



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, by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, 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 McKinley
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 08/27/2021 Return: 08/28/2021
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: Pittsburgh, PA Destination: Albany, NY Return City: Pittsburgh, PA
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
please see attached
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 *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - 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:

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: _____

09/09/2021



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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 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): Albany, NY
3. Date of Departure: Aug 27, 2021 Date of Return: Aug 28, 2021
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. David McKinley
 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	313.40	217.28	66.27	\$508.66 (rental car/fuel - shared with Reasbeck)
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: 09/03/2021

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, Washington, DC 20005

Email: jgrumet@bipartisanpolicy.org Telephone: 703-350-3736

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 McKinley
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Bipartisan Policy Center
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Albany, NY
4. a. Date of Departure: 08/27/2021 Date of Return: 08/28/2021
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
(2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
(3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:
6. a. Yes No 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)?
b. **If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:**
7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
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.
please see attached
9. **Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
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: _____

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 McKinley (see addendum); Elizabeth Reasbeck (see addendum)

5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? Yes No

6. Date of Departure: August 27, 2021 Date of Return: August 28, 2021

7. a. City of departure: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
b. Destination(s): Albany, New York
c. City of return: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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:

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:
 N/A

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): \$70.00

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

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

Hotel Name: Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham City: Amsterdam, New York Cost Per Night: \$217.28

Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to events

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 <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	\$458.20	\$217.28	\$140
For each Accompanying Family Member	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	\$500	Car rental/fuel (shared between both)
For each Accompanying Family Member	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: 7/27/2021

Name: Jason Grumet

Title: President

Organization: Bipartisan Policy Center

Address: 1225 I Street NW 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

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August 26, 2021

The Honorable David B. McKinley
U.S. House of Representatives
2239 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 Albany, New York, scheduled for August 27 to 28, 2021, sponsored by Bipartisan Policy Center.

This approval represents the Committee's determination that the proposed trip complies with relevant House rules, federal laws, and Travel Regulations promulgated by the Committee. You should engage in your own assessment of the risks and implications of engaging in travel during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

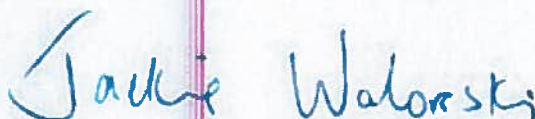
You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this 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 \$415 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



Jackie Walorski
Ranking Member

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American Congressional Exchange

David McKinley (R-WV-1) visiting Paul Tonko (D-NY-20), Aug. 27-29, 2021

Fri., Aug. 27

- 8:00 a.m. Rep. McKinley and Libby Reasbeck Depart PIT, AA #2288
9:26 Arr. PHL
10:55 Dep. AA #6005
12:11 p.m. Arr. ALB
- 9:59 a.m. John Richter and Franz Wuerfmannsdobler (BPC) departs DCA, AA #5433
11:20 a.m. Arr. ALB
- 11:30 a.m. Pick up Hertz Rental Car.
- 12:25-12:30 Pick-up Rep. McKinley & Libby, drive to Plug Power, Inc., 968 Albany Shaker Rd., Latham. Once you turn into parking lot, drive past first building and there will be visitor parking spots on the left. Once parked, call, Erin Lane, 202-230-8109, and she will come out to get you and walk in in the building.
- 12:30-1:45 Tour and working lunch meeting with Plug Power, a hydrogen fuel cell system company. Led by Tim Cortes, Chief Technology Officer; and Preeti Pande, Chief Marketing Officer. The entirety of the lunch is an officially-connected event.

Plug Power develops hydrogen fuel cell systems that replace conventional batteries in equipment and vehicles powered by electricity. Plug Power's GenDrive system integrates fuel cells and incorporates a hydrogen storage system that allows the system to "recharge" in a matter of minutes as opposed to several hours for traditional lead-acid batteries. For example, Plug Power's products allow hydrogen-powered forklifts to run at a constant steady power compared to conventional batteries, which experience "droop" in their output towards the end of a shift. The advantage of hydrogen fuel cells is they produce no harmful emissions, have robust reliability, are much more energy efficient than an internal combustion engine, and have low operational costs.

