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 giftravelreports@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: Richard Ray Larsen
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Tiia Karlen *OR* ☐ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 23, 2023 Return: September 1, 2023
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: August 23-26, 2023 *OR* ☐ None
4. Departure City: Seattle Destination: Oslo and Bergen, Norway Return City: Seattle
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: The Aspen Institute Inc. (Congressional Program)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): 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: 9/14/23

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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 in the trip *within 10 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 or provided in-kind support for the trip: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)
2. Travel Destination(s): Oslo and Bergen, Norway
3. Date of Departure: August 23, 2023 Date of Return: Sept. 1, 2023
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Rick Larsen, and his wife, Tiia Karlen

   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	$6,828	$1,075 (See Appendix)	$280 (See Appendix)	$692: AV, meeting rooms, conference services
Accompanying Family Member	$6,828	-0-	$280 (See Appendix)	$692: AV, meeting rooms, conference services

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: Charlie W Dent **Date:** Sept. 14, 2023

Name: Charlie Dent **Title:** Vice President, Aspen Institute, Inc.

Organization: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)

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

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

Telephone: 202-607-8755 **Email:** lisa.jones@aspeninstitute.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

last updated 7/2023

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Richard Ray Larsen

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

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): _____

Office Address: 2163 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515

Telephone Number: (202) 225-2605

Email Address of Contact Person: libby.otto@mail.house.gov

☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, *and* these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via email: *travel.requests@mail.house.gov*.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Richard Ray Larsen

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
The Aspen Institute Inc. (Congressional Program)

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Oslo and Bergen, Norway

4. a. Date of Departure: August 23, 2023 Date of Return: September 1, 2023

   b. Yes ■ No ☐ Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?

   If yes, list dates at personal expense: August 23-26, 2023

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: Tiia Karlen

   (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, invitation, 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.**

   This conference is connected to Rep. Larsen's official duties representing Washington's Second District. The district is home to a thriving traditional and emerging energy industry ranging from oil refineries to hydrogen production. As the district and country move to zero-emission fuel, understanding alternative energy sources will have a profound impact on constituents and industry in Rep. Larsen's district. In addition, as Ranking Member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, energy production has an important impact on the work of the committee ensuring the ability of Americans to travel efficiently.

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's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

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. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

   The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)

2. ☒ I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. ***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, services, or in-kind assistance 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:

   Breakthrough Energy; Climate Imperative

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):

   See Appendix

5. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: August 23, 2023 Date of Return: September 1, 2023
7. a. City of departure: Sept. 1, 2023
   b. Destination(s): Oslo and Bergen, Norway
   c. City of return: Washington, DC or member's congressional district
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. _____

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 the statement is true by clicking the 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:

Aspen Institute's Congressional Program (AICP) provides nonpartisan educational forums for members of Congress on public policy issues. AICP organized and will conduct the conference and selected and invited the attendees. The foundations listed in 3C provide grant funding to AICP generally. They do not play a role in organizing or conducting the conference.

13. ***Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if 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 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): _____
         $50 per day See Appendix
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____
         Norway provides access to educational site visits and experts related to the conference topic.

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

Hotel Name: Grand Hotel City: Oslo, Norway Cost Per Night: $215
Reason(s) for Selecting: Required technology and meeting space. Security a key factor.
Hotel Name: Clarion Hotel Havnekontoret City: Bergen, Norway Cost Per Night: $215
Reason(s) for Selecting: Required technology and meeting space. Security a key factor.
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.*

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	$6703	$1,075 (See Appendix)	$280 (see appendix)
For each Accompanying Family Member	$6703	-0-	$280 (see appendix)

	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	$692	AV, meeting rooms, conference services
For each Accompanying Family Member	$692	AV, meeting rooms, conference services

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: Charlie W Dent Date: Sept. 14, 2023

Name: Charlie Dent Title: Vice President, Aspen Institute, Inc.

