

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

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

1. Name of Traveler: Rep. Ron Estes
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Ms. Susan Estes **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: Nov. 7, 2024 Return: Nov. 12, 2024
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: District Destination: Vienna, Austria Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): See attached agenda

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: _____

Ron Estes

Date: _____

11/18/2024

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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Original Amendment

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: The Ripon Society and The Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange

2. Travel Destination(s): Vienna, Austria

3. Date of Departure: November 7, 2024 Date of Return: November 12, 2024

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Congressman Ron Estes and Susan Estes

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	\$ 8216.40	\$1180.84	\$ 652.40	\$1255.54 meeting/dining rental, buses, security, av
Accompanying Family Member	\$ 8216.40		\$ 652.40	\$1255.54 meeting/dining rental, buses, security, av

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: Nov. 12, 2024

Name: James K. Conzelman Title: President and CEO

Organization: The Ripon Society and The Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange

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

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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.



TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange
Vienna, Austria | November 8-12, 2024

Final Agenda

Name	Dep. date	Flights and departure times (all times local)	Arrival date	Arrival time
Rep. Larry Bucshon	11/4	UA 52 IAD to ZRH at 5:30 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/5	10:30 am
Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi	11/6	UA 9850 ORD to VIE at 4:20 pm OS 705 PRG to VIE at 9:40 am (paid own)	11/8	10:30 am
Rep. Greg Murphy	11/6	UA 52 IAD to ZRH at 5:30 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/7	10:30 am
Rep. Scott Franklin	11/6	AA 2514 TPA to CLT at 12:44 pm AA 748 CLT to MAD at 4:00 pm AA 8711 MAD to VIE at 8:40 am	11/7	11:40 am
Rep. Stephanie Bice	11/6	AA 1626 OKC to CLT at 2:10 pm AA 730 CLT to LHR at 6:10 pm AA 7227 LHR to VIE at 12:50 pm	11/7	4:10 pm
Rep. Dan Newhouse	11/6	UA 4721 PSC to DEN at 1:19 pm LH 447 DEN to FRA at 5:45 pm OS 0212 FRA to VIE at 4:15	11/8	5:40 pm
Rep. Buddy Carter	11/7	UA 6011 SAV to IAD at 2:10 pm UA 9822 IAD to VIE at 6:00 pm	11/8	8:30 am
Rep. Erin Houchin	11/7	UA 3412 SDF to EWR at 1:17 pm UA 9841 EWR to VIE at 5:55 pm	11/8	8:00 am
Rep. Rick Larsen	11/7	UA 1329 SEA to EWR at 7:25 am UA 9841 EWR to VIE at 5:55 pm	11/8	8:00 am
Rep. Laurel Lee	11/7	UA 2395 TPA to EWR at 11:14 am UA 9841 EWR to VIE at 5:55 pm	11/8	8:00 am
Rep. Jay Obernolte	11/7	UA 4442 DCA to EWR at 1:00 pm UA 9841 EWR to VIE at 5:55 pm	11/8	8:00 am
Rep. James Himes	11/7	UA 9820 JFK to VIE at 6:10 pm	11/8	8:25 am
Rep. Tom Suozzi	11/7	UA 9820 JFK to VIE at 6:10 pm	11/8	8:25 am
Rep. Jason Smith	11/7	UA 108 IAD to MUC at 5:15 pm OS 112 MUC to VIE at 8:40 am	11/8	9:45 am
Rep. Don Bacon	11/7	UA 1933 OMA to ORD at 11:20 am UA 3 ORD to ZRH at 4:10 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am
Rep. Joyce Beatty	11/7	UA 369 CMH to ORD at 2:19 pm UA 3 ORD to ZRH at 4:10 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am
Rep. Mike Carey	11/7	UA 369 CMH to ORD at 2:19 pm UA 3 ORD to ZRH at 4:10 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am
Rep. Randy Feenstra	11/7	UA 5280 FSD to ORD at 11:20 am UA 3 ORD to ZRH at 4:10 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am

Rep. Tony Gonzales	11/7	UA 2250 SAT to IAD at 12:15 pm UA 52 IAD to ZRH at 5:30 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am
Rep. Ashley Hinson	11/7	UA 4768 CID to ORD at 11:30 am UA 3 ORD to ZRH at 4:10 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am
Rep. Dusty Johnson	11/7	UA 5280 FSD to ORD at 11:20 am UA 3 ORD to ZRH at 4:10 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am
Rep. Robin Kelly	11/7	UA 3 ORD to ZRH at 4:10 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am
Rep. Darin LaHood	11/7	UA 5807 PIA to ORD at 10:55 am UA 3 ORD to ZRH at 4:10 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am
Rep. Linda T. Sánchez	11/7	UA 52 IAD to ZRH at 5:30 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am
Rep. Terri Sewell	11/7	UA 3435 BHM to ORD at 10:13 am UA 3 ORD to ZRH at 4:10 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am
Rep. Ron Estes	11/7	AA 5258 ICT to DFW at 12:14 pm AA 20 DFW to LHR at 3:20 pm BA 696 LHR to VIE at 7:20 am	11/8	10:35 am
Rep. August Pfluger	11/7	AA 4957 SJT to DFW at 10:28 am AA 20 DFW to LHR at 3:20 pm BA 696 LHR to VIE at 7:20 am	11/8	10:35 am
Rep. Andy Barr	11/7	DL 3096 LEX to ATL at 1:03 pm DL 72 ATL to AMS at 5:15 pm DL 9418 AMS to VIE at 9:50 am	11/8	11:30 am
Rep. Kat Cammack	11/7	DL 2223 GNV to ATL at 10:12 am DL 8517 ATL to CDG at 5:00 pm DL 8332 CDG to VIE at 9:35 am	11/8	11:30 am
Rep. John Moolenaar	11/7	DL 132 DTW to AMS at 4:20 pm DL 9418 AMS to VIE at 9:50 am	11/8	11:30 am
Rep. Blake Moore	11/7	DL 2924: SLC to MSP at 11:00 am DL 152: MSP to CDG at 4:30 pm DL 8332: CDG to VIE at 9:35 am	11/8	11:30 am
Rep. Pete Stauber	11/7	DL 152 MSP to CDG at 4:30 pm DL 8332 CDG to VIE at 9:35 am	11/8	11:30 am
Rep. Rudy Yakym	11/7	AA 5389 SBN to CLT at 11:55 am AA 748 CLT to MAD at 4:00 pm AA 8711 MAD to VIE at 8:40 am	11/8	11:40 am
Rep. Ami Bera	11/7	UA 5390 SMF to LAX at 7:00 am UA 8042 LAX to YYZ at 9:45 am UA 8401 YYZ to VIE at 6:30 pm	11/8	8:45 am
Rep. Lizzie Fletcher	11/7	UA 880 IAH to LHR at 4:25 pm UA 9846 LHR to VIE at 9:05 am	11/8	12:20 pm
Rep. Jimmy Panetta	11/7	UA 58 SFO to FRA at 1:30 pm OS 208 FRA to VIE at 12:50 pm	11/8	2:15 pm



TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange
Vienna, Austria | November 8-12, 2024

Final Agenda

Friday, November 8, 2024

Morning	Flight arrivals in Vienna from the United States
Morning	Check into Vienna Marriott
	Lunch on own
2:45 pm	Members of Congress walk to Kursalon for briefings and conference opening
3:00 pm-3:45 pm	<u>Members of Congress-only briefing on U.S.-Austrian relations</u> The Members of Congress will be briefed by the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Austria and her team at the U.S. Embassy in Austria about issues important to the relations between the United States and Austria. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ambassador Victoria Reggie Kennedy – U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Austria• Ms. Kami Witmer – Deputy Chief of Mission• Mr. Baron Lobstein – Political-Economic Counselor• Ms. Elizabeth Martin-Shukrun – Public Diplomacy Officer• Col. Jonathan Drake – Defense Attaché• Mr. Kenneth Walsh – Senior Commercial Officer• Mr. Kevin Daniels – Assistant Regional Director, Drug Enforcement Administration
3:45 pm-4:00 pm	Break

(Friday continued)

4:00 pm-4:15 pm

Welcoming remarks from Ambassador Victoria Kennedy

- **Ambassador Victoria Reggie Kennedy** – U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Austria
- Introduction: **Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)** – Honorary Co-Chair, the Franklin Center’s Honorary Congressional Advisory Board
- Gift presentation: **Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)** – Honorary Co-Chair, The Ripon Society’s Honorary Congressional Advisory Board

4:15 pm-5:00 pm

In Country Briefing with U.S. Embassy Vienna officials

Senior leadership of the U.S. Embassy in Austria will brief the conference on the significance of the U.S. bilateral relationship with Austria and highlight the work of our diplomats in Vienna.