The two members will discuss the scalability of hydrogen cells, their flexibility to the power grid, and how this technology can apply to U.S. energy security and climate change policy, as well as job creation. Reps. Tonko and McKinley serve on the Energy & Commerce Energy Subcommittee which has jurisdiction on energy security, energy generation, reliability, and efficiency.

12:30-1:00 – Conference Room

- Eat Lunch
- Preeti Pande will lead presentation on hydrogen industry and Plug Power including our commitment to green hydrogen
- Question and Answers

- 1:00-1:30 – Tour of Manufacturing floor led by Rick Mason
- Overview of current products and investments in the future
 - Meet and talk to Plug Power employees
 - Answer questions

- 1:30-1:45 – Back to conference room – Discussion led by Gerry Conway and Erin Lane
- Discuss opportunities to work together and outline our goals for partnering with the federal government

1:45 Plug Power visit ends.

1:45-2:15 Drive to Albany Port District Commission, 106 Smith Blvd., Albany
Parking lot alongside of building. Contact: Cheryl Stock, 518-728-6231.

2:15-3:25 Tour of Port and meeting with Port representatives and local users of the Port, led by Megan Daly, Chief Commerce Officer.

Located 124 nautical miles north of New York Harbor, the Port of Albany is the largest inland port in the Northeast U.S. The Port consists of nearly 400 acres on the east and west sides of the Hudson River across three municipalities. The Port has dedicated maritime operations and connects the New York State Capital Region to the world. Primary cargo includes bulk and break bulk, including heavy lift/project cargo, wind energy, wood pulp, scrap iron and molasses.

The two members will see new infrastructure improvements to the wharf, as a result of USDOT funding. The new wharf will be able to accommodate the next generation of heavy lift cargo, such as General Electric generators, and projected increased volume of container cargo resulting from the Panama Canal expansion. They will also see the new Big Lift Warehouse to handle the weight and dimension of the increased heavy lift cargo that is manufactured in the region.

Finally, Reps. Tonko and McKinley will see and discuss the land development at the Port which will soon house the first offshore wind tower manufacturing site in the nation. A joint venture between Marmen, Inc. and Welcon A/S and partner Equinor Wind, the project site will fabricate wind towers that can then be shipped down the Hudson River and out to sea locations for installation and production of wind energy. Representatives from the Center for Economic Growth, a regional economic development agency will also participate in the discussion.

Rep. McKinley as the Ranking Member of the Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change and Rep. Tonko as the chairman of the Subcommittee, have a deep interest in wind energy production, consumption, and new opportunities for clean energy manufacturing in the U.S.

3:25 Meeting at Port concludes.

3:15 p.m. Jason Grumet departs DCA, AA #5513
4:40 Arr. ALB

Jason to transfer to RPI or G.E. Global Research via taxi or BPC staff pick-up.

3:25-3:45 Drive to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy. Parking Garage at 67 College Ave. Greeted by Nick Viggiani.

3:45-5:00 RPI Tour and meeting. Led by Chris Nolin, Director, Community & State Relations, Strategic Communications & External Relations; and Nick Viggiani, Asst. V.P. for Research (518-390-4374).

RPI is a private research university founded in 1824. Organized into six schools with an emphasis on science and technology, the two members will concentrate their visit on research being conducted in the field of energy. Their first stop will be at the Center for Future Energy Systems, which is a locus for partnering with industry, government, and academia to accelerate energy research and move technologies from the laboratory to the marketplace. Reps. Tonko and McKinley will meet with Center Director Dr. Jian Sun to talk about work in Distributed Energy Resources (energy storage, demand management and microgrids), energy efficiency (solid-state lighting, building architecture, vibration energy harvesting, and variable speed drives and machines), and Distributed System Platforms (grid planning, operation, and control).

With their positions on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Reps. McKinley and Tonko have a great interest in research and development in the applied sciences and how technologies in important universities can help the nation and world tackle the challenges of climate change.

3:55-4:15, Laboratory Visit, Center for Future Energy Systems.

4:15-4:25, Walk to Center for Industrial Innovation.

4:25-4:50, Discussion with RPI faculty.

4:50-5:00, Perspective from Congress, Reps. Tonko and McKinley.

5:00 RPI visit concludes.

