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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: John Curtis
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None ☒
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: March 6, 2023 Return: March 7, 2023
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None ☒
4. Departure City: Salt Lake City Destination: Miami Beach, Florida Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Aspen Institute and City of Miami
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
Congressman Curtis spoke on conservatives in climate policy on the opening night of the Aspen Ideas Climate Forum Opening Plenary.
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: 03/21/2023



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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.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: The Aspen Institute
2. Travel Destination(s): Miami Beach, Florida
3. Date of Departure: March 6, 2023 Date of Return: March 7, 2023
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): John Curtis

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	\$1203.40 (roundtrip flight)	\$415.00	\$125.00	\$500 (cost of AIC General conference pass - waived)
Accompanying Family Member				

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: 03/21/2023

Name: Elliot Gerson Title: Executive Vice President of Policy & Public Programs

Organization: The Aspen Institute

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

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

Email: lisa.jones@aspeninstitute.org Telephone: 202-736-5859

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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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:
Aspen Institute and City of Miami Beach
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):
Please see attached document
5. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: March 06, 2023 Date of return: March 07, 2023
7. a. City of departure: Salt Lake City, Utah
b. Destination(s): Miami, Florida
c. City of return: Washington, DC
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:
The second annual Aspen Ideas: Climate event will be held in Miami Beach, March 6-9, 2023. Hosted by the City of Miami Beach, in partnership with the Aspen Institute, scientists, business leaders, policymakers, artists, and activists from across the globe will convene to elevate the climate challenges and solutions in front of us. More information is available at www.aspenideasclimate.org.
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: Nautalis by Arlo City: Miami Beach, FL Cost Per Night: 354 + 14%tax
Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to conference venue
- Hotel Name: Shelborne South Beach City: Miami Beach, FL Cost Per Night: 314 + 14%tax
Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to conference venue
- 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:

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$800 roundtrip flight	\$ 1500 for 3 - 4 nights	\$500 for 3-4 nights
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	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	Cost of General AIC Conference Pass
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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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: Melanie Diaz Date: Feb 03, 2023
Name: Melanie Diaz Title: Program Coordinator
Organization: Aspen Institute
Address: 2300 N St NW #700, Washington, DC 20037
Email: melanie.diaz@aspeninstitute.org Telephone: 754-234-2034

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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ASPEN IDEAS Climate

MIAMI BEACH 2023

DRAFT* DAILY SCHEDULE

MARCH 6–9

*All times subject to change

PRE-CONFERENCE SPECIAL EVENTS

Future Leaders Climate Summit, March 3–6

Winter Energy Forum, March 4–6

MONDAY, MARCH 6

- 4:30–5:30 pm Reception and Artist Showcase
Soundscape Park
- 5:30–7:00 pm Opening Plenary
New World Center, Symphony Hall
- 7:00–9:00 pm Welcome Reception
Miami Beach Botanical Garden
- 8:00–9:30 pm Public Wallcast of Opening Plenary
Soundscape Park

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

- 9:00 am–2:00 pm Climate Innovation and Technology Expo
Miami Beach Convention Center
- 9:00–11:00 am Excursions
Various Locations
- 9:30–11:00 am Mainstage Program
New World Center, Symphony Hall
- 11:30 am–12:30 pm Breakouts
Miami Beach Convention Center
- 11:30 am–1:30 pm Private Roundtables
Miami Beach Convention Center
- 12:30–2:00 pm Lunch
Miami Beach Convention Center
- 2:00–3:00 pm Breakouts
Miami Beach Convention Center
- 2:30–4:30 pm Private Roundtables
Miami Beach Convention Center
- 4:30–5:30 pm Reception and Artist Showcase
Soundscape Park
- 5:30–7:00 pm Evening Plenary
New World Center, Symphony Hall
- 8:00–9:30 pm Public Wallcast of select programming
Soundscape Park

