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: Tony Gonzales
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** ☐ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 8/14/2024 Return: 8/17/2024
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: 8/15/2024 ***OR*** ☐ None
4. Departure City: San Antonio TX Destination: Aspen CO Return City: San Antonio TX
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Enterprise Institute
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):

   Participate in several meeting and panels on the state of American foreign affairs and the roles Members play in the modern US political climate.

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: 8/28/2024

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☐ *Original* ☐ *Amendment*

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated 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: American Enterprise Institute
2. Travel Destination(s): Aspen, CO
3. Date of Departure: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 Date of Return: Saturday, August 17, 2024
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Tony Gonzales

   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	$523.96 (roundtrip coach class airfare)	$1,666	$1,062.71	N/A
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

6. ☒ All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. *Signify statement is true by checking box.*

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

Signature: _____ **Date:** 08/26/2024

Name: S. Christopher Gavin **Title:** Director of Government Relations

Organization: American Enterprise Institute

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

Address: 1789 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington DC 20036

Telephone: 202-419-5250 **Email:** chris.gavin@aei.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.

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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: Tony Gonzales

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): Joseph Rosenwinkel

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

Office Address: 2244 Rayburn House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-4511

Email Address of Contact Person: Joe@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*.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Tony Gonzales
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: American Enterprise Institute
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Aspen, CO
4. a. Date of Departure: August 14, 2024 Date of Return: August 17, 2024
   b. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
   If yes, list dates at personal expense: August 15, 2024
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, 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.**
   To provide insights and updates on policy issues such as economic policy, higher education reforms, and foreign policy to better inform representational duties. Additionally, I will provide remarks alongside Representative Austin Scott on how to be a successful legislator in historically partisan times.
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:** _____

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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:

   American Enterprise Institute

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: _____

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 addendum

5. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: August 15, 2024 Date of Return: August 18, 2024
7. a. City of departure: Member's discretion
   b. Destination(s): Aspen, Colorado
   c. City of return: Member's discretion
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:

   AEI has hosted the Rocky Mountain Policy Summit for over eight years, first in Jackson Hole, WY, and now in Aspen, CO. This annual summer gathering is ~~off-the-record and convenes top executives, key policymakers, education leaders, and AEI scholars for several days of intimate, substantive discussion on a range of~~ critical policy issues, including the status of economic policy, reforms in higher education, US foreign policy, science and technology, and domestic policy. Each ~~Summit, AEI invites a number of public officials to join the conversation. Members from both the House and Senate regularly attend as speakers. AEI is a non-profit,~~ tax-exempt public policy research organization. AEI plans, sponsors, and pays for the entirety of the Rocky Mountain Policy Summit.

13. *Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary*:
   a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☒ Other ☐ (specify: Car to/from airport)
   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): _____
      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: The St. Regis City: Aspen, CO Cost Per Night: $833
   Reason(s) for Selecting: This hotel is centrally located, is large enough to accommodate the conference, and has the requisite private meeting facilities.

   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:**

☐ 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	See attached addendum	See attached addendum	See attached addendum
For each Accompanying Family Member	See attached addendum	See attached addendum	See attached addendum

	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	N/A	
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	

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: 7/12/2024

Name: S. Christopher Gavin Title: Director, Government Relations

Organization: American Enterprise Institute

Address: 1789 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036

Email: chris.gavin@aei.org Telephone: +1 480 868 1823

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 12, 2024

The Honorable Tony Gonzales
U.S. House of Representatives
2244 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 Aspen, Colorado, scheduled for August 14 to 17, 2024, sponsored by American Enterprise Institute. We note that this trip includes one day at your personal expense.

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.

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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AEI Rocky Mountain Policy Summit 2024

August 15-18, 2024

AGENDA

Inbound travel details:

Name:	Inbound travel:
Rep. Tony Gonzales	8/14: UA 1715/5777, SAN-ASE 1:05pm-5:27 pm
Rep. Austin Scott	8/15 DL 4011, ATL-ASE 10:30am - 11:53 am

Rep. Scott: travel day + 2.5 hours of programming. Rep. Gonzales: 2.5 hours of programming

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

All Day — Registration — Capitol Room

2:00-3:00 p.m. — *Conversation with Klon Kitchen—Senior Fellow, AEI* — Mountain Social Bar & Lounge

Klon Kitchen—Senior Fellow, AEI
Austin Scott— US Representative (R-GA)
Tony Gonzales— US Representative (R-TX)

Reps. Austin Scott, Tony Gonzales, and AEI's Klon Kitchen will explore the intersection of national security and technology policy, including US-China competition, the rise of artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and broader US security policy.