12:45 p.m. Jonathan Perman departs MSP, DL #2258

3:25 Arr. DTW

3:59 Dep. DTW, DL #4866

5:32 Arr. ALB

Jonathan to pick-up rental car and meet group at G.E. Global Research.

5:00-5:30 Drive to G.E. Global Research, 1 Research Circle, Niskayuna
Contact: Arthur "Chip" Cotton, 202-279-1249; Chet Rysedorph, Security,
518-528-2754

5:30-6:30 Tour and meeting at G.E. Global Research, the innovation engine of this multinational company, whose products span the aviation, power, transportation, and health care sectors. Led by GE Chief Technology Officer, Vic Abate, and GE Research's Director of Business Programs, Matt Guyette,

GE is a company whose rich history is steeped in research, development, and technological innovation. GE Research is GE's innovation engine where they invest for the long term to differentiate their businesses and drive cutting-edge solutions across our industry sectors and beyond. Headquartered in Niskayuna, NY, G.E. Research is a global, interdisciplinary team of 1,000 scientists and engineers (>500 with PhDs) that works closely with G.E.'s businesses, customers, U.S. government agencies and other external partners to accelerate decarbonization and the energy transition, advance precision health and enable safer, more sustainable air travel.

During the visit, G.E. will showcase their legacy of innovation that started with Thomas Edison and provide an overview of the major technology initiatives the company is driving across our industries in Energy, Aviation, and Healthcare today to build a world that works. Reps. McKinley and Tonko will go inside several labs, where they will have the opportunity to meet some of G.E.'s scientists leading major research initiatives that are key to the energy transition. The first is an ongoing project with the U.S. Department of Energy to develop the world's largest offshore wind turbine utilizing superconducting generator technology and the second is a novel, potentially disruptive technology scientists are developing in direct air capture (DAC).

Rep. Tonko serves on the Science, Space & Technology Research & Technology Subcommittee, while they both serve on the Energy and Commerce Energy Subcommittee, whose jurisdiction includes national energy policy, renewable energy, alternative fuels, efficiency, and reliability.

5:30 pm Arrive at GE Research

Proceed to the security shack at the main gate – you will be provided badges and waived through expeditiously – remain on main entrance to visitor parking on left

5:31 pm Welcome US Representatives Paul Tonko and David McKinley & staffs

Greeted by Matt Guyette, Keith Longtin, Wei Cai, and Chip Cotton at the Main Lobby Front Entrance

5:32 pm Walk-thru of the Historical Timeline and Edison's Desk

Main Gallery – Matt, Keith, Chip, Wei; Photo op if desired

5:38 pm Walk from Edison's Desk to the Forge Lab

Elevators or stairs as desired – Matt, Keith, Chip, Wei

5:40 pm Overview of GE and GE Research

Forge Lab – seated on semi-circular couch – Matt, Keith, Chip, Wei

5:55 pm Depart Forge Lab for EP Building Power Lab

Travel via golf cart – Matt, Keith, Chip, Wei

6:00 pm Lab Tour: DOE Superconducting Generator Project

Dave Torrey, Senior Principal Engineer and Project Leader (Safety goggles will be provided)

Description: *GE researchers are working on a \$20 million project funded by the DOE to develop the world's largest offshore wind turbine utilizing superconducting generator technology. The team is applying 40+ years of IP and application experience scaling superconducting magnet technology for GE's Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) business to increase wind energy output.*

6:09 pm Walk to Additive Lab

Matt, Keith, Chip, Wei

6:10 pm Lab Tour: Direct Air Capture (DAC) Technology

David Moore, Technology Manager, Material Physics and Chemistry, EP Building Power Lab

Description: *GE researchers are working with top material scientists from inside and outside GE to develop a unique, potentially breakthrough approach to capturing carbon out of the air that combines the power of additive manufacturing and heat exchanger technology with solid sorbent (absorbent) materials.*

6:20 pm Q&A and Wrap Up Discussion

In Additive Lab; Matt, Keith, Chip, Wei, Dave Torrey, David Moore

6:30 pm Visit concludes

Return to visitor parking area via golf cart – proceed to exit via main gate badges will be collected prior to departure

- 6:30-7:00 Drive to Amsterdam.
- 7:00-7:30 Brief tour of Amsterdam, including the Mohawk Valley Gateway Overlook, a significant infrastructure project in Rep. Tonko's hometown.
- 7:30-9:30 Dinner at Russo's, 365 W. Main St., Amsterdam. The entirety of the dinner is an officially-connected event. Reservation for 8.
- 9:30-9:45 Drive to Microtel & Suites by Wyndam, 1393 NY 5S, Amsterdam for check-in.

