



U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

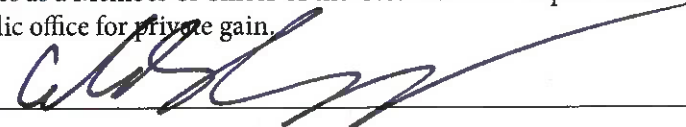
MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

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: Rep. Jim Costa
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: Sept. 7th, 2022 Return: Sept. 12th, 2022
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Los Angeles, CA Destination: Kyiv, Ukraine Return City: Washington, Dulles Airport
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Yalta European Strategy
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
Congressman Costa Attended all of the meetings outlined in the itinerary.
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: 09/26/2022



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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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- Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Yalta European Strategy Limited
- Travel Destination(s): Warsaw, Poland; Kyiv, Ukraine
- Date of Departure: 09/07/2022 Date of Return: 09/11/2022
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): Jim Costa

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

- 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	\$10,626.21	\$495.52	\$289.69	N/A
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

- 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: Ковальчук Светлана Николаевна Digitally signed by Ковальчук Светлана Николаевна Date: 2022.08.08 20:37:08 +03'00' Date: 26/09/2022

Name: Svitlana Kovalchuk Title: Dr.

Organization: Yalta European Strategy Limited

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

Address: Third Floor, 95 The Promenade, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, United Kingdom, GL501HH

Email: sk@yes-ukraine.org Telephone: +380975197445

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: Jim Costa
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Yalta European Strategy
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Warsaw, Poland & Kyiv, Ukraine
4. a. Date of Departure: 9/7/2022 Date of Return: 9/13/2022
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: September 11th-13th
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.
Rep. Costa serves on the House Foreign Affairs and the Agriculture Committee where he is the chair of the Livestock and Foreign Ag. Sub Committee. Rep. Costa is also a member of the Congressional Ukraine Caucus. The official responsibilities (security, foreign relations, food security) directly relate to topics covered in the itinerary of this trip.
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:
Yalta European Strategy Limited
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):
Representative Jim Costa, invited as a participant to the 17th YES Annual Meeting
5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: 09/07/2022 Date of return: 09/13/2022
7. a. City of departure: Los Angeles, California, USA
b. Destination(s): Warsaw, Poland; Kyiv, Ukraine
c. City of return: Washington D.C., USA
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; **OR**
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
 - 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:
Yalta European Strategy (YES) is organizing its 17th Annual Meeting, to which Representative Costa is invited. YES is the leading forum for discussing Ukraine's European future. YES gathers international leaders in various fields and builds support for Ukraine worldwide.
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:
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 the 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):
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Hyatt Regency City: Kyiv Cost Per Night: \$245
Reason(s) for Selecting: Official YES accommodation partner
- 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 the 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	\$7500	\$245	\$350
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	TBC	Waived conference fee
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 by my signature that

- a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
- b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and
- c. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Ковальчук Светлана Николаевна Digitally signed by Ковальчук Светлана Николаевна
Date: 2022.08.08 20:37:08 +03'00' Date: 08/08/2022

Name: Svitlana Kovalchuk Title: Dr.

Organization: Yalta European Strategy Limited

Address: Third Floor, 95 The Promenade, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, United Kingdom, GL501HH

Email: sk@yes-ukraine.org Telephone: +380975197445

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the agenda, invitation list, any attachments, and any *Additional Trip Sponsor Forms* directly to the Travelers.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

Willful or knowing misrepresentation on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:

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

ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov | 202-225-7103
More information and forms available at ethics.house.gov



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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Washington, DC 20515

September 2, 2022

The Honorable Jim Costa
U.S. House of Representatives
2081 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 Ukraine,¹ scheduled for September 7 to 12, 2022, sponsored by Yalta European Strategy Limited. We note that this trip includes one day at your personal expense.

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.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$415] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

¹ Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

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



Michael Guest
Acting Ranking Member

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Representative Jim Costa – 17th Yalta European Strategy Annual Meeting agenda

Wednesday, September 7

16:45 Departure flight LO 22, LAX-WAW

Thursday, September 8

13:10 Arrival flight LO 22 at Warsaw Chopin Airport
Check into Courtyard by Marriott Warsaw Airport Hotel

18:00 Car transfer to Chełm station

22:00 Departure overnight train Chełm – Kyiv

Friday, September 9

10.00 arrival train

10.00-13.00 Visit to Hostomel, Bucha

logistics instruction: Svitlana Kovalchuk
welcome: Aleksander Kwasniewski
briefing **war situation**: Oleksii Kuleba, Head of Kyiv Military Administration

13.00-15.30 check-in hotel
registration and Covid-test
rest

15.30-15.40 **Introduction**
Victor Pinchuk

15.40-16.50 **Opening Conversation with President Zelensky on Ukraine, the war and Europe**

Volodymyr Zelensky
Egils Levits
Mateusz Morawiecki
Olaf Scholz (TBC)
Fareed Zakaria (moderator)

16.50-17.30 Break and conference picture

17.30-18.20 **The Place of this War in Human History**

Timothy Snyder
Niall Ferguson
Vakhtank Kebuladze or Yevhen Hlibovytsky or Mikhail Dubinianski (TBC)
Anne Applebaum (moderator)
Yuval Harari interviewed by **Victor Pinchuk** (pre-recorded)

18.20-19.00 Security – What Guarantees Will Work?