- **Ambassador Victoria Reggie Kennedy** – U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Austria
- **Ms. Kami Witmer** – Deputy Chief of Mission
- **Mr. Baron Lobstein** – Political-Economic Counselor
- **Ms. Elizabeth Martin-Shukrun** – Public Diplomacy Officer
- **Col. Jonathan Drake** – Defense Attaché
- **Mr. Kenneth Walsh** – Senior Commercial Officer
- **Mr. Kevin Daniels** – Assistant Regional Director, Drug Enforcement Administration

5:00 pm-5:15 pm

Additional remarks and security briefing

- **Mr. Jim Conzelman** – President & CEO, The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange
- **Representative Darin LaHood (R-IL)** – Honorary Co-Chair, Franklin Center’s Honorary Congressional Advisory Board
- **Representative Larry Bucshon (R-IN)** – Honorary Co-Chair, The Ripon Society’s Honorary Congressional Advisory Board
- **Mr. Chris Morton** – Head of Security, TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange, Pinkerton Security

5:15 pm

Walk to hotel

5:30 pm-7:30 pm

Reception style dinner

7:30 pm-9:30 pm

After dinner coffee at hotel

Saturday, November 9, 2024

7:00 am-8:15 am **Breakfast at hotel**

8:15 am-9:00 am Depart hotel via bus for panel sessions at Gartenpalais Liechtenstein

9:00 am-10:00 am **Panel 1 – U.S.-EU trade**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Austrian officials

A panel discussion focusing on the trade priorities of the U.S., Austria, and the EU, and the ways our countries can increase mutually beneficial free trade. The panel will also discuss how the results of the 2024 elections in both the U.S. and Austria will shape the trajectory of their respective nation's global engagement and trade agendas. The ways in which governments can strengthen supply chains for consumer goods and raw materials will also be explored.

- **Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL)**
- **Representative Jason Smith (R-MO)**
- **Representative Darin LaHood (R-IL)**
- **Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)**
- **Representative Rudy Yakym (R-IN)**
- **Minister Martin Kocher** – Federal Minister for Labour and Economy
- **Moderator: The Honorable Dave Camp (R-MI)** – Chair, the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange

10:00 am-10:15 am Break

10:15 am-11:00 am **Panel 2 – Workforce and immigration**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Austrian officials

A panel session analyzing the immigration policies of the U.S., Austria, and the EU, and discussing ways policymakers can enact common sense solutions to this politically sensitive issue. The panelists will weigh whether such solutions should also be used to address workforce challenges and labor shortages. Finally, refugee reforms and proposals, like Austria's ideas to handle asylum claims in neutral third countries, will be debated.

- **Representative Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA)**
- **Representative Dan Newhouse (R-WA)**
- **Representative Tom Suozzi (D-NY)**
- **Minister Susanne Raab** – Federal Minister for Women, Family, Integration and Media, Austrian Federal Chancellery
- **Moderator: Representative Dusty Johnson (R-SD)**

(Saturday continued)

- 11:00 am-11:45 am **Panel 3 – The role of the EU and NATO in ensuring security in Europe**
Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Austrian officials
A panel discussion about the roles the U.S. and Austria play within multilateral alliances like NATO and the EU and how those pacts safeguard Europe. Against the backdrop of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and other worrisome conflicts around the world, the conversation will speak to how each country may enhance their own militaries in addition to increasing their commitment and participation in such alliances. Finally, the panel will explore possible further expansion of NATO in the wake of the ascension of Sweden and Finland.
- **Representative Jim Himes (D-CT)**
 - **Representative Don Bacon (R-NE)**
 - **Representative Scott Franklin (R-FL)**
 - **Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX)**
 - **Dr. Arnold Kammel** – Secretary General and Director General for Defense Policy, Federal Ministry of Defense
 - Moderator: **Representative Randy Feenstra (R-IA)**
- 11:45 am-12:45 pm **Lunch with speaker – The mission and future of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs**
The leader of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs will discuss the mission of her international organization and the challenges and opportunities presented to the nations of the world in space
- **Ms. Aarti Holla-Maini** – Director, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs
 - Introduction: **Representative Don Bacon (R-NE)**
- 12:45 pm Depart via bus for the Austrian Parliament Building
- 1:30 pm-2:30 pm **Guided visits of the Austrian Parliament Building**
One hour guided visits of the *Parlamentsgebäude* will showcase the inner workings of Austria's two legislative bodies, the Federal Council and the National Council. Other discussion topics will include the history of the legislature and the newly unveiled "sustainable renovation" which cleverly expanded the 1883 structure to increase space and public access. This includes a dedicated space overlooking the floor of the Federal Council for the parliament's Democracy Workshops programs for schoolchildren.
- 2:30 pm-2:45 pm Return to hotel via bus
- 2:45 pm-4:15 pm **Personal time**
- 4:15 pm Depart hotel via bus for the Spanish Riding School
- 4:35 pm-5:00 pm **Discussion with rider from the Spanish Riding School**
A rider from the Spanish Riding School will brief the delegation on the work of their work with these culturally important animals and the work the riders to do preserve this tradition. The rider will take questions from the audience after their opening remarks.
- **Mr. Marius Schreiner** – Rider, Spanish Riding School
 - Moderator: **Ms. Julie Dold** – Spanish Riding School

(Saturday continued)

5:00 pm-5:35 pm

Lecture at the Spanish Riding School

To showcase the role of U.S. and UN leadership in preserving global traditions, culture, and the arts, the history of the Lipizzaner stallions of the Spanish Riding School will be explored with a lecture and Q&A session.

His remarks will focus on the actions taken during World War II by General Patton and the U.S. Army to liberate the Lipizzaner stallions of the Spanish Riding School. These actions preserved the lineage of the world-famous breed. He will also highlight why the classical horsemanship of the Spanish Riding school was recognized by UNESCO in 2015 by being included in the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. In 2022 the tradition of breeding of the Lipizzaner horses was recognized in the same manner.

- **Dr. Alfred Hudler** – Managing Director, Spanish Riding School
- Moderator: **Ms. Julie Dold** – Spanish Riding School

5:40 pm-6:00 pm

Break and pre-demonstration announcements

6:00 pm-6:40 pm

Demonstration of the Lipizzaner horses at the Spanish Riding School

A training demonstration of the Lipizzaner horses at the Spanish Riding School will follow the lecture by Dr. Hudler.

- Moderator: **Ms. Julie Dold** – Spanish Riding School

6:40 pm

Depart via bus for reception and dinner

7:00 pm-7:45 pm

Reception

7:45 pm-9:45 pm

Dinner with Member of Congress-led policy discussions

Each Member of Congress will lead a small dinner discussion following up on one of the panel discussions or the luncheon topic from earlier that day:

Rep. Bacon – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Kelly – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Barr – NATO and security in Europe	Rep. Krishnamoorthi – Workforce and immigration
Rep. Beatty – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. LaHood – NATO and security in Europe
Rep. Bera – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Larsen – NATO and security in Europe
Rep. Bice – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Lee – Workforce and immigration
Rep. Bucshon – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Moolenaar – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Cammack – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Moore – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Carey – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Murphy – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Carter – NATO and security in Europe	Rep. Newhouse – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Estes – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Obernolte – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Feenstra – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Panetta – NATO and security in Europe
Rep. Fletcher – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Pfluger – NATO and security in Europe
Rep. Franklin – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Sánchez – NATO and security in Europe
Rep. Gonzales – Workforce and immigration	Rep. Sewell – NATO and security in Europe
Rep. Himes – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Smith – Workforce and immigration
Rep. Hinson – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Stauber – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Houchin – Workforce and immigration	Rep. Suozzi – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Johnson – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Yakym – NATO and security in Europe

9:45 pm

Walk to hotel

10:00 pm-11:30 pm

After dinner coffee at hotel

Sunday, November 10, 2024

7:00 am-8:30 am **Breakfast at hotel**

8:15 am-9:00 am Depart hotel via bus for panel sessions at Palais Ferstel

9:00 am-10:00 am **Panel 4 – Important issues for future consideration**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress

A panel discussion reflecting upon the results of the 2024 elections and how they will impact the agenda of the 119th Congress. Specifically, the panelists will examine the looming fiscal challenges awaiting Congress in 2025 including raising the debt ceiling, funding the government, the partial expiration of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, and our nation's growing debt and deficit.

- **Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL)**
- **Representative Don Bacon (R-NE)**
- **Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)**
- **Representative Tom Suozzi (D-NY)**
- **Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX)**
- **Representative Ashley Hinson (R-IA)**
- **Moderator: The Honorable Dave Camp (R-MI)**

10:00 am Break

10:15 am-11:00 am **Panel 5 – Financial services and the economy**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Austrian officials

A panel discussion concerning the challenges and opportunities being faced by banking, insurance, and other financial service industries around the world. The panel will also debate the role governments should play in steering their economies and combating inflation.

- **Representative Jim Himes (D-CT)**
- **Representative Andy Barr (R-KY)**
- **Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)**
- **Representative Erin Houchin (R-IN)**
- **Dr. Robert Holzmann** – Governor, *Oesterreichische Nationalbank* (Austrian National Bank)
- **Moderator: Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)**

(Sunday continued)

11:00 am-12:00 pm

Panel 6 – Meeting the China challenge

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Austrian officials

A panel discussion about the future of U.S., Austrian, and EU engagement with China and the challenges and opportunities which lie ahead. Among other items, the conversation will speak to the efforts of major corporations to potentially decouple or “de-risk” themselves from China, as well as the controversy of Chinese companies operating and investing in countries. Finally, the panel will explore future multilateral efforts to address the threats posed by China.

