

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM  Original  Amendment

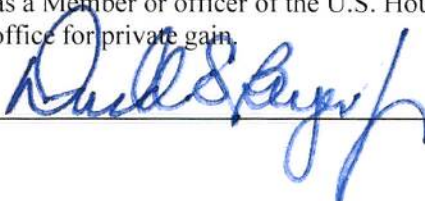
This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance 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](mailto: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: Donald Sternoff Beyer Jr
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Megan Carroll Beyer OR  None  
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: Apr 1, 2024 Return: Apr 6, 2024  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ OR  None
4. Departure City: Wash, DC (IAD) Destination: Bellagio Italy Return City: Wash, DC (IAD)
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program), Rockefeller Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): agenda in separate attachment

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: Apr 9, 2024

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# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated 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.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: \_\_\_\_\_

The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)

2. Travel Destination(s): Bellagio, Italy

3. Date of Departure: April 1, 2024 Date of Return: April 6, 2024

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Don Beyer and Megan Beyer

*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	\$6,275	\$1,236	\$596	\$700:Private meeting space, AV, conference services
Accompanying Family Member	\$6,275	-0-	\$596	\$700:Private meeting space, AV, 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:  Date: 16-April-2024

Name: Charlie Dent Title: Vice President-The 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, Washington, DC 20037

Telephone: lisa.jones@aspeninstitute.org Email: 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.



# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Donald Sternoff Beyer Jr.
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)  
Rockefeller Foundation
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Bellagio, Italy
4. a. Date of Departure: April 1 2024 Date of Return: April 6 2024  
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: Megan Carroll Beyer
  - (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.**

Rep Beyer is a part of the newly formed bipartisan AI Task Force and this trip will dive into depth into the potential and dangers of AI on a global scale. This will help the Congressman get a better understanding of how to move forward to legislate on the issue. Also, as a part of the Ways and Means Committee & Joint Economic Committee, Rep Beyer will be able to get a better understanding on how AI will affect global trade & economics.

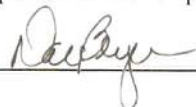
9. Yes  No  **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**

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: 3/22/2024

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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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

Rockefeller Foundation

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: April 1, 2024 Date of Return: April 6, 2024

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC or member's congressional district

b. Destination(s): Bellagio, Italy

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 foundation listed in 3C - Rockefeller Foundation - did 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): \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$157**

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
**The location provides access to experts related to conference topic**

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

Hotel Name: Bellagio Center City: Bellagio, Italy Cost Per Night: \$309  
Reason(s) for Selecting: Facility has required technology and meeting space. Security a key factor.  
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.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total <b>Transportation</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Lodging</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Meal</b> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$6,275	\$1,236	\$596
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$6,275	-0-	\$596

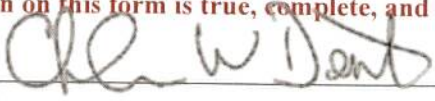
	<b>Other</b> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$700	Private meeting space, AV, conference services
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$700	Private meeting space, AV, conference 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:  Date: March 22, 2024  
 Name: Charlie Dent Title: Vice President-The Aspen Institute, Inc.  
 Organization: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)  
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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.**

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1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: Aspen Institute Congressional Program
2. Name of your organization: The Rockefeller 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: Bellagio Italy on Date: April 1-6, 2024  
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:  Date: 01/29/2024

Name: Erica Guyer Title: General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Organization: The Rockefeller Foundation

Address: 420 Fifth Avenue, New York NY 10018

Telephone: (212) 869-8500 Email: eguyer@rockfound.org

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**HOUSE APPENDIX**  
Aspen Institute Congressional Program  
Artificial Intelligence: The Promise and The Peril  
April 1-6, 2024

***Question 4: Provide names and titles of all House Members 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. Nanette Barragán:** House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
**Rep. Don Beyer:** House Committee on Ways and Means  
**Rep. Kat Cammack:** House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Subcommittee on Communications and Technology  
**Rep. Anna Eshoo:** House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Subcommittee on Communications and Technology  
**Rep. Scott Franklin:** House Committee on Science, Space and Technology  
**Rep. Garret Graves:** House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
**Rep. Michael Guest:** House Committee on Homeland Security; House Committee on Appropriations  
**Rep. Jim Himes:** Ranking Member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
**Rep. Glenn Ivey:** House Committee on Homeland Security  
**Rep. Dave Joyce:** House Committee on Appropriations; Chairman, Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security  
**Rep. John Joyce:** House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
**Rep. Ann McLane Kuster:** House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Subcommittee on Communications and Technology  
**Rep. Darin LaHood:** House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; Chairman, Subcommittee on NSA and Cyber  
**Rep. Rick Larsen:** Ranking Member, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
**Rep. Ted Lieu:** House Committee on Foreign Affairs; House Committee on the Judiciary; Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet  
**Rep. Greg Murphy:** House Committee on Ways and Means  
**Rep. Guy Reschenthaler:** House Committee on Appropriations  
**Rep. Linda Sanchez:** House Committee on Ways and Means