Andrii Yermak
Anders Fogh Rasmussen (online) (TBC)
Vasyl Maliuk or Denys Monastirski (TBC)
Tony Blair or Kevin Rudd or Carl Bildt (TBC)
Gillian Tett (moderator)

19.00-19.15 walking to dinner

19.15-21.15 dinner

20.00-20.20 Rebuilding Ukraine – A Conversation with Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal

21.20-21.35 walking to nightcap rooms

21.35-22.35 optional nightcap discussions in Hyatt (possibly also PinchukArtCentre)

Putin’s Mindset *Steve Pinker (online) (TBC), Michael McFaul (online) (TBC), Carl Bildt (moderator)*

Are We Ready to Die For Freedom? **Elliott Ackerman, Taira, Masi Nayem (TBC), Wolfgang Ischinger, Bob Seely, Timothy Snyder (moderator)**

Can Ukraine’s Economy Survive Until Victory (And How Will Ukraine and Her Allies Survive the Winter)
Oleksandr Kubrakov, Natalie Jaresko, Yuriy Vitrenko or Svitlana Zalishuk, Tomasz Fiala or Olena Bilan, Gillian Tett, Niall Ferguson (moderator)

Saturday, September 10

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07.30-08.30 Briefing on **War situation** with Valerii Zaluzhny, Kirillo Budanov
venue: t.b.d.

09.00-09.30 Are Sanctions on the Right Track?

Andrii Yermak
Michael McFaul (online?) (TBC)
Gillian Tett (moderator)

09.30-10.00 Crime and Punishment – War Crimes, Genocide and Tribunals

Andriy Kostin
Ivan Fedorov
Niall Ferguson (moderator)

10.00-10.30 break

- 10.30-11.30** **Technology, Freedom and the War**
 Eric Schmidt
 Bono (TBC)
 Mykhailo Fedorov (TBC)
 Fareed Zakaria (moderator)
 Andrii Pokrasa (special conversation with moderator/comment)
- 11.30-12.00** break
- 12.00-12.45** **The Information War**
 Anne Applebaum
 Christian Freuding (TBC)
 Mikhail Zygar (TBC)
 Daniel Kurtz-Phelan (moderator)
- 12.45-14.45** lunch
- 14.45-15.15** **The Policy of the United States Towards Ukraine**
 Victoria Nuland (online)
 Carl Bildt (moderator)
- 15.15-15.45** break
- 15.45-16.45** **Future Ukraine – What Country Should We Dream Of, and How Do We
Get There?**
 Eric Schmidt (TBC)
 Natalie Jaresko
 Yulia Svyrydenko (TBC)
 Rostyslav Shurma (TBC)
 Niall Ferguson (moderator)
 Masi Nayem (comment)?
 Carl Bildt – comment on risk of economic collapse?
- 16.45-17.15** break
- 17.15-18.15** **Ukraine Fatigue – How Long Will the West Stay United in its
Support for Ukraine and its Coalition Against the Russian
Aggressor**
 Radoslav Sikorski or Egils Levits TBC
 Jim Costa
 Wesley Clark
 Dmytro Kuleba
 Fareed Zakaria (moderator)
 (discuss also role of China)
 Involved from the floor: John Herbst, William Taylor, Marie
 Yovanovitch
 Andriy Melnyk (comment) TBC?
- 18.15-19.00** **What is the Definition of Victory?**

Oleksii Reznikov
Radoslav Sikorski
Richard Haass (moderator)
Andriy Zagorodniuk (commentator)
involvement of audience: Ukrainian soldier (Chernev? Azovstal fighter?), Ackerman, Ischinger, Kaljulaid, N.N. MP UK?

19.00-21.00 Dinner

Closing Remarks
Aleksander Kwasniewski

22.00 Departure overnight train Kyiv – Chełm

Sunday, September 11

09:00 Arrival train in Chełm
Transfer to Warsaw

Monday, September 12

07:20 Departure flight LO 235, WAW-BRU

09:30 Arrival flight LO235

12:00 Departure flight SN 8801, BRU-IAD