- **Representative Rick Larsen (D-WA)**
- **Representative John Moolenaar (R-MI)**
- **Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL)**
- **Representative Dusty Johnson (R-SD)**
- **Representative Ashley Hinson (R-IA)**
- **Ambassador Gregor W. Kössler** – Director General for Political Affairs, Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs
- Moderator: **Representative Darin LaHood (R-IL)**

12:00 pm-1:15 pm

Lunch with speakers – The mission and future of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Two leaders of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime will discuss the challenges and opportunities facing their organization as it fights international crime and illicit drugs.

- **Mr. John Brandolino** – Director for Treaty Affairs, United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime
- **Mr. Bo Mathiasen** – Officer-in-Charge, Division for Operations, United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime
- Introduction: **Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN)**

1:15 pm-2:15 pm

Panel 7 – Improving health care and pharmaceutical costs and delivery

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Austrian officials

A panel discussion focusing on what the U.S. and Austrian governments can do to encourage better patient care and health care outcomes while maintaining or lowering costs for consumers. The conversation will also explore solutions to the high cost of pharmaceuticals while ensuring substantial private sector investment in innovation.

- **Representative Larry Bucshon (R-IN)**
- **Representative Robin Kelly (D-IL)**
- **Representative Greg Murphy (R-NC)**
- **Representative Blake Moore (R-UT)**
- **Dr. Katharina Reich** – Head of Section VII Public Health & Health System and Chief Medical Officer, Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection
- Moderator: **Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL)**

2:15 pm

Depart for historian-led visits or return to hotel

2:30 pm-5:30 pm

Historian-led visits around Vienna or personal time

(Historian-led visits paid for personally by participating Members of Congress)

(Sunday continued)

7:15 pm Walk to dinner

7:30 pm-9:30 pm **Dinners at restaurants with Member of Congress-led policy discussions**

Each Member of Congress will lead a small dinner discussion following up on one of the panel discussions or the luncheon topic from earlier that day:

Rep. Bacon – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Kelly – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Barr – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Krishnamoorthi – Improving health care
Rep. Beatty – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. LaHood – Improving health care
Rep. Bera – Improving health care	Rep. Larsen – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Bice – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Lee – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Bucshon – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Moolenaar – Financial services and the economy
Rep. Cammack – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Moore – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Carey – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Murphy – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Carter – Improving health care	Rep. Newhouse – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Estes – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Obernolte – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Feenstra – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Panetta – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Fletcher – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Pfluger – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Franklin – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Sánchez – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Gonzales – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Sewell – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Himes – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Smith – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Hinson – Financial services and the economy	Rep. Stauber – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Houchin – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Suozzi – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Johnson – Improving health care	Rep. Yakym – Meeting the China challenge

9:30 pm Walk to hotel

9:45 pm-11:30 pm **After dinner coffee at hotel**

Monday, November 11, 2024

- 7:30 am-9:30 am **Breakfast at hotel**
- 9:20 am Depart hotel via bus to travel to Federal Chancellery
- 9:35 am-10:30 am **Members of Congress-only meeting with the Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria**
Bilateral meeting for the Members of Congress with Federal Chancellor Karl Nehammer to discuss issues of importance to U.S.-Austria relations.
- **Chancellor Karl Nehammer** – Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria
 - **Mr. Peter Launsky-Tieffenthal** – Special Envoy of the Federal Chancellery
 - **State Secretary Claudia Plakolm** – State Secretary for Digitalization, Youth, and Civilian Service, Austrian Federal Chancellery
 - Delegation co-leader: **Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)** – Honorary Co-Chair, the Franklin Center’s Honorary Congressional Advisory Board
 - Delegation co-leader: **Representative August Pfluger (R-TX)** – Honorary Co-Chair, the Franklin Center’s Honorary Congressional Advisory Board
- 10:30 am Bus from Federal Chancellery to Aula der Wissenschaften
- 11:00 am-12:00 pm **Members of Congress-only briefing on the synthetic drug crisis with the U.S. Mission to the International Agencies in Vienna**
Led by the senior leadership of the U.S. Mission to the International Agencies in Vienna (UNVIE) under Ambassador Laura Holgate, the Members of Congress will be briefed on the efforts of U.S. diplomats to engage the UN Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) and other pertinent international agencies to thwart the fentanyl and synthetic drug crisis plaguing America. Additionally, the UNVIE leaders will inform the Members of Congress about other aspects of their engagement with the UN Office at Vienna (UNOV), including the challenges and opportunities facing the U.S. with the IAEA and the other UN offices and agencies based in Vienna.
- **Ambassador Laura S. H. Holgate** – Representative of the U.S.A. to the International Atomic Energy Agency; Representative of the U.S.A to the Vienna Office of the United Nations
 - **Ms. Lucy Chang** – Counselor for Nuclear Affairs, U.S. Mission to the International Organizations in Vienna
 - **Mr. Barry Fullerton** – Counselor for UN Affairs, U.S. Mission to the International Organizations in Vienna
 - Introduction: **Representative Jim Himes (D-CT)**
- 12:00 pm-12:15 pm **Break**

(Monday continued)

12:15 pm-1:30 pm

Lunch with keynote speaker – Transatlantic relations and defending the rules-based order in times of systemic rivalry

The Federal Minister for European and International Affairs for the Republic of Austria will deliver remarks over lunch about the future of Austria's engagement on the world stage. The Foreign Minister will also be asked questions by the audience.

- **Minister Alexander Schallenberg** – Federal Minister for European and International Affairs
- Introduction: **Representative Ami Beri (D-CA)**

1:30 pm-2:30 pm

Panel 8 – Nuclear power, energy security, and climate change

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress, diplomats, and IAEA officials

A panel discussion about the future of nuclear energy and the role the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) plays in encouraging its safe use and deployment. The panel will also discuss how Russia's invasion of Ukraine has affected energy security in Europe, in particular Austria's energy sourcing and mix. Finally, the panel will examine climate change concerns, and discuss whether continued technological innovation and cleaner energy sources like, renewables and nuclear, are sufficient to address these problems, or if further intervention by governments will be necessary.

- **Representative Buddy Carter (R-GA)**
- **Representative Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX)**
- **Representative Pete Stauber (R-MN)**
- **Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)**
- **Representative August Pfluger (R-TX)**
- **Dr. Andrea Borio Di Tigliole, PhD** – Programme Coordinator, Department of Nuclear Energy, International Atomic Energy Agency
- Moderator: **Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL)**

2:30 pm-2:45 pm

Break

2:45 pm-3:45 pm

Panel 9 – Corporate and digital services taxation

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Austrian officials

A panel discussion regarding the OECD's Pillar I, digital services taxation, and Pillar II, a global minimum tax, proposals and examining how they will affect the tax systems and economies of U.S. and Austria. The panel will also discuss how Congress may act in 2025 to address the impending expiration of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

- **Representative Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA)**
- **Representative Jason Smith (R-MO)**
- **Representative Ron Estes (R-KS)**
- **Representative Randy Feenstra (R-IA)**
- **Representative Mike Carey (R-OH)**
- **Professor Gunter Mayr** – Director General for Tax Policy and Tax Law, Federal Ministry of Finance
- Moderator: **The Honorable Dave Camp (R-MI)**

(Monday continued)

3:30 pm-4:15 pm

Panel 10 – AI and technology

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Austrian officials

A panel discussion examining the promises of artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies, and the role governments play in both encouraging and regulating it. The recent enactment of the EU’s Artificial Intelligence Act and the options facing the U.S. Congress as they decide whether to pursue such a law will also be discussed.

- **Representative Ami Bera (D-CA)**
- **Representative Kat Cammack (R-FL)**
- **Representative Jay Obernolte (R-CA)**
- **Representative Laurel Lee (R-FL)**
- **Mr. Wolfgang Ebner** – Director General for Digitalization and EGovernment, Federal Chancellery of Austria
- Moderator: **Representative Larry Bucshon (R-IN)**

4:30 pm

Walk to hotel

4:45 pm-6:30 pm

Prepare for departures and personal time

6:30 pm

Depart hotel via bus for closing reception and dinner at the Konzerthaus

6:45 pm-7:30 pm

Closing reception

7:30 pm-10:30 pm

Closing dinner with Member of Congress-led policy discussions

Each Member of Congress will lead a small dinner discussion following up on one of the panel discussions or the luncheon topic from earlier that day:

Rep. Bacon – Nuclear, energy, and climate	Rep. Kelly – AI and technology
Rep. Barr – AI and technology	Rep. Krishnamoorthi – AI and technology
Rep. Beatty – AI and technology	Rep. LaHood – Corporate and digital services taxation
Rep. Bera – Nuclear, energy, and climate	Rep. Larsen – Nuclear, energy, and climate
Rep. Bice – AI and technology	Rep. Lee – Nuclear, energy, and climate
Rep. Bucshon – Nuclear, energy, and climate	Rep. Moolenaar – AI and technology
Rep. Cammack – Nuclear, energy, and climate	Rep. Moore – Corporate and digital services taxation
Rep. Carey – Nuclear, energy, and climate	Rep. Murphy – Corporate and digital services taxation
Rep. Carter – AI and technology	Rep. Newhouse – Nuclear, energy, and climate
Rep. Estes – Corporate and digital services taxation	Rep. Obernolte – Nuclear, energy, and climate
Rep. Feenstra – AI and technology	Rep. Panetta – Corporate and digital services taxation
Rep. Fletcher – Improving health care	Rep. Pfluger – AI and technology
Rep. Franklin – AI and technology	Rep. Sánchez – Nuclear, energy, and climate
Rep. Gonzales – AI and technology	Rep. Sewell – Corporate and digital services taxation
Rep. Himes – AI and technology	Rep. Smith – AI and technology
Rep. Hinson – AI and technology	Rep. Stauber – AI and technology
Rep. Houchin – AI and technology	Rep. Suozzi – Corporate and digital services taxation
Rep. Johnson – Nuclear, energy, and climate	Rep. Yakym – Corporate and digital services taxation