5:00–5:45 p.m. — **Opening Reception** — Fountain Courtyard

5:45–7:15 p.m. — **Opening Conversation** — Velvet Buck

Welcome Remarks by Robert Doar— President, AEI
University Leadership in Troubled Times

Daniel Diermeier—Chancellor, Vanderbilt University
Jeremy Haefner—Chancellor, University of Denver
Andrew D. Martin—Chancellor, University of Washington
Benjamin Storey (Moderator)—Senior Fellow, AEI

Has the job of university president become "impossible," as some have recently alleged? The trends of the past year—dramatic scenes of campus unrest, a collapse of confidence in university-based expertise, declining enrollment, and a difficult-to-sustain financial model—make the challenges of leadership in today's higher education institutions acute. Some university leaders, however, are leading effectively, responding with integrity to campus protests, protecting academic freedom, and helping restore some of the public trust our colleges and universities have lost in recent years. Join AEI Senior Fellow Benjamin Storey for a conversation with three effective university leaders about their efforts with the issues facing higher education.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

Reps. Scott and Gonzales: 6 hours and 20 minutes of programming

7:30–9:00 a.m. — Breakfast Available — Astor II

8:30–9:45 a.m. — **Breakfast Conversation** — Astor II

Reinvigorating a Culture of Constitutional Self-Government

Roy Altman- Judge, US Court for the Southern District of Florida
James C. Ho- Judge, US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
Yuval Levin – Director, Social, Cultural, and Constitutional Policy Studies, AEI
Adam J. White (Moderator)- Senior Fellow, AEI

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Debates about the Constitution tend to focus on the Supreme Court—especially in the summer, when the Court completes its annual term. But some of our most important constitutional debates actually center on other institutions and issues: Congress, schools, American diplomacy, and more. In this panel, two prominent federal judges will join will join AEI Senior Fellow Adam J. White and AEI Social, Cultural, and Constitutional Studies Director Yuval Levin for a conversation about reforms to reinvigorate America's constitutional culture.

10:00–11:15 a.m. **Morning Session I** Astor II

The Future of Black Identity

Chloé Valdary —Founder, Theory of Enrichment
Thomas Chatterton Williams – Senior Fellow, AEI
Robert Doar (Moderator) — President, AEI

As AEI's two Old Parkland Conferences have revealed, a new generation of black intellectuals is challenging conventional elite views of black identity, culture, and politics. This emerging consciousness can appear culturally conservative and is critical of the contemporary overemphasis on race, and is hostile to the stifling atmosphere of political correctness in art, media, and entertainment. As partisan realignment erodes the traditional politics of America's minority groups, these thinkers and writers are at the cutting edge of a transformation of American life in the years to come. Listen to leading representatives of this new generation discuss these trends and their own experiences confronting progressive orthodoxy.

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. **Morning Session II** Astor II

China's National Mood

Lingling Wei —Chief China Correspondent, *The Wall Street Journal*
Kori Schake (Moderator) —Director, Foreign and Defense Policy Studies, AEI

The Communist Party's bargain with the Chinese people has been increased prosperity in return for restricted liberty. With China now marooned in the middle-income trap, is that bargain breaking down? What are the prospects for political opposition emerging? Policy debates generally focus on Chinese government choices, and with access for Western journalists and civil society constricting, it's difficult to determine the person-on-the-street or party-cadre perspective. We're fortunate to have chief *Wall Street Journal* China correspondent Lingling Wei join us to describe what she's seeing in China.

12:30–2:00 p.m. **Lunch Conversation** Astor II

An Inside View from the House of Representatives

Tony Gonzales— US Representative (R-TX)
Austin Scott— US Representative (R-GA)
Yuval Levin (Moderator) — Director of Social, Cultural, and Constitutional Policy Studies, AEI

In recent years, the US House of Representatives has been the scene of political drama and partisan warfare, but it has also been a stage for significant legislation and essential oversight. Reps. Tony Gonzales (R-TX) and Austin Scott (R-GA) join AEI's Social, Cultural, and Constitutional Studies Director Yuval Levin for a conversation about the range of institutional and policy issues confronting the House and the highs and lows of being a member of Congress in 21st-century America.

2:00–5:30 p.m. Executive Time

5:10-5:30 p.m. Transportation to Off-Site Reception St. Regis Resort to Holden-Marolt Mining Museum

5:30–6:30 p.m. Reception (Off-Site) Holden-Marolt Mining & Ranching Museum

6:30–7:30 p.m. **Pre-Dinner Conversation (Off-Site)** Holden-Marolt Mining & Ranching Museum

Senate Strategies: Competing Visions for the 2024 Map and Future Policymaking

Steven Law— Chief Executive Officer, Senate Leadership Fund

Mark Penn— Chairman and CEO, Stagwell

Chris Stirewalt (Moderator)—Senior Fellow, AEI

What would united or divided control of the next Congress and presidency mean for policymaking – on taxes, on deficits and debt, and on national security? With the Senate's advice and consent role in nominations, what do experts see as possible futures for policy and personnel choices in the crucial first year of a new administration? Join this discussion with a bipartisan trio of analysts for a look at what to expect.