Sat., Aug. 28

- 7:30-7:40 am Drive to Breakfast at South 30 Diner, 5854 NY-30, Amsterdam.
- 7:40-8:30 Breakfast with Amsterdam Mayor Michael Cinquanti and Montgomery County Executive Matthew Ossenfort. The entirety of the breakfast is an officially-connected event. The two members will meet with the first-term mayor, who is also a member of the Albany Port District Commission, which Reps. McKinley and Tonko saw yesterday. Mayor Cinquanti has a passion for economic development and through his law firm, has represented the NY State Building

and Construction Trades Council and the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters. Reps. Tonko and McKinley will discuss with the Mayor issues of infrastructure improvement and how federal funding can enhance the prospects for job growth in the Capital Region.

Also joining the breakfast is County Executive Matthew Ossenfort. Since taking office, County Executive Ossenfort has made it a priority to focus on cultivating transformative change for the county and the region. That begins with the redevelopment of local downtowns and waterfronts, chiefly the redevelopment site in Canajoharie that was the former home of Beech-Nut. Through this project, he has participated in a design charette put on by the American Architectural Foundation, which looked towards the future of the 26-acre site. He also has participated in numerous brownfield summits, helping to elevate the profile of this project and advocate for state and federal resources. Many of which, the county has been successful at obtaining.

8:30 Breakfast meeting concludes.

8:30-9:15 Drive to Peebles Island State Park, Erie Canal historic site at 1 Delaware Ave., North, Cohoes, for tour and meeting with National Heritage Corridor leadership.

9:15-10:15 Meeting with Erie Canal Historic Corridor including visits to the towns of Cohoes and Waterford. Led by Bob Radliff, Executive Director (518-322-5809), Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. Reps. McKinley and Tonko are the co-chairs of the National Heritage Area Caucus, and Rep. Tonko serves on the Natural Resources National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands Subcommittee. When in WV-1, on their first American Congressional Exchange trip, the two members visited the National Corridor area in Wheeling, WV. Both members recognize the value of preserving such historic sites and the economic benefit that can come from tourism and education.

Reps. McKinley and Tonko will travel by NY State Park van, while Director Radliff shows and discusses the sites of historic significance. These include the Cohoes Falls; the confluence of the Mohawk and Hudson Rivers; some of the locks and dams of the Erie Canal, which allowed navigation around the Falls; and the towns of Cohoes and Waterford, which are now heavily supported by tourism. They will see the remnants of the cotton and textile mills of Cohoes; and Waterford, the oldest continually incorporated town in the U.S.

9:15-9:25, Meet at Visitors Center for brief intros., Wall map/expanse of Corridor, importance of Natl. Historic Corridors, Today (Cohoes & Waterford).

9:25-9:45 (narration in van), Original Erie Canal, Cohoes' industries, significance of area/falls.

9:45-10:05, (in van), Waterford Flight, engineering, barge canal, NHL.

10:05-10:15, Parting thoughts, notes for follow-ups.

10:15 Erie Canal meeting concludes.

10:15-10:45 Drive to GlobalFoundries, 400 Stonebreak Rd., Extension Malta

10:45-11:45 Tour/meet with GlobalFoundries, the nation's most advanced semiconductor factory. Led by Greg Connors, U.S. Government Affairs for GlobalFoundries (518-396-9241). See special directions and instructions for visit in briefing book.

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11:45-12:05 Drive to Saratoga Spa State Park, 19 Roosevelt Dr., Saratoga Springs.
Contact: Reynaldo Muniz, 518-334-4288; David Guest, 631-620-1038

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12:05, Central Administration: Park Manager David Guest gives historical overview of the main campus.

12:15, Roosevelt II: Guests meet small business owners (Wired Coffee) and review building and Park of the Arts Renovation Plan.

12:30, Saratoga Performing Art Center w/ Exec. Director Elizabeth Sobol.