10:30 pm

Return to hotel via bus

10:45 pm-12:00 am

After dinner coffee at hotel

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

7:00 am-9:00 am **Breakfast at hotel**

Morning Check out of hotel

All day Departure flights

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Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Name	Dep. date	Flights and departure times (all times local)	Arrival date	Arrival time
Rep. Tom Suozzi	11/12	OS 371 VIE to AMS at 7:15 am UA 947 AMS to IAD at 11:00 am	11/12	2:00 pm
Rep. Jason Smith	11/12	OS 371 VIE to AMS at 7:15 am UA 947 AMS to IAD at 11:00 am	11/12	2:00 pm
Rep. Don Bacon	11/12	OS 351: VIE to BRU at 7:20 am UA 951: BRU to IAD at 11:55 am	11/12	2:35 pm
Rep. Ami Bera	11/12	UA 9821 VIE to IAD at 10:35 am	11/12	2:35 pm
Rep. Buddy Carter	11/12	OS 351 VIE to BRU at 7:20 am UA 951 BRU to IAD at 11:55 am	11/12	2:35 pm
Rep. Tony Gonzales	11/12	UA 9821 VIE to IAD at 10:35 am	11/12	2:35 pm
Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi	11/12	UA 9821 VIE to IAD at 10:35 am	11/12	2:35 pm
Rep. Rick Larsen	11/12	OS 351: VIE to BRU at 7:20 am UA 951: BRU to IAD at 11:55 am	11/12	2:35 pm
Rep. Jimmy Panetta	11/12	UA 9821 VIE to IAD at 10:35 am	11/12	2:35 pm
Rep. Joyce Beatty	11/12	UA 9861 VIE to FRA at 7:00 am UA 988 FRA to IAD at 11:30 am	11/12	2:40 pm
Rep. Larry Bucshon	11/12	LH 6437: VIE to FRA at 8:00 am LH 9290: FRA to IAD 11:30 am	11/12	2:40 pm
Rep. Mike Carey	11/12	UA 9861 VIE to FRA at 7:00 am UA 988 FRA to IAD at 11:30 am	11/12	2:40 pm
Rep. Lizzie Fletcher	11/12	UA 9861 VIE to FRA at 7:00am UA 988 FRA to IAD at 11:30am	11/12	2:40 pm
Rep. Erin Houchin	11/12	UA 9861 VIE to FRA at 7:00 am UA 988 FRA to IAD at 11:30 am	11/12	2:40 pm
Rep. Laurel Lee	11/12	UA 9861 VIE to FRA at 7:00am UA 988 FRA to IAD at 11:30am	11/12	2:40 pm
Rep. Daniel Newhouse	11/12	OS 205 VIE to FRA at 9:00 am UA 988 FRA to IAD at 11:30 am	11/12	2:40 pm
Rep. Stephanie Bice	11/12	AA 6642 VIE to LHR at 7:00 am AA 6968 LHR to IAD at 12:10 pm	11/12	3:35 pm
Rep. Randy Feenstra	11/12	UA 9829 VIE to ZRH at 7:00 am UA 53 ZRH to IAD at 11:45 am	11/12	3:30 pm
Rep. James Himes	11/12	UA 9829: VIE to ZUR at 7:00 am UA 53: ZUR to IAD at 11:45 am	11/12	3:30 pm
Rep. Greg Murphy	11/12	UA 9829 VIE to ZRH at 7:00 am UA 53 ZRH to IAD at 11:45 am	11/12	3:30 pm
Rep. Ron Estes	11/12	AA 6642 VIE to LHR at 7:00 am AA 6968 LHR to IAD at 12:10 pm	11/12	3:35 pm
Rep. Scott Franklin	11/12	AA 6642 VIE to LHR at 7:00 am AA 6968 LHR to IAD at 12:10 pm	11/12	3:35 pm
Rep. August Pfluger	11/12	AA 6642 VIE to LHR at 7:00 am AA 6968 LHR to IAD at 12:10 pm	11/12	3:35 pm
Rep. Rudy Yakym	11/12	AA 6642 VIE to LHR at 7:00 am AA 6968 LHR to IAD at 12:10 pm	11/12	3:35 pm
Rep. Andy Barr	11/12	DL 9269 VIE to AMS at 6:55 am DL 9384 AMS to IAD at 1:00 pm	11/12	3:45 pm

Rep. Kat Cammack	11/12	DL 9269 VIE to AMS at 6:55 am DL 9384 AMS to IAD at 1:00 pm	11/12	3:45 pm
Rep. Pete Stauber	11/12	DL 9269 VIE to AMS at 6:55am DL 9384 AMS to IAD at 1:00 pm	11/12	3:45 pm
Rep. Linda T. Sánchez	11/12	UA 9861 VIE to FRA at 7:00 am UA 8827 FRA to IAD at 12:55 pm	11/12	3:50 pm
Rep. Blake Moore	11/12	DL 8767 VIE to CDG at 6:15 am DL 8632 CDG to IAD at 1:25 pm	11/12	4:15 pm
Rep. John Moolenaar	11/12	DL 9269 VIE to AMS at 6:55 am DL 243 AMS to BOS at 11:20 am DL 5689 BOS to DCA at 3:40 pm	11/12	5:37 pm
Rep. Ashley Hinson	11/12	UA 9842 VIE to EWR at 10:30 am UA 4443 EWR to DCA at 4:10 pm	11/12	5:33 pm
Rep. Dusty Johnson	11/12	UA 9842 VIE to EWR at 10:30 am UA 4443 EWR to DCA at 4:10 pm	11/12	5:33 pm
Rep. Robin Kelly	11/12	UA 9842 VIE to EWR at 10:30 am UA 4443 EWR to DCA at 4:10 pm	11/12	5:33 pm
Rep. Darin LaHood	11/12	UA 9842 VIE to EWR at 10:30 am UA 4443 EWR to DCA at 4:10 pm	11/12	5:33 pm
Rep. Jay Obernolte	11/12	UA 9842 VIE to EWR at 10:30 am UA 4443 EWR to DCA at 4:10 pm	11/12	5:33 pm
Rep. Terri Sewell	11/12	UA 9842 VIE to EWR at 10:30 am UA 4443 EWR to DCA at 4:10 pm	11/12	5:33 pm

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: Congressman Ron Estes

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: Ron Estes

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

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

Office Address: 2234 Rayburn House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-6216

Email Address of Contact Person: Brandon.Smith@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: Congressman Ron Estes
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: The Ripon Society and The Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Vienna Austria
4. a. Date of Departure: Thurs. Nov. 7, 2024 Date of Return: Tues. Nov. 12, 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: Susan Estes
 - (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.**
As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, i will be attending meetings and panel discussions on trade and tax issues.

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: Ron Estes Date: 10-03-24

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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 Ripon Society

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: _____

The Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange

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 Attachment A

5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: Thurs. November 7, 2024 Date of Return: Tues. November 12, 2024

7. a. City of departure: Member District

b. Destination(s): Vienna, Austria

c. City of return: Washington, DC

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

- a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
- b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
- c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**

- a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
- b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
- c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
- d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____

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:

The Ripon Society hosts international policy conferences to build better relationships between the U.S. and other countries such as Austria. The Franklin Center promotes enlightened, balanced and unbiased policy discussions by jointly hosting these international policy conferences. Both The Ripon Society and The Franklin Center organize and manage all aspects of 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: bus)
- 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): _____
\$158.75

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Austria is one of the top ten fastest growing US trade partners. The U.N., the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and the Int'l Atomic Energy Agency are based in Vienna.

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

Hotel Name: Marriott Vienna City: Vienna, Austria Cost Per Night: \$295.21

Reason(s) for Selecting: rates, location, security, relationship with US Embassy

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 Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$9,178.40 incl. ground transp.	\$ 1180.84	\$635.00
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$9,178.40 incl. ground transp.		\$635.00

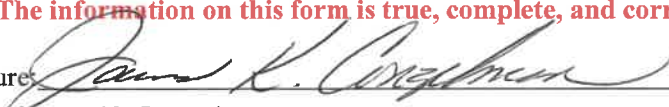
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$1255.54	meeting/dining room rental, security, av
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$1255.54	meeting/dining room rental, security, av

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: September 18, 2024
 Name: James K. Conzelman Title: President and CEO
 Organization: The Ripon Society
 Address: 1155 15th Street, NW, Suite 550, Washington, DC 20005
 Email: jconzelman@riponsociety.org Telephone: 202-216-1008

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 Ripon Society
2. Name of your organization: The Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange
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?
The Embassy of Japan is a member of the Franklin Center but does not participate with this conference.
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: Vienna, Austria on Date: November 7-12, 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: September 18, 2024

Name: James K. Conzelman Title: President and CEO

Organization: The Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange

Address: 1155 15th Street, NW Suite 550, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone: 202-216-1008 Email: jconzelman@riponsociety.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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Attachment A

Further answers to Primary Trip Sponsor Form questions

Question 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:*

Each Members of Congress was invited to participate in public policy panel discussions during the conference with Austrian public and private sector officials, leaders from international organizations, and other policy experts based in Europe. Based on the Representative's unique areas of interest in the House, their committee assignments, and their public policy expertise, each Member of Congress was invited to attend the conference and to appear on specific panels.