**CONGRESSIONAL  
PROGRAM**  
aspen institute

## Artificial Intelligence: The Promise and the Peril

April 1-6, 2024 | Bellagio, Italy

### AGENDA

*Congressional Program Executive Director Charlie Dent moderates the discussion sessions, recognizes members of Congress who have questions, and is assisted by a timekeeper to ensure the conversation is quick paced and every member of Congress has an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the issues.*

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 1**

U.S. participants depart the U.S.

*Rep. Don Beyer, and his wife, Megan Beyer, depart Washington, DC at 5:10 pm on Aer Lingus 116.*

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 2:**

U.S. participants arrive in Bellagio, Italy throughout the day.

*Rep. Don Beyer and Megan Beyer, arrive in Milan at 10:40 am on Aer Lingus 432 and are transported by bus to Bellagio, Italy, and join the conference tonight for the first event.*

#### **6 - 7 PM: Pre-Dinner Remarks** *The Big Picture*

The landscape of artificial intelligence (AI) presents multifaceted and rapidly evolving opportunities and challenges. The AI big picture involves the intersection of cutting-edge technology, societal impact, and ethical considerations. AI is not merely a technological phenomenon but a transformative force influencing industries, economies, and governance structures. Policymakers grapple with the challenges posed by AI, including ethics, the regulation of AI applications, and the global collaboration needed to navigate its international implications. This opening panel will foreshadow the profound changes AI introduces in labor markets, education, and healthcare, necessitating a holistic approach to policymaking.

#### **Speaker:**

**Fei-Fei Li**, *Sequoia Professor, Computer Science Department, Stanford University; Co-Director, Stanford's Human-Centered AI Institute*

#### **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.

## **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3:**

### **6:30 - 9 AM: Breakfast**

#### **9 - 9:15 AM: Introduction and Framework of the Conference**

This conference is organized into roundtable conversations, working lunches 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**, *Executive Director and Vice President,  
Aspen Institute Congressional Program*

#### **9:15 - 11 AM: Roundtable Discussion**

##### ***Artificial Intelligence 101***

In this session, AI industry experts will cover the basics of Artificial Intelligence (AI), including the underlying technology, the history of AI and Machine Learning, current use cases, and what the future may look like.

#### **Speakers:**

**Raffi Krikorian**, *CTO, Emerson Collective*

**Alondra Nelson**, *Harold F. Linder Professor, Institute for Advanced Study,  
Princeton University*

#### **11 - 11:15 AM: Break**

#### **11:15 AM – 1 PM: Roundtable Discussion**

##### ***Geopolitics of Artificial Intelligence***

Perhaps more than any other technology, the global competition around AI is both a matter of national security as well as an economic and innovation race. This session will provide an overview of AI from a global perspective, highlighting security risks and international policies.

#### **Speakers:**

**Klon Kitchen**, *Managing Director, Beacon Global Strategies*

**Eva Maydell**, *Member of the European Parliament*

#### **1-2 PM: Working Lunch**

Discussion continues between members of Congress and experts on geopolitics of artificial intelligence.

#### **2-5 PM: Individual Discussions**

Scholars will be available to meet individually with members of Congress for in-depth discussion of ideas raised in the morning sessions, including Raffi Krikorian, Alondra Nelson, Klon Kitchen, Eva Maydell, David Rhew.

#### **5 - 6 PM: Pre-dinner remarks**

##### ***New Frontiers: AI and Healthcare***



The intersection of AI and healthcare represents a new frontier in medical innovation, promising transformative advancements across diagnosis, treatment, and patient care. Artificial intelligence applications in healthcare range from predictive analytics and personalized medicine to robotic surgeries and drug discovery. Machine learning algorithms analyze vast datasets, enabling early detection of diseases, optimizing treatment plans, and improving overall healthcare outcomes. However, this technological frontier comes with ethical and regulatory challenges, including privacy concerns, data security, algorithmic bias, and the need for transparent decision-making. Members of Congress will learn about how AI's ability to process and interpret complex medical information can accelerate research and development but also surface structural inequities.

**Speaker:**

**David Rhew**, *Chief Medical Officer, Microsoft*

**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 the role of AI in medicine.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4:**

**6:30 - 9 AM: Breakfast**

**9 - 11:15 AM: Roundtable Discussion:**

***Deepfakes and Democracy: The Looming Collision of AI and Elections***

In 2024, almost one billion people around the globe will vote in national elections. As malicious actors continue their assault on democratic processes worldwide, AI tools can be weaponized to wrongly influence people. In this session, experts will lay out specific threats enabled by AI, including deep fakes, microtargeting of voters, and automated content distribution. The panelists will review current and potential guardrails to keep democracy on track.

