skills?

Kevin Knobloch, President, New York OceanGrid, former Chief of Staff for Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz

#### 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Pre-dinner Remarks

#### **ENERGY LESSONS FROM THE STATES**

States are increasingly taking actions toward a low-carbon future, whether for environmental, employment, resilience, community impact, or other reasons. States are looking to manage their own energy futures, considering clean energy goals, and evaluating the fate of existing infrastructure.

For example, Wyoming—while a major producer of coal, natural gas, and crude oil—is the site of the country's largest planned wind farm, a \$5 billion project of up to 1,000 turbines (enough electricity for a million homes). Colorado has a goal of producing 100 percent of its power from renewable sources by 2040. Western states are cooperating on developing a system for fast charging EVs. The governors of Wyoming and Colorado will elaborate on these plans and more which may have applicable lessons for federal lawmakers.

Mark Gordon, Governor of Wyoming Jared Polis, Governor of Colorado

**7:30 PM – 9:00 PM** *Working Dinner* 

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## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

**All Participants Depart** 

Rep. Julia Brownley departs Aspen, Colorado at 7:35 am on United 5961 and arrive in Washington, DC at 2:57 pm on United 712.



Dan Glickman

Executive Director

Congressional Program

The Honorable Julia Brownley U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Julia:

I would like to invite you to participate in a congressional conference on *Innovating a New Energy Economy: Benefits for Jobs, Climate, and American Prosperity,* October 12-15, 2019, **in Aspen, Colorado** during the October recess. We have limited space and must hear from you proactively as soon as possible if you wish to participate.

Technological advances have led to an expansion of American capacity to produce high quantities of oil and gas as well as further the use of renewables and increased energy efficiencies, making the U.S. more energy independent. At the same time, major changes in the auto industry are underway with the introduction of electric and autonomous vehicles which are sure to significantly impact energy consumption in the future. These energy policy factors, which will have huge implications for the economy, climate and our prosperity, will be analyzed in a comprehensive three-day focus, drawing policy examples from regional states and Midwest utilities. The agenda outline is attached.

We will have a mix of prominent American scholars and energy practitioners to assist our discussions. Attendance is by invitation only, with no outside observers, lobbyists, or congressional staff. Funding is provided solely by grants from foundations—no government, individual, corporate or special interest funds are accepted.

Under guidelines established by the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, we will provide you with a signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form affirming that no lobbyists fund this activity, that the Aspen Institute does not hire or retain lobbyists, and that no lobbyists will be present. Our purpose is education, not advocacy.

If your accompanying spouse or family member is a registered lobbyist, under the ethics rules of the House, their participation would not be allowed. Guidance from the Committee will not allow us to accept any enrollments after September 12th.

Departure will be on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and we will return on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Should you accept the invitation, it is required that you participate through the duration of the conference.



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Travel expenses, including airfare on a carrier with whom we have negotiated a fare, lodging and meals will be paid by the Aspen Institute Congressional Program. Under the ethics rules, no expenses are covered for entertainment or recreation. Congressional participants are limited to only one accompanying family member.

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Enclosed is a fact sheet on the program. In addition to answering any questions you may have, it has proven to be useful in responding to public and press inquiries.

Additionally, we hold breakfast meetings in the Capitol throughout the year to keep Members of Congress up-to-date between our annual conferences. We hope you will be able to participate in the extended educational offerings of our breakfast series.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 202-736-5825. I hope you will join us for this important conference.

Sincerely,

Dan Glickman