12:45 p.m. Tour of State Park concludes.

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1:00 p.m., walk from VC North on Broadway one block and discuss the origins of the city as that location was the first boarding house. Using historic images they will discuss the great hotels and what drove our economy.

1:10, cross Broadway and walk down Spring Street. Visit Hathorn Spring Pavilion, discuss the mineral springs, the importance of them and how they were saved in 1909 with the Anti-Pumping Act. Cups provided so they can sample the spring.

1:20, Cross the street into Congress Park and either go into the Casino and show the architecture, or discuss the history of the park.

1:30 Tour concludes.

1:30 Walk to Saratoga Race Course.

1:45 Arrive Saratoga Race Course, get acquainted with grounds, and walk to Turf Terrace Seating.

2:00 Seated in Turf Terrace, C-15, Row 1.

2:00-5:50 Afternoon at Travers Saturday, including several meet/greets facilitated by Rep. Tonko and BPC. Food/drink to be ordered. Possible side trip to National Horse Racing Hall of Fame (across the street from track).

5:50 Walk back to car in downtown Saratoga.

6:10 Drive to Albany Airport.
6:40 Arr. Albany Airport.
McKinley, Reasbeck, Grumet, Wuerfmansdobler all on same flight.

7:45 p.m. Dep. ALB, UA #3720
9:17 Arr. IAD
10:30 Dep. IAD, UA #4413
11:37 Arr. PIT

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Addendum – Primary Trip Sponsor Form

Item 4: *Representative David McKinley:*

Congressman David McKinley represents the 1st congressional district of West Virginia. He is a member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, with the broadest jurisdiction of any congressional authorizing committee, including telecommunications, environmental quality, energy policy, and interstate and foreign commerce. Rep. McKinley is ranking member of the Subcommittee on Environment, and serves on the subcommittees on Energy and also Oversight and Investigations.

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Additionally, Rep. McKinley co-chairs the National Heritage Areas Caucus, and has introduced legislation with Rep. Tonko to strengthen the National Heritage Area System. On the trip, Rep. McKinley will have the opportunity to see and learn about Peoples Island State Park, which is part of the National Heritage Corridor.

Elizabeth Reasbeck – District Director to Rep. McKinley): In this capacity, Ms. Reasbeck staffs Rep. McKinley on all matters pertinent to the WV-1 constituency, including energy, natural resources, and economic development. As referenced above, much of the trip will focus on providing insight and real-world experience with these topics, and will enhance Ms. Reasbeck’s work for Rep. McKinley.

Item 7 (b):

American Congressional Exchange

David McKinley (R-WV-1) visiting Paul Tonko (NY-20), Aug. 27-29, 2021

Fri., Aug. 27

8:00 a.m. Rep. McKinley Departs PIT, AA #2288

9:26 Arr. PHL

10:55 Dep. AA #6005

12:11 p.m. Arr. ALB

12:25-12:30 Pick-up Rep. McKinley and drive to Plug Power, Inc., 968 Albany Shaker Rd., Latham.

12:30-1:45 Tour and working lunch meeting with Plug Power, a hydrogen fuel cell system company. Led by Tim Cortes, Chief Technology Officer; and Preeti Pande, Chief Marketing Officer. The entirety of the lunch is an officially-connected event.

Plug Power develops hydrogen fuel cell systems that replace conventional batteries in equipment and vehicles powered by electricity. Plug Power's GenDrive system integrates fuel cells and incorporates a hydrogen storage system that allows the system to "recharge" in a matter of minutes as opposed to several hours for traditional lead-acid batteries. For example, Plug Power's products allow hydrogen-powered forklifts to run at a constant steady power compared to conventional batteries, which experience "droop" in their output towards the end of a shift. The advantage of hydrogen fuel cells is they produce no harmful emissions, have robust reliability, are much more energy efficient than an internal combustion engine, and have low operational costs.

The two members will discuss the scalability of hydrogen cells, their flexibility to the power grid, and how this technology can apply to U.S. energy security and climate change policy, as well as job creation. Reps. Tonko and McKinley serve on the Energy & Commerce Energy Subcommittee which has jurisdiction on energy security, energy generation, reliability, and efficiency.

1:45 Plug Power visit ends.