Organization: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)

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

Email: lisa.jones@aspeninstitute.org Telephone: 202-607-8755

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. **Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.**

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. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)

2. Name of your organization: Climate Imperative

3. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?

4. Yes ☐ No ☒ Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?

5. ***Check one.*** I certify that my organization:
   - a. ☒ Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
   - b. ☐ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to Destination: _____ on Date: _____ that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
   - c. ☐ Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (*e.g.,* meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).

6. ***Check only one:***
   - a. ☒ My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
   - b. ☐ My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.

7. **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;
   - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
   - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Sonia Aggarwal Digitally signed by Sonia Aggarwal Date: 2023.07.20 12:51:47 -07'00' Date: 7/20/2023

Name: Sonia Aggarwal Title: Vice President

Organization: Climate Imperative

Address: 98 Battery St, Suite 202, San Francisco, CA 94111

Telephone: 415-799-2163 Email: sonia@energyinnovation.org

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. **Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.**

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. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)
2. Name of your organization: Breakthrough Energy Foundation

3. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes ☐ No ☒ Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. ***Check one.*** I certify that my organization:
   a. ☒ Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
   b. ☐ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to Destination: _____ on Date: _____ that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
   c. ☐ Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (*e.g.,* meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. ***Check only one:***
   a. ☒ My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
   b. ☐ My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
7. **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;
   c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
   d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: DocuSigned by: Shawn Liu 70FA64E612D741C... Date: 7/19/2023

Name: Shawn Liu Title: Legal Director

Organization: Breakthrough Energy Foundation

Address: PO Box 563, Kirkland, WA 98119

Telephone: 303-625-3158 Email: shawn@breakthroughenergy.org

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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August 17, 2023

The Honorable Rick Larsen
U.S. House of Representatives
2163 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 and your spouse's proposed trip to Norway,[1] scheduled for August 23 to September 1, 2023, sponsored by Aspen Institute, Inc., Breakthrough Energy Foundation, and Climate Imperative. We note that this trip includes three days 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 $480 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 $480] 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.

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[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,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

MG/SW:tn

The Honorable Rick Larsen

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0306

Dear Representative Larsen,

I would like to invite you and Tiia to participate in a bipartisan, bicameral congressional conference on ***Energy Security & the New Energy Economy: Overcoming Challenges and Bottlenecks*** **in Oslo, Norway, August 26-September 1, 2023.** Participants would depart the U.S. on Saturday, August 26 and return to the U.S. Friday, September 1. We have limited space, so this invite does not guarantee a seat at the conference table. If you would like to participate, please get back to us **by Wednesday, May 10.**

2022 thrust energy security to the fore of public consciousness, shining a spotlight on the vulnerability of our allies and raising important questions about how to balance a difficult set of competing demands to ensure uninterrupted and affordable energy for all. Meanwhile, Congress made historic appropriations aimed at ushering forward a new energy future for the United States and reinforcing American clean energy competitiveness while decreasing our energy reliance on foreign powers. In Oslo later this summer, we will confront these issues and explore the various interplays, tradeoffs, and opportunities that they implicate. A detailed agenda is forthcoming.

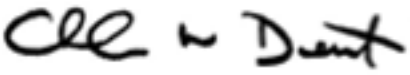
Attendance is by invitation only, no outside observers, no lobbyists, no congressional staff, and no media. All conference sessions are off-the-record. No foreign governments or special interest funds are accepted to fund the Aspen Institute Congressional Program. As required by the House and Senate ethics rules, we will provide congressional participants with ethics private sponsor forms completed and signed.

Travel expenses, including airfare, meals and lodging will be paid for by the Aspen Institute; no expenses for entertainment or recreation are paid for in compliance with ethics rules.

The Congressional Program is part of the Aspen Institute, Inc. a nonprofit organization founded in 1950. The Congressional Program is celebrating its 40th year this year and was created to promote leadership on public policy by bringing together legislators from both political parties with internationally renowned scholars for high level discussions and analysis. Since our program's inception, more than 497 members of Congress have participated in the 154 domestic and international conferences.