**Speakers:**

**Chris Krebs**, Chief Intelligence and Public Policy Officer, SentinelOne; *former Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security*

**Vivian Schiller**, *Vice President and Executive Director, Aspen Digital, Aspen Institute*

**11:15 - 11:30 AM: Break**

**11:45 AM-1 PM: Roundtable Discussion:**

***The Good News: AI and Innovation in Education, Healthcare, and Climate***

The integration of artificial intelligence brings promising prospects for innovation in various critical sectors. **In education**, AI is revolutionizing personalized learning experiences, tailoring educational content to individual needs and optimizing teaching methodologies. It opens up new avenues for adaptive learning systems, equipping

students with the skills necessary for the evolving job market. **In healthcare**, AI applications are enhancing diagnostic accuracy, streamlining administrative tasks, and accelerating drug discovery processes. **In climate change**, AI is playing a pivotal role from optimizing energy consumption to facilitating predictive modeling for environmental changes. This panel will help Members of Congress uncover how to ensure that AI-driven innovations benefit society and promote inclusive, equitable access to these technologies.

**Speakers:**

**Vilas Dhar**, *President, McGovern Foundation*

**Anna Makanju**, *Vice President, Global Affairs, OpenAI*

**1-2 PM: Working Lunch**

Discussion continues between members of Congress and scholars on addressing the looming collision of AI and elections.

**2-5 PM: Individual Discussions**

Scholars will be available to meet individually with members of Congress for in-depth discussion of ideas raised in the morning sessions, including Chris Krebs, Vilas Dhar, Vivian Schiller, and Anna Makanju.

**6 - 7 PM: Pre-Dinner Remarks**

***Computer Brain Interface***

The development of computer-brain interfaces (CBIs) marks a groundbreaking frontier in the realm of neurotechnology. These interfaces establish a direct communication link between the human brain and computers, facilitating bidirectional information exchange. CBIs hold tremendous potential for enhancing the quality of life for individuals with neurological disorders, as they can enable direct control over computers or prosthetic devices through neural signals. Researchers are exploring applications such as restoring mobility for paralyzed individuals, improving communication for those with severe motor disabilities, and even augmenting cognitive capabilities. The Members of Congress will discuss how to strike a balance between the remarkable benefits and potential ethical and economic concerns of unlocking this technology.

**Speaker:**

**Dario Gill**, *Senior Vice President and Director of Research, IBM*

**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 AI 's role in innovation and democracy.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5:**

**6:30 - 9 AM: Breakfast**

**9 - 11 AM: Roundtable Discussion**

***AI and the Future of Labor Market***



There are mixed perceptions about AI's role in a new labor market: AI will open up new labor markets and improve employee satisfaction or lead to an epic loss of jobs. However, everyone agrees that AI will change the nature of work and workers. This panel will uncover how companies are approaching these opportunities and risks.

**Speakers:**

**Athina Kanioura**, CSO, PepsiCo

**Mike Haley**, Senior Vice President, Research, Autodesk

**11 - 11:15 AM: Break**

**11:15 AM - 1 PM: Individual Discussions**

Scholars will be available to meet individually with members of Congress for in-depth discussion of ideas raised in the morning sessions, including Athina Kanioura and Mike Haley.

**1-2 PM: Working Lunch**

Discussion continues between members of Congress and experts on policy takeaways from the conference.

**2-5 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 learned during the conference and discuss their views on implications for U.S. policy.

**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 policy takeaways from the conference.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6:**

**5 AM-9 AM**

Conference participants depart Bellagio by private bus for Milan airport to the U.S.

*Rep. Don Beyer and Megan Beyer depart Milan at 11:20 am on Aer Lingus 433 and arrive in Washington, DC at 7:10pm on Aer Lingus 119.*

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March 26, 2024

The Honorable Donald Beyer, Jr.  
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1119 Longworth House Office Building  
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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 Italy,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for April 1 to 6, 2024, sponsored by Aspen Institute, Inc., and the Rockefeller Foundation.

Committee travel regulations require that you submit your complete pre-trip approval request to the Committee at least 30 days before the commencement of the trip or it will not be granted. Despite your failure to do so in this instance, we are approving your current request. However, any future requests should adhere to the 30-day requirement.

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

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<sup>1</sup> 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](mailto: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>.



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.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Guest". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Michael Guest  
Chairman

MG/SW:kjf

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Wild". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Susan Wild  
Ranking Member