1:45-2:15 Drive to Albany Port District Commission, 106 Smith Blvd., Albany

2:15-3:25 Tour of Port and meeting with Port representatives and local users of the Port, led by Megan Daly, Chief Commerce Officer.

Located 124 nautical miles north of New York Harbor, the Port of Albany is the largest inland port in the Northeast U.S. The Port consists of nearly 400 acres on the east and west sides of the Hudson River across three municipalities. The Port has dedicated maritime operations and connects the New York State Capital Region to the world. Primary cargo includes bulk and break bulk, including heavy lift/project cargo, wind energy, wood pulp, scrap iron and molasses.

The two members will see new infrastructure improvements to the wharf, as a result of USDOT funding. The new wharf will be able to accommodate the next generation of heavy lift cargo, such as General Electric generators, and projected increased volume of container cargo resulting from the Panama Canal expansion. They will also see the new Big Lift Warehouse to handle the weight and dimension of the increased heavy lift cargo that is manufactured in the region.

Finally, Reps. Tonko and McKinley will see and discuss the land development at the Port which will soon house the first offshore wind tower manufacturing site in the nation. A joint venture between Marmen, Inc. and Welcon A/S and partner Equinor Wind, the project site will fabricate wind towers that can then be shipped down the Hudson River and out to sea locations for installation and production of wind energy. Representatives from the Center for Economic Growth, a regional economic development agency will also participate in the discussion. Rep.

McKinley as the Ranking Member of the Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change and Rep. Tonko as the chairman of the Subcommittee, have a deep interest in wind energy production, consumption, and new opportunities for clean energy manufacturing in the U.S.

3:25 Meeting at Port concludes.

3:25-3:45 Drive to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy

3:45-5:00 RPI Tour and meeting. Led by Chris Nolin, Director, Community & State Relations, Strategic Communications & External Relations.

RPI is a private research university founded in 1824. Organized into six schools with an emphasis on science and technology, the two members will concentrate their visit on research being conducted in the field of energy. Their first stop will be at the Center for Future Energy Systems, which is a locus for partnering with industry, government, and academia to accelerate energy research and move technologies from the laboratory to the marketplace. Reps. Tonko and McKinley will meet with Center Director Dr. Jian Sun to talk about work in Distributed Energy Resources (energy storage, demand management and microgrids), energy efficiency (solid-state lighting, building architecture, vibration energy harvesting, and variable speed drives and machines), and Distributed System Platforms (grid planning, operation, and control).

The other stop will be at the Center for Infrastructure, Transportation, and the Environment (CITE). This center is a collaborative environment in which interdisciplinary transportation and infrastructure-related research can be conducted. The Center is known more generally for research in sustainable freight system, and freight transportation planning; transportation planning, design and operations; modeling, and simulation; disaster response logistics; traffic signal system control; and behavior research. This visit will be led by Professor Jose Holguin-Veras.

With their positions on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Reps. McKinley and Tonko have a great interest in research and development in the applied sciences and how technologies in important universities can help the nation and world tackle the challenges of climate change.

5:00 RPI visit concludes.

5:00-5:30 Drive to G.E. Global Research, 1 Research Circle, Niskayuna

5:30-6:30 Tour and meeting at G.E. Global Research, the innovation engine of this multinational company, whose products span the aviation, power, transportation, and health care sectors. Led by GE Chief Technology Officer, Vic Abate, and GE Research's Director of Business Programs, Matt Guyette,

GE is a company whose rich history is steeped in research, development, and technological innovation. GE Research is GE's innovation engine where they invest for the long term to differentiate their businesses and drive cutting-edge solutions across our industry sectors and beyond. Headquartered in Niskayuna, NY, G.E. Research is a global, interdisciplinary team of 1,000 scientists and

engineers (>500 with PhDs) that works closely with G.E.'s businesses, customers, U.S. government agencies and other external partners to accelerate decarbonization and the energy transition, advance precision health and enable safer, more sustainable air travel.

During the visit, G.E. will showcase their legacy of innovation that started with Thomas Edison and provide an overview of the major technology initiatives the company is driving across our industries in Energy, Aviation, and Healthcare today to build a world that works. Reps. McKinley and Tonko will go inside several labs, where they will have the opportunity to meet some of G.E.'s scientists leading major research initiatives that are key to the energy transition. The first is an ongoing project with the U.S. Department of Energy to develop the world's largest offshore wind turbine utilizing superconducting generator technology and the second is a novel, potentially disruptive technology scientists are developing in direct air capture (DAC).