We hope you can join us for this important conference.

Sincerely,



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Energy Security & The New Energy Economy: Overcoming Challenges and Bottlenecks

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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23:
Rep. Rick Larsen, and his wife, Tiia Karlen, depart Seattle at 3:50 pm on Icelandair 680.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24:
Rep. Larsen and Ms. Karlen arrive in Copenhagen, Demark at 12:55 pm on Icelandair 204 and continue travel at personal expense

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25:
Rep. Larsen and Ms. Karlen continue travel at personal expense.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26:
Participants depart the US
Rep. Larsen and Ms. Karlen continue travel at personal expense

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27:
Participants arrive in Oslo
Rep. Larsen and Ms. Karlen continue travel at personal expense and join the conference for the first session

Transport from Oslo airport to conference hotel

7 – 9 PM: **Working Dinner**
Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Discussions will focus on United States energy policy broadly, and in particular, the ways in which lawmakers play a role in enhancing energy security while advancing decarbonization solutions in parallel, and how these dual imperatives might be complimentary.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28:

6:45 – 8 AM: Private breakfast is available

8 – 9 AM: Breakfast Conversation with Julio Friedmann, *Chief Scientist and Chief Carbon Wrangler, Carbon Direct*

Dr. Julio Friedmann is an internationally recognized expert on carbon management. His work concerns how to reduce and remove carbon dioxide from the air and oceans through investment, science, and business. Dr. Friedmann will outline the topic of carbon management for the conference participants, contextualize the planned site visits, facilitate dialogues about the role of carbon management in climate change policy, and address associated policy questions.

9 – 9:15 AM: Introduction and Framework of the Conference
This conference is organized into roundtable conversations, working lunches, site visits, and pre-dinner remarks. This segment will highlight how the conference will be conducted, how those with questions will be recognized, and how responses will be timed to allow for as much engagement as possible.

Speaker:
Charlie Dent, *Vice President, Aspen Institute; Executive Director, Congressional Program*

9:15 – 11 AM: Roundtable Discussion
Building Cleaner and Faster: Making the Permitting System Work for 21st Century Energy Needs
Achieving net-zero emissions by 2050 is ecologically essential, technologically feasible, economically achievable, but procedurally impossible. How can Congress reimagine the permitting system to reinforce security and environmental imperatives?

Speakers:
Jim Connaughton, *CEO, Nautilus Data Technologies; Former Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality*
Katie McGinty, *Vice President & Chief Sustainability, Government & Regulatory Affairs Officer, Johnson Controls; Former Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality*

11 – 11:15 AM: **Break**

11:15 AM – 1:15 PM: Roundtable Discussion:
A Critical Minerals Policy for the United States
Critical minerals like cobalt, lithium, nickel, and copper (among others) have emerged as key enabling resources for the clean energy transition, but the difficulty of securely accessing these raw materials will be a barrier in the decades to come. These minerals

are essential building blocks of wind turbines, electric car batteries, and other clean energy infrastructure, and therefore a steady supply to the West is crucial to meet climate goals. Sustainably and ethically sourcing the minerals necessary to fight climate change raises a host of challenges related to geopolitical competition, domestic mining and processing, and technological innovation. This session will explore these roadblocks and highlight what actions Congress could take to secure the critical minerals supply necessary for the U.S. new energy economy to thrive.

Speakers:
Frank Fannon, *Managing Director, Fannon Global Advisors; former Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Resources*
Jonathan Pershing, *Program Director, Environment, Hewlett Foundation; Former U.S. State Department Special Envoy for Climate; former Special Envoy for Climate Change, U.S. Department of State*

1:15 – 2:15 PM: Working Lunch
During lunch, Members will discuss how permitting challenges and minerals scarcity might be examples of "bottlenecks" preventing progress on advancing the dual imperatives of energy security and addressing climate change. Using these examples as a starting point, members will consider the role that the policy process plays in addressing bottlenecks, and how technological and economic factors could be brought to bear alongside the policy process.