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

- 9:00 am–2:00 pm Climate Innovation and Technology Expo
Miami Beach Convention Center
- 9:00–11:00 am Excursions
Various Locations
- 9:30–11:00 am Mainstage Program
New World Center, Symphony Hall
- 11:30 am–1:30 pm Private Roundtables
Miami Beach Convention Center
- 11:30 am–12:30 pm Breakouts
Miami Beach Convention Center
- 12:30–2:00 pm Lunch
Miami Beach Convention Center
- 2:00–3:00 pm Breakouts
Miami Beach Convention Center
- 2:30–4:30 pm Private Roundtables
Miami Beach Convention Center
- 4:30–5:30 pm Reception and Artist Showcase
Soundscape Park
- 5:30–7:00 pm Evening Plenary
New World Center, Symphony Hall
- 8–9:30 pm Public Wallcast of select programming
Soundscape Park

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

- 9:00–11:00 am Excursions
Various Locations
- 9:30–10:30 am Breakouts
Miami Beach Convention Center
- 9:30–11:30 am Private Roundtables
Miami Beach Convention Center
- 11:00 am–12:00 pm Breakouts
Miami Beach Convention Center
- 12:00–1:00 pm Lunch
Miami Beach Convention Center
- 1:00–2:00 pm Closing Plenary
Miami Beach Convention Center



Dear Representative Curtis,

We would be honored if you would accept our invitation to speak at the second annual **Aspen Ideas: Climate** event to be held in Miami Beach, March 6-9, 2023. Hosted by the City of Miami Beach, in partnership with the Aspen Institute, scientists, business leaders, policymakers, artists, and activists from across the globe will convene to elevate the climate challenges and solutions in front of us, and we would be thrilled to have your insights in these conversations.

Through high-profile discussions on the main stage, private roundtables, field trips, a career fair, musical performances, and a climate tech exposition, leaders will examine the climate crisis through a solutions-oriented lens. Both experts and members of the public will share space with hundreds of emerging climate leaders through our Future Leaders program, creating a multi-generational convening where attendees can not only listen and learn, but also collaborate to generate new ideas and drive action. Hosted by a city that is often described as “ground zero” in the United States for climate impact, this event will also feature local leaders who embody the creativity and unique spirit of Miami Beach. More information is available at www.aspenideasclimate.org.

Our teams can explore what your appearance would look like, but we are eager to feature you in a moderated conversation on conservatives in climate policy. Please let us know if you are able to accept our invitation and we will follow up with information for you to formally register as a speaker and with further information on your fellow panelists and the framing of the conversation.

Thank you for giving this invitation your serious consideration.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dan R. Porterfield".

Dan Porterfield
President and CEO
Aspen Institute

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dan Gelber".

Dan Gelber
Mayor
City of Miami Beach



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TRAVELER FORM

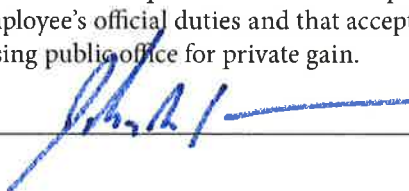
1. Name of Traveler: John Curtis
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Aspen Institute and City of Miami
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Miami Beach, Florida
4. a. Date of Departure: March 6, 2023 Date of Return: March 7, 2023
b. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will 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.

Congressman Curtis has been asked to speak at the Aspen Ideas Climate Forum. He will be addressing them in an official capacity as the Chairman of the Conservative Climate Caucus.
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 02/02/2023

Michael Guest, Mississippi
Chairman
Susan Wild, Pennsylvania
Ranking Member

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March 6, 2023

The Honorable John R. Curtis
U.S. House of Representatives
2323 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 Miami, Florida, scheduled for March 6 to 7, 2023, sponsored by Aspen Institute, Inc.

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 the reporting threshold from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. That reporting threshold is currently \$415 but is set to adjust in 2023. 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,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

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