Rep. Tonko serves on the Science, Space & Technology Research & Technology Subcommittee, while they both serve on the Energy and Commerce Energy Subcommittee, whose jurisdiction includes national energy policy, renewable energy, alternative fuels, efficiency, and reliability.

- 6:30 G.E. meeting concludes.
- 6:30-7:00 Drive to Amsterdam.
- 7:00-7:30 Brief tour of Amsterdam, including the Mohawk Valley Gateway Overlook, a significant infrastructure project in Rep. Tonko's hometown.
- 7:30-9:30 Dinner at Russo's, 365 W. Main St., Amsterdam. The entirety of the dinner is an officially-connected event.
- 9:30-9:45 Drive to Microtel & Suites by Wyndam, 1393 NY 5S, Amsterdam for check-in.

Sat., Aug. 28

- 7:30-7:40 am Drive to Breakfast at South 30 Diner, 5854 NY-30, Amsterdam.
- 7:40-8:30 Breakfast with Amsterdam Mayor Michael Cincanti. The entirety of the breakfast is an officially-connected event. The two members will meet with the first-term mayor, who is also a member of the Albany Port District Commission, which Reps. McKinley and Tonko saw yesterday. Mayor Cincanti has a passion for economic development and through his law firm, has represented the NY State Building and Construction Trades Council and the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters. Reps. Tonko and McKinley will discuss with the Mayor issues of infrastructure improvement and how federal funding can enhance the prospects for job growth in the Capital Region.
- 8:30 Breakfast meeting concludes.

8:30-9:15 Drive to Peebles Island State Park, Erie Canal historic site at 1 Delaware Ave., North, Cohoes, for tour and meeting with National Heritage Corridor leadership.

9:15-10:15 Meeting with Erie Canal Historic Corridor including visits to the towns of Cohoes and Waterford. Led by Bob Radliff, Executive Director, Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. Reps. McKinley and Tonko are the co-chairs of the National Heritage Area Caucus, and Rep. Tonko serves on the Natural Resources National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands Subcommittee. When in WV-1, on their first American Congressional Exchange trip, the two members visited the National Corridor area in Wheeling, WV. Both members recognize the value of preserving such historic sites and the economic benefit that can come from tourism and education.

Reps. McKinley and Tonko will travel by NY State Park van, while Director Radliff shows and discusses the sites of historic significance. These include the Cohoes Falls; the confluence of the Mohawk and Hudson Rivers; some of the locks and dams of the Erie Canal, which allowed navigation around the Falls; and the towns of Cohoes and Waterford, which are now heavily supported by tourism. They will see the remnants of the cotton and textile mills of Cohoes; and Waterford, the oldest continually incorporated town in the U.S.

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1:30 Tour concludes.

PERSONAL TIME

7:45 p.m. Dep. ALB, UA #3720

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Dep. IAD, UA #4413
Arr. PIT

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.

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- 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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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.

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The congressional district NY-20 affords Congressman McKinley an excellent opportunity to see and experience an area that is rich in energy and environmentally related issues but contrasting to the mineral and fossil fuel-heavy environment of WV-1.

There are a variety of innovations and forward-looking programs and industries in NY-20 which Rep. McKinley will be able to learn from as he continues to serve on Energy and Commerce and most particularly his subcommittee leadership and assignments.

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Johnson a variety of learning opportunities relevant to his home district and his committee assignments. Like South Dakota, Minnesota's economy is very much agriculture dependent. He will be able to see the similarities and differences between two neighboring states particularly when it comes to agriculture and learn from the comparisons and distinctions. And, in particular, Cargill is one of the major agricultural companies in the country, with a large presence across the nation and certainly within South Dakota.

At the same time, this particular district will also provide Rep. Johnson an opportunity to experience and understand the particular challenges and issues of an urban/suburban area essentially sandwiched between a major American city, and agricultural land. This will provide Rep. Johnson with a different perspective that he can also bring to his official congressional duties as he considers national interests along with those of his more rural state of South Dakota.

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