In addition to attending all panel sessions and participating in high-level meetings and briefings, the Members of Congress will participate in small dinner discussions each evening as follow-up conversations to these panel discussions.

Panel Sessions

Member of Congress

Representative Don Bacon (R-NE)
Representative Andy Barr (R-KY)
Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)
Representative Ami Bera (D-CA)
Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)
Representative Larry Bucshon (R-IN)
Representative Kat Cammack (R-FL)
Representative Mike Carey (R-OH)
Representative Buddy Carter (R-GA)
Representative Ron Estes (R-KS)
Representative Randy Feenstra (R-IA)
Representative Michelle Fischbach (R-MN)
Representative Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX)
Representative Scott Franklin (R-FL)
Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX)
Representative Jim Himes (D-CT)
Representative Ashley Hinson (R-IA)

Policy panel discussion topic

The role of the EU and NATO in ensuring security in Europe
Financial services & the economy
Financial services & the economy
AI & technology
Nuclear power, energy security, and climate change
Improving health care and pharmaceutical costs and delivery
AI & technology
Corporate and digital services taxation
Nuclear power, energy security, and climate change
Corporate and digital services taxation
Corporate and digital services taxation
U.S.-EU trade
Nuclear power, energy security, and climate change
The role of the EU and NATO in ensuring security in Europe
Workforce and immigration
Financial services & the economy
Meeting the China challenge

(Continued)

Member of Congress	Policy panel discussion topic
Representative Erin Houchin (R-IN)	Financial services & the economy
Representative Dusty Johnson (R-SD)	Meeting the China challenge
Representative Robin Kelly (D-IL)	Improving health care and pharmaceutical costs and delivery
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Representative Laurel Lee (R-FL)	AI & technology
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Representative Tom Suozzi (D-NY)	Workforce and immigration
Representative Rudy Yakym (R-IN)	U.S.-EU trade

Saturday night dinner policy discussions

Member of Congress	Dinner topic
Representative Don Bacon (R-NE)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Andy Barr (R-KY)	NATO and security in Europe
Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Ami Bera (D-CA)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Larry Bucshon (R-IN)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Kat Cammack (R-FL)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Mike Carey (R-OH)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Buddy Carter (R-GA)	NATO and security in Europe
Representative Ron Estes (R-KS)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Randy Feenstra (R-IA)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Michelle Fischbach (R-MN)	NATO and security in Europe
Representative Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Scott Franklin (R-FL)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX)	Workforce and immigration
Representative Jim Himes (D-CT)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Ashley Hinson (R-IA)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Erin Houchin (R-IN)	Workforce and immigration
Representative Dusty Johnson (R-SD)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Robin Kelly (D-IL)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL)	Workforce and immigration
Representative Darin LaHood (R-IL)	NATO and security in Europe

Monday night dinner policy discussions

Member of Congress	Dinner topic
Representative Don Bacon (R-NE)	Nuclear, energy, and climate
Representative Andy Barr (R-KY)	AI and technology
Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)	AI and technology
Representative Ami Bera (D-CA)	Nuclear, energy, and climate
Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)	AI and technology
Representative Larry Bucshon (R-IN)	Nuclear, energy, and climate
Representative Kat Cammack (R-FL)	Nuclear, energy, and climate
Representative Mike Carey (R-OH)	Nuclear, energy, and climate
Representative Buddy Carter (R-GA)	AI and technology
Representative Ron Estes (R-KS)	Corporate and digital services taxation
Representative Randy Feenstra (R-IA)	Corporate and digital services taxation
Representative Michelle Fischbach (R-MN)	Corporate and digital services taxation
Representative Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX)	AI and technology
Representative Scott Franklin (R-FL)	AI and technology
Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX)	AI and technology
Representative Jim Himes (D-CT)	AI and technology
Representative Ashley Hinson (R-IA)	AI and technology
Representative Erin Houchin (R-IN)	AI and technology
Representative Dusty Johnson (R-SD)	Nuclear, energy, and climate
Representative Robin Kelly (D-IL)	Corporate and digital services taxation
Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL)	AI and technology
Representative Darin LaHood (R-IL)	Corporate and digital services taxation
Representative Rick Larsen (D-WA)	Nuclear, energy, and climate
Representative Laurel Lee (R-FL)	Nuclear, energy, and climate
Representative John Moolenaar (R-MI)	AI and technology
Representative Blake Moore (R-UT)	Corporate and digital services taxation
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Name	Dep. date	Flights and departure times (all times local)	Arrival date	Arrival time
Rep. Larry Bucshon	11/4	UA 52 IAD to ZRH at 5:30 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/5	10:30 am
Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi	11/6	UA 9850 ORD to VIE at 4:20 pm	11/7	8:05 am
Rep. Greg Murphy	11/6	UA 52 IAD to ZRH at 5:30 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/7	10:30 am
Rep. Scott Franklin	11/6	AA 2514 TPA to CLT at 12:44 pm AA 748 CLT to MAD at 4:00 pm AA 8711 MAD to VIE at 8:40 am	11/7	11:40 am
Rep. Stephanie Bice	11/6	AA 2273 OKC to CLT at 6:50 am AA 730 CLT to LHR at 6:10 pm AA 6641 LHR to VIE at 9:55 am	11/7	1:10 pm
Rep. Dan Newhouse	11/6	UA 4721 PSC to DEN at 1:19 pm LH 447 DEN to FRA at 5:45 pm LH 6334 FRA to VIE at 12:50	11/7	2:15 pm
Rep. Erin Houchin	11/7	UA 3412 SDF to EWR at 1:17 pm UA 9841 EWR to VIE at 5:55 pm	11/8	8:00 am
Rep. Rick Larsen	11/7	UA 1329 SEA to EWR at 7:25 am UA 9841 EWR to VIE at 5:55 pm	11/8	8:00 am
Rep. Laurel Lee	11/7	UA 1981 TPA to EWR at 11:14 am UA 9841 EWR to VIE at 5:55 pm	11/8	8:00 am
Rep. Jay Obernolte	11/7	UA 4442 DCA to EWR at 1:00 pm UA 9841 EWR to VIE at 5:55 pm	11/8	8:00 am
Rep. James Himes	11/7	UA 9820 JFK to VIE at 6:10 pm	11/8	8:25 am
Rep. Tom Suozzi	11/7	UA 9820 JFK to VIE at 6:10 pm	11/8	8:25 am
Rep. Buddy Carter	11/7	UA 6011 SAV to IAD at 2:10 pm UA 9822 IAD to VIE at 6:00 pm	11/8	8:30 am
Rep. Don Bacon	11/7	UA 1933 OMA to ORD at 11:20 am UA 3 ORD to ZRH at 4:10 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am
Rep. Joyce Beatty	11/7	UA 369 CMH to ORD at 2:19 pm UA 3 ORD to ZRH at 4:10 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am
Rep. Mike Carey	11/7	UA 369 CMH to ORD at 2:19 pm UA 3 ORD to ZRH at 4:10 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am
Rep. Randy Feenstra	11/7	UA 5280 FSD to ORD at 11:20 am UA 3 ORD to ZRH at 4:10 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am

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Rep. Tony Gonzales	11/7	UA 2250 SAT to IAD at 12:15 pm UA 52 IAD to ZRH at 5:30 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am
Rep. Ashley Hinson	11/7	UA 4768 CID to ORD at 11:30 am UA 3 ORD to ZRH at 4:10 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am
Rep. Dusty Johnson	11/7	UA 5280 FSD to ORD at 11:20 am UA 3 ORD to ZRH at 4:10 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am
Rep. Robin Kelly	11/7	UA 3 ORD to ZRH at 4:10 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am
Rep. Darin LaHood	11/7	UA 4557 PIA to ORD at 10:55 am UA 3 ORD to ZRH at 4:10 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am
Rep. Linda T. Sánchez	11/7	UA 52 IAD to ZRH at 5:30 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am
Rep. Terri Sewell	11/7	UA 3435 BHM to ORD at 10:13 am UA 3 ORD to ZRH at 4:10 pm UA 9830 ZRH to VIE at 9:10 am	11/8	10:30 am
Rep. Ron Estes	11/7	AA 5258 ICT to DFW at 12:14 pm AA 20 DFW to LHR at 3:20 pm BA 696 LHR to VIE at 7:20 am	11/8	10:35 am
Rep. August Pfluger	11/7	AA 4957 SJT to DFW at 10:19 am AA 20 DFW to LHR at 3:20 pm BA 696 LHR to VIE at 7:20 am	11/8	10:35 am
Rep. Andy Barr	11/7	DL 3096 LEX to ATL at 1:03 pm DL 72 ATL to AMS at 5:15 pm DL 9418 AMS to VIE at 9:45 am	11/8	11:30 am
Rep. Kat Cammack	11/7	DL 2223 GNV to ATL at 2:25 pm DL 8517 ATL to CDG at 5:00 pm DL 8332 CDG to VIE at 9:35 am	11/8	11:30 am
Rep. Michelle Fischbach	11/7	DL 737 DCA to ATL at 1:59 pm DL 8517 ATL to CDG at 5:00 pm DL 8332 CDG to VIE at 9:35 am	11/8	11:30 am
Rep. John Moolenaar	11/7	DL 132 DTW to AMS at 4:20 pm DL 9418 AMS to VIE at 9:50 am	11/8	11:30 am
Rep. Blake Moore	11/7	DL 2924: SLC to MSP at 11:08 am DL 152: MSP to CDG at 4:30 pm DL 8332: CDG to VIE at 9:35 am	11/8	11:30 am
Rep. Pete Stauber	11/7	DL 152 MSP to CDG at 4:30 pm DL 8332 CDG to VIE at 9:35 am	11/8	11:30 am
Rep. Rudy Yakym	11/7	AA 5389 SBN to CLT at 11:55 am AA 748 CLT to MAD at 4:00 pm AA 8711 MAD to VIE at 8:40 am	11/8	11:40 am
Rep. Ami Bera	11/7	UA 5248 SMF to SFO at 10:05 am UA 194 SFO to MUC at 1:35 pm UA 9345 MUC to VIE at 11:15 am	11/8	12:15 pm
Rep. Lizzie Fletcher	11/7	UA 102 IAH to MUC at 4:25 pm UA 9345 MUC to VIE at 11:15 am	11/8	12:15 pm
Rep. Jimmy Panetta	11/7	UA 58 SFO to FRA at 1:30 pm OS 208 FRA to VIE at 12:50 pm	11/8	2:15 pm