7:30–9:30 p.m. Dinner (Off-Site) Holden-Marolt Mining & Ranching Museum

9:30–9:50 p.m. Transportation Holden-Marolt Mining Museum to St. Regis Resort

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

Rep. Scott and Rep. Gonzales travel day; no programming

6:00 a.m. **Rep. Scott departing conference for ASE**

7:30 a.m. **Rep. Gonzales departing the conference for ASE**

7:30–9:00 a.m. Breakfast Available Astor II

8:30–9:45 a.m. **Breakfast Conversation** Astor II

A Conversation with Gov. Spencer Cox

Spencer Cox— Governor of Utah (R-UT)

Robert Doar (Moderator)—President, AEI

The complicated forces that have beset the conservative movement since 2016 show little sign of abating. Should the party hold to its traditional values and policies or embrace a realignment? How should policymakers approach critical issues such as economics, healthcare, education, and family policy? Gov. Spencer Cox (R-UT) will draw on his policy experience governing Utah for a conversation with AEI President Robert Doar to make sense of where the GOP is, and should be, going.

10:00–11:15 a.m. **Morning Session I** Astor II

The Future of Warfare

Todd Harrison—Senior Fellow, AEI

Shyam Sankar—Chief Technology Officer and Executive Vice President, Palantir

Klon Kitchen (Moderator)—Senior Fellow, AEI

As the conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza have shown, warfare is rapidly changing. The widespread use of commercially available technology on the battlefield—such as drones, artificial intelligence, satellites,

and social media—has fundamentally altered how militaries operate and, in some cases, negated the advantages larger and better-resourced militaries once held. This panel will explore the trends and technologies shaping the future of warfare and what it means for US national security.

11:30 a.m.–1:15 p.m. **Lunch Conversation** Astor II

Introduction by Robert Doar— President, AEI
A Conversation with Doug Burgum— Governor (R–ND)
Roger Pielke Jr. (Moderator)—Senior Fellow, AEI

Join Roger Pielke for a conversation with Governor Doug Burgum of North Dakota for a conversation on energy, the environment, and the role that innovation and new technologies play in dynamizing the energy sector. Gov. Burgum will draw on his experience in the private sector and leading North Dakota. They will also explore the importance of energy independence in safeguarding US economic and national security.

1:15–6:00 p.m. Executive Time

6:00–7:00 p.m. Reception Astor II

7:00–9:00 p.m. **Dinner and Conversation** Astor II

National Security Challenges
Stephen E. Biegun — Senior Vice President of Global Public Policy, Boeing
Roger F. Wicker— US Senator (R-MS)
Kori Schake (Moderator)—Director, Foreign and Defense Policy Studies, AEI

A dangerous gap has emerged between the United States' defense strategy and its ability to carry it out. That gap has been acknowledged on a bipartisan basis, demonstrated by the Congress adding more $70 billion to President Joe Biden's budget requests for defense, the Strategic Posture Commission's bipartisan conclusions, and Sen. Roger F. Wicker's proposed 5 percent of gross domestic product real-growth budget increase for defense. As cooperation deepens among China, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Russia, and Venezuela, the US has important national security choices to make. This panel will explore the sufficiency of our nuclear and other strategic programs, the size and capabilities of our military forces, and ways to balance the books on government defense spending.

9:00–10:00 p.m. Reception Astor II

9:15–10:00 p.m. **Starlight Chat** Astor II

Judge Roy Altman on Israel and America
Yuval Levin (Moderator)—Director, Social, Cultural, and Constitutional Policy Studies, AEI
Roy Altman —Judge, US Court for the Southern District of Florida

The war between Israel and Hamas over the past year has not only unleashed intense antisemitism in some corners of American life but also revealed serious gaps in many Americans' knowledge of the basic facts of the longstanding conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. In conversation with AEI's Yuval Levin, Judge Roy Altman will discuss his work to take on both challenges.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

7:30–10:30 a.m. Informal Breakfast

Astor II

Outbound travel details:

Name	Outbound travel
Rep. Austin Scott	8/17: DL 3676, ASE-ATL; 7:47am-12:58pm
Rep. Tony Gonzales	8/17 UA 5778/1022, ASE-SAN; 9:30am-4:45 pm

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