2:45 – 4 PM: Visit to the Storting, the Norwegian Parliament
Founded in 1814, Storting is the supreme, unicameral legislature of Norway that: (1) passes new legislation, and amends and repeals existing legislation; (2) determines annual state revenues and expenditures by considering and adopting the Fiscal Budget; (3) supervises the Government and public administration; (4) authorizes plans and guidelines for the activities of the State and debates broader domestic and foreign policy issues. During the visit to the Storting, Members of Congress will have the opportunity to explore the historic building and learn more about their Norwegian counterparts' work.

4:20 PM: Group boards buses and is transported to the residence of the U.S. Ambassador to Norway to clear security protocols to enter residence

4:40 PM: Bus arrives at the residence and group, all with passports in hand, clear through security in 20 minutes

5 – 6:30 PM: Meeting and Standing Light Dinner with the U.S. Ambassador to Norway, Marc Nathanson and Jane Nathanson

The discussion will focus on issues of interest to members of Congress.

6:30 – 7 PM: Group boards buses and returns to hotel

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29:

7-8:20 AM: Breakfast

8:30 - 9:45 AM: Roundtable Discussion:
Norwegian Energy Leadership: How Norway's Success Informs America's Energy Transition
Norway is successfully transitioning into green energy, while continuing to generate traditional energy sources. The country is also far advanced in managing carbon. The Ministers of Petroleum & Energy and Trade & Industry will share their experiences.

Speakers:
Bjelland Eriksen, *State Secretary Andreas, the Ministry of Petroleum and Energy of Norway*
Jan Christian Vestre, *Minister of Trade and Industry of Norway*

9:45 – 9:55 AM: Break

9:55 – 11 AM: Roundtable Discussion
Geopolitics of Energy: Reinforcing Allies' Energy Independence

In many NATO member countries, the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the subsequent chaos in world energy markets thrust into the forefront of public consciousness the risks posed by energy supply chains that are vulnerable to disruptions in geopolitical equilibrium. This session will address in what ways the United States might be positioned to reinforce allies' energy security and deprive adversaries of opportunities to use energy flows as an instrumentality of pressure.

Speaker:
Jason Bordoff, *Founding Director, Center on Global Energy Policy; Professor of Professional Practice, Columbia SIPA; Co-Founding Dean, Columbia Climate School*

11 – 11:45: Working Lunch
Discussion continues between members of Congress and scholars, focusing on the transatlantic energy relationship between the United States and its allies, including Norway. Members will consider how recent global events have changed some of the fundamental assumptions that have underpinned the energy system, and the ways in

which newly reinvigorated transatlantic ties present policy opportunities for addressing the dual imperatives of energy security and addressing climate change.

11:45 AM – Noon: Group boards buses and departs at noon for Brevik, Norway

Noon – 2:15 PM: Travel to Heidelberg Materials Sement Norge – Brevik Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)

2:30 – 3:30 PM: Educational Site Visit
Heidelberg Materials Sement Norge – Brevik Carbon Capture and Storage
Cement production is a major contributor to global greenhouse gas emissions, both from the release of carbon dioxide contained in limestone (one of the key ingredients of cement) and the energy needed to heat the limestone during the cement manufacturing process. We will visit an innovative cement manufacturing facility, the first industrial-scale carbon capture and storage (CCS) project at a cement production facility. The Northern Lights facility, which we will visit later in the week, is the ultimate destination for this captured carbon.