Friday, November 8, 2024

Morning	Flight arrivals in Vienna from the United States
Morning	Check into hotel
	Lunch on own
1:45 pm	Depart hotel via bus for meeting
2:00 pm-3:00 pm	<u>Member of Congress-only meeting with Federal President of the Republic of Austria</u> Bilateral meeting for the Members of Congress with the Federal President Van der Bellen to discuss issues of importance to U.S.-Austria relations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Alexander Van der Bellen – Federal President of the Republic of Austria
3:00 pm	Depart via bus for briefings and conference opening
3:30 pm-3:45 pm	<u>Member of Congress-only briefing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Honorable Dave Camp – Chair, Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange• Mr. Chris Morton – Pinkerton Security
3:45 pm-4:00 pm	<u>Conference Opening</u>
4:00 pm-5:00 pm	<u>In Country Briefing with U.S. Embassy Vienna officials</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>U.S. Embassy personnel to be determined</i>
5:00 pm	Walk to hotel
5:30 pm-7:30 pm	Dinner – Reception Style
7:30 pm-9:30 pm	After dinner coffee at hotel

Saturday, November 9, 2024

7:00 am-8:30 am **Breakfast at hotel**

8:30 am-9:00 am Depart hotel via bus for panel sessions

9:00 am-10:00 am **Panel 1 – U.S.-EU trade**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Austrian officials

A panel discussion focusing on the trade priorities of the U.S., Austria, and the EU, and the ways our countries can increase mutually beneficial free trade. The panel will also discuss how the results of the 2024 elections in both the U.S. and Austria will shape the trajectory of their respective nation's global engagement and trade agendas. The ways in which governments can strengthen supply chains for consumer goods and raw materials will also be explored.

- **Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL)**
- **Representative Darin LaHood (R-IL)**
- **Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)**
- **Representative Michelle Fischbach (R-MN)**
- **Representative Rudy Yakym (R-IN)**
- **Minister Martin Kocher** – Federal Minister for Labour and Economy
- **Moderator: The Honorable Dave Camp**

10:00 am-10:15 am Break

10:15 am-11:00 am **Panel 2 – Workforce and immigration**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Austrian officials

A panel session analyzing the immigration policies of the U.S., Austria, and the EU, and discussing ways policymakers can enact common sense solutions to this politically sensitive issue. The panelists will weigh whether such solutions should also be used to address workforce challenges and labor shortages. Finally, refugee reforms and proposals, like Austria's ideas to handle asylum claims in neutral third countries, will be debated.

- **Representative Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA)**
- **Representative Dan Newhouse (R-WA)**
- **Representative Tom Suozzi (D-NY)**
- **Minister Susanne Raab** – Federal Minister for Women, Family, Integration and Media, Austrian Federal Chancellery
- **Moderator: Representative Dusty Johnson (R-SD)**

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- 11:00 am-11:45 am **Panel 3 – The role of the EU and NATO in ensuring security in Europe**
Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Austrian officials
A panel discussion about the roles the U.S. and Austria play within multilateral alliances like NATO and the EU and how those pacts safeguard Europe. Against the backdrop of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and other worrisome conflicts around the world, the conversation will speak to how each country may enhance their own militaries in addition to increasing their commitment and participation in such alliances. Finally, the panel will explore possible further expansion of NATO in the wake of the ascension of Sweden and Finland.
- **Representative Jim Himes (D-CT)**
 - **Representative Don Bacon (R-NE)**
 - **Representative Scott Franklin (R-FL)**
 - **Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX)**
 - **Dr. Arnold Kammel** – Secretary General and Director General for Defense Policy, Federal Ministry of Defense
 - Moderator: **Representative Randy Feenstra (R-IA)**
- 11:45 am-12:45 pm **Lunch with speaker – The mission and future of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs**
- **Ms. Aarti Holla-Maini** – Director, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs
- 12:45 pm Depart via bus for the Austrian Parliament Building
- 1:30 pm-2:30 pm **Guided visits of the Austrian Parliament Building**
Led by senior staff members of the leadership of the Parliament, these visits to the *Parlamentsgebäude* will showcase the inner workings of Austria’s two legislative bodies, the Federal Council and the National Council. Other discussion topics will include the history of the legislature and the newly unveiled “sustainable renovation” which cleverly expanded the 1883 structure to increase space and public access. This includes a dedicated space overlooking the floor of the Federal Council for the parliament’s Democracy Workshops programs for schoolchildren, which will be explained by the senior staff member.
- **Senior staff from Parliament to be determined**
- 2:30 pm-2:45 pm Return to hotel via bus
- 2:45 pm-4:20 pm **Personal time**
- 4:20 pm-4:40 pm Depart hotel via bus for the Spanish Riding School
- 4:40 pm-5:00 pm **Arrival at the Spanish Riding School with a greeting by the chief rider who will welcome the group to the school**

(Saturday continued)

5:00 pm-5:50 pm

Lecture at the Spanish Riding School

To showcase the role of U.S. and UN leadership in preserving global traditions, culture, and the arts, the history of the Lipizzaner stallions of the Spanish Riding School will be explored through a lecture and Q&A session by Dr. Alfred Hudler, Managing Director of the Spanish Riding School.

His remarks will focus on the actions taken during World War II by General Patton and the U.S. Army to liberate the Lipizzaner stallions of the Spanish Riding School. These actions preserved the lineage of the world-famous breed. He will also highlight why the classical horsemanship of the Spanish Riding school was recognized by UNESCO in 2015 by being included in the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. In 2022 the tradition of breeding of the Lipizzaner horses was recognized in the same manner. Following his remarks, Dr. Hudler will take questions from the audience.

- **Dr. Alfred Hudler** – Managing Director, Spanish Riding School

5:50 pm-6:00 pm

Break

6:00 pm-6:40 pm

Demonstration of the Lipizzaner horses at the Spanish Riding School

A training demonstration of the Lipizzaner horses at the Spanish Riding School will follow the lecture by Dr. Hudler.

6:40 pm

Depart via bus for reception and dinner

7:00 pm-7:45 pm

Reception

7:45 pm-9:45 pm

Dinner with Member of Congress-led policy discussions

Each Member of Congress will lead a small dinner discussion following up on one of the panel discussions or the luncheon topic from earlier that day:

Rep. Bacon – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Johnson – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Barr – NATO and security in Europe	Rep. Kelly – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Beatty – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Krishnamoorthi – Workforce and immigration
Rep. Bera – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. LaHood – NATO and security in Europe
Rep. Bice – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Larsen – NATO and security in Europe
Rep. Bucshon – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Lee – Workforce and immigration
Rep. Cammack – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Moolenaar – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Carey – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Moore – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Carter – NATO and security in Europe	Rep. Murphy – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Estes – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Newhouse – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Feenstra – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Obernolte – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Fischbach – NATO and security in Europe	Rep. Panetta – NATO and security in Europe
Rep. Fletcher – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Pfluger – NATO and security in Europe
Rep. Franklin – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Sánchez – NATO and security in Europe
Rep. Gonzales – Workforce and immigration	Rep. Sewell – NATO and security in Europe
Rep. Himes – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Stauber – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Hinson – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Suozzi – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Houchin – Workforce and immigration	Rep. Yakym – NATO and security in Europe

9:45 pm

Walk to hotel

10:00 pm-11:30 pm

After dinner coffee at hotel

Sunday, November 10, 2024

7:00 am-8:30 am **Breakfast at hotel**

8:45 am-9:00 am Depart hotel via bus for panel sessions

9:00 am-10:00 am **Panel 4 – Important issues for future consideration**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress

A panel discussion reflecting upon the results of the 2024 elections and how they will impact the agenda of the 119th Congress. Specifically, the panelists will examine the looming fiscal challenges awaiting Congress in 2025 including raising the debt ceiling, funding the government, the partial expiration of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, and our nation’s growing debt and deficit.