3:45 – 5:45 PM: Group returns to Oslo

6 – 7 PM: Electric Ferry – New Energy Efficient Mode of Water Transport
Critical to success in the energy transition will be the electrification of the transpiration sector, including short-haul maritime vessels like ferries. The world's first electric ferry was put into operation in Norway in 2015 with the manufacturer projecting emissions to be cut by 95 percent and costs by 80 percent compared to a fuel-powered ferry. Today, Norway has about 80 electric commuter ferries in operation and built and operates the first high-speed ferry, a multi-stop commuter route, which reduces emissions in the region the equivalent of taking 60 buses off the road. Participants will ride an electric ferry to dinner with commentary by a local expert.

7 – 9 PM: Working Dinner
Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Members today have seen examples of electrification and carbon management, which are two of many essential tools that will be necessary for the new energy economy of the future. What other ways do conference attendees view as essential for the new energy economy? How might new approaches enhance energy security in the process?

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30: *(Overnight in Bergen)*

7 – 8:30: Breakfast Available

8:30 – 10:15 AM: Roundtable Discussion
U.S. Leadership in Clean Energy Innovation

The United States has emerged as a leader in clean energy innovation, pioneering cutting edge technologies that will help define the energy system of the future. Adding to the momentum is recently enacted, robustly bipartisan legislation which has made unprecedented investments in clean energy demonstration and development, world class universities that train the next generation of scientists and engineers, and the United States National Laboratories which have embraced a clean energy innovation agenda. This session will seek to address what it will take for the United States to maintain and expand on its status as a world leader in clean energy innovation.

Speakers:
Robin Millican, *Senior Director, Breakthrough Energy*
Rich Powell, *CEO, ClearPath*

10:15 – 10:45 AM: Break and check out of hotel

10:45 – 11:45 AM: Working Lunch
Discussion continues between members of Congress and scholars on clean energy innovation. Members will discuss how the United States can (continue to) lead global energy innovation, positioning the United States as a key engine of new opportunities in the energy transition and the energy economy of the future. In what ways can energy innovation enhance the national security of the United States?

Noon: Bus departs for Oslo airport to fly to Bergen

1 – 2 PM: Clear Oslo airport security and prepare to board flight

2:50 PM: SAS Flight 269G departs Oslo

3:40 PM: SAS Flight 269G Arrives in Bergen

3:40 – 5 PM: Group exits airport and boards buses for transport to hotel

5 – 6 PM: Group is transported to Bergen hotel and completes hotel check-in

8 – 10 PM: Working Dinner

Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Discussions will focus on how policymakers might navigate the emergent tension between the need for global cooperation to combat climate change and increasingly pressing global power competition. In what ways does this tension influence American energy security and climate change imperatives?

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31: *(Overnight in Bergen)*

6:30 – 8:34 AM: Breakfast Available

9 – 10:30 AM: Roundtable Discussion

A New Era of Global Competition: Trade, Climate Cooperation, and National Security

The United States' trade agenda is undergoing a period of historic upheaval. Globalization seems to now be disfavored relative to new "America First" strategies (exemplified in particular by the array of recently passed historic subsidies for domestic clean energy investment). Abroad, some believe the relevance of the World Trade Organization continues to decline, and European allies have announced a "border carbon adjustment mechanism." All the while, multilateral, bilateral, and regional trading regimes are emerging as the new trade world order. In what ways is the United States well positioned to leverage trade opportunities to reinforce energy security and climate change imperatives? How might policymakers balance conflicting energy imperatives that favor global competition, but also simultaneously necessitate cooperation?

Speakers:

Sonia Aggarwal, *CEO, Energy Innovation; former Special Assistant to President Biden for Climate Policy, Innovation, and Deployment*
Maureen Hinman, *Co-Founder and Chairman of Silverado Policy Accelerator*

10:30 – 10:45 AM: Break

10:45 AM – 1 PM: Policy Reflections for Members of Congress

All attendees can remain in the meeting room, however, this session is only for Members of Congress to discuss ideas and policies.

This time is set aside for members of Congress to reflect on what they have learned during the conference and discuss their views on implications for U.S. policy. Members of Congress have seen and learned a lot this week. Drawing on the full range of conversations and site visits throughout the week, members will seek to identify for each

other the most promising takeaways for the United States policy process, with a special focus on opportunities for bipartisan cooperation and agreement enhancing United States energy security while addressing climate change. This is a members-only conversation.

1-2 PM: Working Lunch

2-2:30 PM: Group boards buses and travels to Northern Lights company

3- 4:45 PM: Educational Site Visit
Northern Lights (an open-source carbon management facility)

We will visit the world's first open-source carbon dioxide transport and storage infrastructure, which delivers carbon storage as a service. The goal of this service is to help emitters stop emissions that cannot be avoided in other ways from reaching the atmosphere and to provide a safe and permanent storage option for CO2 that is removed from the air. Carbon dioxide is received in liquid form transported by ship, offloaded into a terminal (which we will tour), and then eventually injected through undersea pipelines into permanent geologic undersea storage.

5 – 6 PM: Group boards buses and returns to hotel

7:30 – 9 PM: Working Dinner
Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Discussions will focus on the specific role that carbon management might play in addressing climate change. Carbon management is thought by some to distract from other important climate change agendas, while others maintain that carbon management is a necessary and indispensable tool when deployed alongside a full-spectrum approach to addressing climate change. How might member views on carbon management influence the federal policy process?

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1:

Breakfast available at 6:30 AM

Participants depart the hotel for the airport at various times from early morning to early afternoon to return to the U.S.

Rep. Larsen and Ms. Karlen depart Bergen at 3:30 pm on Icelandair 335 and arrive in Seattle at 5:40 PM on Icelandair 681.

House Appendix

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"Energy Security and the New Energy Economy"

<u>Question 4</u>: 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.

These members are invited due to their subject matter interest and expertise in the geopolitical issues to be discussed at the conference.

Rep. Kelly Armstrong: Committee on Energy and Commerce (Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security)
Rep. Earl Blumenauer: Committee on Ways and Means (Subcommittee on Trade, Subcommittee on Health)
Rep. Julia Brownley: Committee on Veterans' Affairs (Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Health); Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Rep. Sean Casten: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Rep. Kathy Castor: Committee on Energy and Commerce (Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations)
Rep. Michael Guest: Chair, Committee on Ethics; Committee on Appropriations (Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies)
Rep. John Joyce: Committee on Energy and Commerce (Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Minerals)
Rep. Tom Kean, Jr.: Committee Science, Space, and Technology (Subcommittee on Energy)
Rep. Doug Lamborn: Committee on Armed Services (Chair, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces); Committee on Natural Resources
Rep. Rick Larsen: Ranking Member, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Rep. Debbie Lesko: Committee on Energy and Commerce (Vice Chair, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations)
Rep. Frank Lucas: Chair, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Rep. Gary Palmer: Committee on Energy and Commerce (Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security)
Rep. Scott Peters: Committee on Energy and Commerce (Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security)
Rep. Chellie Pingree: Committee on Appropriations (Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Interior and the Environment)
Rep. Deborah Ross: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology (Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Environment)
Rep. David Rouzer: Committee on Energy and Commerce (Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security)
Rep. John Sarbanes: Committee on Energy and Commerce (Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security)
Rep. Brad Schneider: Committee on Foreign Affairs; Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Kim Schrier: Committee on Energy and Commerce (Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security)
Rep. Lloyd Smucker: Committee on Ways and Means (Subcommittee on Trade)
Rep. Mark Veasey: Committee on Energy and Commerce (Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security)

Question 15-B-1: Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided):

The daily cost of meals on the form is $50 – this amount reflects the cost of the daily dinner. The total meal cost reflects five dinners in Oslo/Bergen and one $30 per person lunch in Bergen.The conference meeting fee in Oslo includes lunch. The accommodation cost in Oslo and Bergen includes breakfast.

Question 18: Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
The nightly room rate is $215. While this exceeds per diem by $20, it is necessary to stay in secure facilities.