- ***U.S. Member of Congress panelists to be named later***
- **Moderator: The Honorable Dave Camp**

10:00 am Break

10:15 am-11:00 am **Panel 5 – Financial services and the economy**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Austrian officials

A panel discussion concerning the challenges and opportunities being faced by banking, insurance, and other financial service industries around the world. The panel will also debate the role governments should play in steering their economies and combating inflation.

- **Representative Jim Himes (D-CT)**
- **Representative Andy Barr (R-KY)**
- **Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)**
- **Representative Erin Houchin (R-IN)**
- **Dr. Robert Holzmann – Governor, Oesterreichische Nationalbank (Austrian National Bank)**
- **Moderator: Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)**

11:00 am-12:00 pm **Panel 6 – Meeting the China challenge**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Austrian officials

A panel discussion about the future of U.S., Austrian, and EU engagement with China and the challenges and opportunities which lie ahead. Among other items, the conversation will speak to the efforts of major corporations to potentially decouple or “de-risk” themselves from China, as well as the controversy of Chinese companies operating and investing in countries. Finally, the panel will explore future multilateral efforts to address the threats posed by China.

- **Representative Rick Larsen (D-WA)**
- **Representative John Moolenaar (R-MI)**
- **Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL)**
- **Representative Dusty Johnson (R-SD)**
- **Representative Ashley Hinson (R-IA)**
- **Ambassador Gregor W. Kössler – Director General for Political Affairs, Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs**
- **Moderator: Representative Darin LaHood (R-IL)**

(Sunday continued)

12:00 pm-1:15 pm **Lunch with speakers – The mission and future of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**

- **Mr. John Brandolino** – Director for Treaty Affairs, United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime
- ***Further representatives from UNODC to be determined***

1:15 pm-2:15 pm **Panel 7 – Improving health care and pharmaceutical costs and delivery**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Austrian officials

A panel discussion focusing on what the U.S. and Austrian governments can do to encourage better patient care and health care outcomes while maintaining or lowering costs for consumers. The conversation will also explore solutions to the high cost of pharmaceuticals while ensuring substantial private sector investment in innovation.

- **Representative Larry Bucshon (R-IN)**
- **Representative Robin Kelly (D-IL)**
- **Representative Greg Murphy (R-NC)**
- **Representative Blake Moore (R-UT)**
- **Dr. Katharina Reich** – Head of Section VII Public Health & Health System and Chief Medical Officer, Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection
- **Moderator: Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL)**

2:15 pm Depart for historian-led visits or return to hotel

2:30 pm-5:30 pm **Historian-led visits around Vienna or personal time**
(Historian-led visits paid for personally by participating Members of Congress)

7:15 pm Walk to dinner

7:30 pm-9:30 pm **Dinners at restaurants with Member of Congress-led policy discussions**
 Each Member of Congress will lead a small dinner discussion following up on one of the panel discussions or the luncheon topic from earlier that day:

Rep. Bacon – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Johnson – Improving health care
Rep. Barr – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Kelly – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Beatty – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Krishnamoorthi – Improving health care
Rep. Bera – Improving health care	Rep. LaHood – Improving health care
Rep. Bice – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Larsen – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Bucshon – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Lee – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Cammack – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Moolenaar – Financial services and the economy
Rep. Carey – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Moore – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Carter – Improving health care	Rep. Murphy – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Estes – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Newhouse – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Feenstra – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Obernolte – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Fischbach – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Panetta – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Fletcher – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Pfluger – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Franklin – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Sánchez – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Gonzales – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Sewell – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Himes – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Stauber – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Hinson – Financial services and the economy	Rep. Suozzi – Meeting the China challenge
Rep. Houchin – Meeting the China challenge	Rep. Yakym – Meeting the China challenge

(Sunday continued)

9:30 pm Walk to hotel

9:45 pm-11:30 pm **After dinner coffee at hotel**

Monday, November 11, 2024

- 7:00 am-9:30 am **Breakfast at hotel**
- 9:30 am Depart hotel via bus to travel to Federal Chancellery
- 9:45 am-10:30 am **Member of Congress-only meeting with the Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria**
Bilateral meeting for the Members of Congress with Federal Chancellor Karl Nehammer to discuss issues of importance to U.S.-Austria relations.
 - **Mr. Karl Nehammer** – Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria
- 10:30 am Walk from Federal Chancellery to Austrian Parliament Building
- 10:45 am-11:00 am **Showcase of the Democracy Workshop**
The Members of Congress will be shown Austrian students participating in the *Demokratiewerkstatt* – Democracy Workshop – which was established by the Austrian Parliament in 2007. Housed at the Austrian Parliament Building, this unique program educates students aged 8-18 about their country’s parliament and government, the media, and the EU, as well as democratic principles in general.
- 11:00 am-12:00 pm **Member of Congress-only bilateral meeting with Members of Parliament**
The Members of Congress will take part in a bilateral meeting with their counterparts in the Austrian Parliament where they will discuss the current challenges and opportunities facing our two countries.
 - ***Members of the Austrian Parliament to be determined***
- 12:00 pm Depart Austrian Parliament Building via bus for panel sessions
- 12:30 pm-1:30 pm **Lunch with speaker – The future of Austrian neutrality in the age of NATO and EU expansion**
 - **Minister Alexander Schallenberg** – Federal Minister for European and International Affairs
- 1:30 pm-2:30 pm **Panel 8 – Nuclear power, energy security, and climate change**
Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and international officials
A panel discussion about the future of nuclear energy and the role the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency plays in encouraging its safe use and deployment. The panel will also discuss how Russia’s invasion of Ukraine has affected energy security in Europe, in particular Austria’s energy sourcing and mix. Finally, the panel will examine climate change concerns, and discuss whether continued technological innovation and cleaner energy sources like, renewables and nuclear, are sufficient to address these problems, or if further intervention by governments will be necessary.
 - **Representative Buddy Carter (R-GA)**
 - **Representative Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX)**
 - **Representative Pete Stauber (R-MN)**
 - **Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)**
 - **Representative August Pfluger (R-TX)**
 - ***Representative from IAEA to be determined***
 - **Moderator: Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL)**

(Monday continued)

2:30 pm-2:45 pm **Break**

2:45 pm-3:45 pm **Panel 9 – Corporate and digital services taxation**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Austrian officials

A panel discussion regarding the OECD's Pillar I, digital services taxation, and Pillar II, a global minimum tax, proposals and examining how they will affect the tax systems and economies of U.S. and Austria. The panel will also discuss how Congress may act in 2025 to address the impending expiration of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

- **Representative Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA)**
- **Representative Ron Estes (R-KS)**
- **Representative Randy Feenstra (R-IA)**
- **Representative Mike Carey (R-OH)**
- **Professor Gunter Mayr** – Director General for Tax Policy and Tax Law, Federal Ministry of Finance
- **Moderator: The Honorable Dave Camp**

3:45 pm-4:30 pm **Panel 10 – AI and technology**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Austrian officials

A panel discussion examining the promises of artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies, and the role governments play in both encouraging and regulating it. The recent enactment of the EU's Artificial Intelligence Act and the options facing the U.S. Congress as they decide whether to pursue such a law will also be discussed.

- **Representative Ami Bera (D-CA)**
- **Representative Kat Cammack (R-FL)**
- **Representative Jay Obernolte (R-CA)**
- **Representative Laurel Lee (R-FL)**
- **State Secretary Claudia Plakolm** – State Secretary for Digitalization, Youth, and Civilian Service, Austrian Federal Chancellery
- **Moderator: Representative Larry Bucshon (R-IN)**

4:30 pm Walk to hotel

4:45 pm-6:30 pm **Prepare for departures and personal time**

6:30 pm Depart hotel via bus for closing reception and dinner

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6:45 pm-7:30 pm **Closing reception**

7:30 pm-10:30 pm **Closing dinner with Member of Congress-led policy discussions**

Each Member of Congress will lead a small dinner discussion following up on one of the panel discussions or the luncheon topic from earlier that day:

Rep. Bacon – Nuclear, energy, and climate	Rep. Johnson – Nuclear, energy, and climate
Rep. Barr – AI and technology	Rep. Kelly – Corporate and digital services taxation
Rep. Beatty – AI and technology	Rep. Krishnamoorthi – AI and technology
Rep. Bera – Nuclear, energy, and climate	Rep. LaHood – Corporate and digital services taxation
Rep. Bice – AI and technology	Rep. Larsen – Nuclear, energy, and climate
Rep. Bucshon – Nuclear, energy, and climate	Rep. Lee – Nuclear, energy, and climate
Rep. Cammack – Nuclear, energy, and climate	Rep. Moolenaar – AI and technology
Rep. Carey – Nuclear, energy, and climate	Rep. Moore – Corporate and digital services taxation
Rep. Carter – AI and technology	Rep. Murphy – Corporate and digital services taxation
Rep. Estes – Corporate and digital services taxation	Rep. Newhouse – Nuclear, energy, and climate
Rep. Feenstra – Corporate and digital services taxation	Rep. Obernolte – Nuclear, energy, and climate
Rep. Fischbach – Corporate and digital services taxation	Rep. Panetta – Corporate and digital services taxation
Rep. Fletcher – AI and technology	Rep. Pfluger – AI and technology
Rep. Franklin – AI and technology	Rep. Sánchez – Nuclear, energy, and climate
Rep. Gonzales – AI and technology	Rep. Sewell – Corporate and digital services taxation
Rep. Himes – AI and technology	Rep. Stauber – AI and technology
Rep. Hinson – AI and technology	Rep. Suozzi – Corporate and digital services taxation
Rep. Houchin – AI and technology	Rep. Yakym – Corporate and digital services taxation

10:30 pm Return to hotel via bus

10:45 pm-12:00 am **After dinner coffee at hotel**

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

7:00 am-9:00 am **Breakfast at hotel**

Morning Check out of hotel

All day Departure flights

Name	Dep. date	Flights and departure times (all times local)	Arrival date	Arrival time
Rep. Tom Suozzi	11/12	OS 371 VIE to AMS at 7:15 am UA 947 AMS to IAD at 11:00 am	11/12	2:00 pm
Rep. Don Bacon	11/12	OS 351: VIE to BRU at 7:20 am UA 951: BRU to IAD at 11:55 am	11/12	2:35 pm
Rep. Ami Bera	11/12	UA 9821 VIE to IAD at 10:35 am	11/12	2:35 pm
Rep. Buddy Carter	11/12	OS 351 VIE to BRU at 7:20 am UA 951 BRU to IAD at 11:55 am	11/12	2:35 pm
Rep. Tony Gonzales	11/12	UA 9821 VIE to IAD at 10:35 am	11/12	2:35 pm
Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi	11/12	UA 9821 VIE to IAD at 10:35 am	11/12	2:35 pm
Rep. Rick Larsen	11/12	OS 351: VIE to BRU at 7:20 am UA 951: BRU to IAD at 11:55 am	11/12	2:35 pm
Rep. Jimmy Panetta	11/12	UA 9821 VIE to IAD at 10:35 am	11/12	2:35 pm
Rep. Joyce Beatty	11/12	UA 9861 VIE to FRA at 7:00 am UA 988 FRA to IAD at 11:30 am	11/12	2:40 pm
Rep. Larry Bucshon	11/12	LH 6437: VIE to FRA at 8:00 am LH 9290: FRA to IAD 11:30 am	11/12	2:40 pm
Rep. Mike Carey	11/12	UA 9861 VIE to FRA at 7:00 am UA 988 FRA to IAD at 11:30 am	11/12	2:40 pm
Rep. Lizzie Fletcher	11/12	UA 9861 VIE to FRA at 7:00 am UA 988 FRA to IAD at 11:30 am	11/12	2:40 pm
Rep. Erin Houchin	11/12	UA 9861 VIE to FRA at 7:00 am UA 988 FRA to IAD at 11:30 am	11/12	2:40 pm
Rep. Laurel Lee	11/12	UA 9861 VIE to FRA at 7:00 am UA 988 FRA to IAD at 11:30 am	11/12	2:40 pm
Rep. Daniel Newhouse	11/12	OS 205 VIE to FRA at 9:00 am UA 988 FRA to IAD at 11:30 am	11/12	2:40 pm
Rep. Stephanie Bice	11/12	AA 6642 VIE to LHR at 7:00 am AA 6968 LHR to IAD at 12:10pm	11/12	3:35 pm
Rep. Randy Feenstra	11/12	UA 9829 VIE to ZRH at 7:00 am UA 53 ZRH to IAD at 11:45 am	11/12	3:30 pm
Rep. James Himes	11/12	UA 9829: VIE to ZUR at 7:00 am UA 53: ZUR to IAD at 11:45 am	11/12	3:30 pm
Rep. Greg Murphy	11/12	UA 9829 VIE to ZRH at 7:00 am UA 53 ZRH to IAD at 11:45 am	11/12	3:30 pm
Rep. Ron Estes	11/12	AA 6642 VIE to LHR at 7:00 am AA 6968 LHR to IAD at 12:10 pm	11/12	3:35 pm
Rep. Scott Franklin	11/12	AA 6642 VIE to LHR at 7:00 am AA 6968 LHR to IAD at 12:10 pm	11/12	3:35 pm
Rep. August Pfluger	11/12	AA 6642 VIE to LHR at 7:00 am AA 6968 LHR to IAD at 12:10 pm	11/12	3:35 pm
Rep. Rudy Yakym	11/12	AA 6642 VIE to LHR at 7:00 am AA 6968 LHR to IAD at 12:10 pm	11/12	3:35 pm
Rep. Andy Barr	11/12	DL 9269 VIE to AMS at 6:55 am DL 9384 AMS to IAD at 1:00 pm	11/12	3:45 pm

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Name	Dep. date	Flights and departure times (all times local)	Arrival date	Arrival time
Rep. Kat Cammack	11/12	DL 9269 VIE to AMS at 6:55 am DL 9384 AMS to IAD at 1:00 pm	11/12	3:45 pm
Rep. Michelle Fischbach	11/12	DL 9269 VIE to AMS at 6:55am DL 9384 AMS to IAD at 1:00 pm	11/12	3:45 pm
Rep. Pete Stauber	11/12	DL 9269 VIE to AMS at 6:55am DL 9384 AMS to IAD at 1:00 pm	11/12	3:45 pm
Rep. Linda T. Sánchez	11/12	UA 9861 VIE to FRA at 7:00 am UA 8827 FRA to IAD at 12:55 pm	11/12	3:50 pm
Rep. Blake Moore	11/12	DL 8767 VIE to CDG at 6:15 am DL 8632 CDG to IAD at 1:25 pm	11/12	4:15 pm
Rep. Ashley Hinson	11/12	UA 9842 VIE to EWR at 10:30 am UA 4443 EWR to DCA at 4:00 pm	11/12	5:23 pm
Rep. Dusty Johnson	11/12	UA 9842 VIE to EWR at 10:30 am UA 4443 EWR to DCA at 4:00 pm	11/12	5:23 pm
Rep. Robin Kelly	11/12	UA 9842 VIE to EWR at 10:30 am UA 4443 EWR to DCA at 4:00 pm	11/12	5:23 pm
Rep. Darin LaHood	11/12	UA 9842 VIE to EWR at 10:30 am UA 4443 EWR to DCA at 4:00 pm	11/12	5:23 pm
Rep. Jay Obernolte	11/12	UA 9842 VIE to EWR at 10:30 am UA 4443 EWR to DCA at 4:00 pm	11/12	5:23 pm
Rep. Terri Sewell	11/12	UA 9842 VIE to EWR at 10:30 am UA 4443 EWR to DCA at 4:00 pm	11/12	5:23 pm
Rep. John Moolenaar	11/12	DL 9269 VIE to AMS at 6:55 am DL 243 AMS to BOS at 11:20 am DL 5689 BOS to DCA at 3:35 pm	11/12	5:31 pm



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February 1, 2024

The Honorable Ron Estes
U.S. House of Representatives
2234 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Estes:

You and Susan are invited to participate in the *TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange* policy conference that The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center are holding in Vienna, Austria, **November 8-12, 2024**. **We will depart from the U.S. on Thursday, November 7, to arrive in Vienna on Friday, November 8, and return to Washington, DC on Tuesday, November 12.**

For over 40 years, our *TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange* conference has been held in capital cities around the world. The purpose of our 2024 policy conference in Vienna is to examine some of the key issues impacting the U.S.-EU-Austria relationship. Participating in our conference will be a bipartisan delegation of over two dozen Members of the U.S. House of Representatives as well as many of our organizations' members.

During the conference the delegation will conduct meetings, attend keynote addresses, and participate in panel discussions with members of the Austrian government and Parliament, senior officials from international organizations, and other public and private sector leaders and experts from Austria and the EU. Additionally, we anticipate sessions with the three American diplomatic missions in Vienna – the U.S. Embassy in Austria, the U.S. Mission to International Organizations in Vienna, and the U.S. Mission to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The topics of these sessions and meetings during the conference will include trade, taxation, energy security, climate change, financial services, health care, defense, China, technology, and immigration, among others. Through these discussions between our delegation and Austrian public and private sector officials as well as other leaders based in Vienna, we seek to encourage further cooperation and understanding in these many public policy areas.

Those participating in the conference will also visit the Austrian Parliament and other historic sites in and around Vienna. Additionally, we anticipate high-level meetings and other special visits and events occurring throughout the conference.

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With your acceptance, you and Susan will receive non-refundable roundtrip business class airfare directly between your Congressional District and Vienna. We will also provide hotel accommodations, group meals and ground transportation in Austria. The TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange has been organized in accordance with all House Ethics Committee guidelines.

If you participate in the conference, we will provide you with the necessary documents you must submit to the House Ethics Committee in September.

We can accommodate a 28-30 Member bipartisan delegation along with our other guests. **We have limited capacity and will take acceptances on a first come first served basis. Kindly RSVP by February 22, 2024, but earlier if possible.**

Enclosed is more information about the conference and The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center, a preliminary outline of our agenda for November, and a summary of our 2023 conference in London.

We thank you for your consideration of this invitation. If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 216-1008 or jconzelman2@riponsociety.org.

Sincerely,



Jim Conzelman
President and CEO
The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center

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October 31, 2024

The Honorable Ron Estes
U.S. House of Representatives
2234 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 Austria,¹ scheduled for November 7 to 12, 2024, sponsored by the Ripon Society and the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange.

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.

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,

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

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

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