

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

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

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

1. Name of Traveler: Bradley Scott Schneider
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 3/27/25 Return: 3/29/25  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Columbus, OH Return City: Chicago, IL
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box:*
  - a.  a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
  - b.  the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
  - c.  page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the Member or officer; **and**
  - d.  the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a.  I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*  
b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.** I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 4/9/25

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## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original  Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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

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

2. Travel Destination(s): \_\_\_\_\_

3. Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Return: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*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				
Accompanying Family Member				

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

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

Signature: Lisel Loy Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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## 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](mailto: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: Bradley Schneider

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

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

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): Sam Cleghorn Yankovich

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: 300 Cannon HOB

Telephone Number: (202) 225-4835

Email Address of Contact Person: SAM.YANKOVICH@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](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).



## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Bradley Schendier
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Ohio, USA
4. a. Date of Departure: 3/27/25 Date of Return: 3/29/25  
b. Yes  No  Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Yes  No  Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
  - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_
  - (2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
  - (3) Yes  No  Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes  No  Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Yes  No  *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, 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.**  
Purpose of the trip is for Reps. Schneider & Carey to do an exchange with each other's districts to identify policy areas they can work together.

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

10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

### ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 2/27/25

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

a.  The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**

b.  The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**

c.  The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

6. Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Return: \_\_\_\_\_

7. a. City of departure: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Destination(s): \_\_\_\_\_

c. City of return: \_\_\_\_\_

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

a.  The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**

b.  The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**

c.  The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**
- a.  I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
  - b.  I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
  - c.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
  - d.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. \_\_\_\_\_
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10.  Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**
- a.  I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify 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:
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

14.  I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a.  The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
  - b.  The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
    - 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

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

Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

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 type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total <b>Transportation</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Lodging</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Meal</b> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee			
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	<b>Other</b> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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: Lisel Loy Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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March 19, 2025

The Honorable Bradley Schneider  
U.S. House of Representatives  
300 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Columbus, Ohio, scheduled for March 27 to 29, 2025, sponsored by Bipartisan Policy Center.

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

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

Sincerely,

Michael Guest  
Chairman

Mark DeSaulnier  
Ranking Member

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**Addendum – Primary Trip Sponsor Form – Rep. Brad Schneider**

**Item 4**

Rep. Schneider, along with Rep. Mike Carey, is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. The trip to OH-15 will be focused on several areas that will be of interest to Rep. Schneider and directly connected to his official responsibilities: workforce, energy and associated tax credits, health, and tech. Ways and Means will be considering a variety of measures and policies directly related to these issues.

Opportunities and challenges related to workforce issues, energy and health also relate to local job growth, economic development, and a healthy population for Rep. Schneider’s home district, IL-10. Trip stops and a dinner focused on these matters will provide him with additional insights and opportunities to compare and contrast what is being done in Ohio.

**Item 7(b):**

**American Congressional Exchange Itinerary  
Brad Schneider (IL-10) Visiting Mike Carey (OH-15)  
March 27-29, 2025**

All times Eastern unless otherwise noted

**Thursday, March 27**

12:59 p.m. Rep. Schneider departs DCA – AA 4399  
2:34 p.m. Arrive CMH (Glenn International)

**OR DEPENDING ON VOTES**

3:35 p.m. Depart BWI  
5:00 p.m. Arrive CMH

**IF 12:59 FLIGHT:**

3:05-4:05 John Glenn Intl. Airport new terminal tour

Led by: Kristen Easterday, Columbus Airport Authority

Falling around the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its original opening, the local Columbus community will experience a modern, near-\$2 billion renovation of John Gleen International Airport. The state-of-the-art terminal is designed to meet the demands of modern travel. In addition to both increasing the quantity of gates by 20% and expanding larger aircraft capabilities, the terminal will also feature a smoother approach for passengers, 5000 new parking garage

spaces, sensory rooms for a quiet, more controlled environment, and high ceilings and an open floor plan to allow for sweeping views of the airfield.

Through the utilization of energy efficient smart glass and 250 electric vehicle chargers, the terminal will also be more sustainable. Finally, as a reflection of the diverse community it is set to serve, nearly 25% of the contracts awarded thus far are going to small, local, minority, women, or veteran owned firms. Construction is expected to be completed by late 2028, early 2029.

4:05 Tour ends

4:10-4:25 Drive to Hotel, check-in: Columbus Hampton Inn East, 1890 Winderly Ln, Pickerington, OH

4:25-6:00 Unpack, downtime

6:00-6:15 Depart hotel for dinner – Lindey’s, 169 E. Beck St., Columbus

6:15-8:00 Dinner (small private dinner with members/BPC staff)

8:00 Depart for hotel

8:15 Arrive hotel, overnight

**IF 3:35 FLIGHT:**

5:30 Depart CMH for drive to dinner

6:00-7:30 Dinner (Lindey’s)

7:30 Depart dinner for hotel

7:45 Arrive hotel, check-in, overnight

**Friday, March 28**

7:40-8:00 a.m. Drive to American Electric Power transmission center, New Albany

8:00-9:20 Meeting (over breakfast) and tour of center

Led by: Zachary Frymier, State Government Affairs Manager

American Electric Power (AEP) maintains one the largest electricity transmission systems in the nation, serving nearly 5.5 million customers in 11 states. Originally founded in 1906, AEP Ohio is

based in Columbus and serves 1.5 million Ohioans by delivering power to heat homes and operate factories. The company currently employs more than 1300 Ohioans, many of whom are based within the New Albany Transmission Center. Originally completed in 2016, the four story, 190,000 sq. ft. facility houses employees that design and maintain the transmission system for AEP's operations in 11 states.

This visit will inform Rep. Schneider on issues surrounding power consumption; electricity production, transmission and costs; and the increasing demand for electrical power particularly from data centers and increasing utilization of AI.

9:20 Tour ends

9:25-9:40 Drive to Intel construction site (CHIPS) site, New Albany

9:40-11:00 Tour and meeting with Intel leadership

Intel, originally born in Silicon Valley, California, is working towards "establishing the Silicon Heartland" in Central Ohio through their \$28 billion investment---the largest single private sector investment in state history. Revealed in 2022 and aided by the bipartisan CHIPS & Science Act, Intel announced the construction of two new semiconductor factories in Licking County, eventually intended to "turbocharge domestic semiconductor manufacturing."

Of the \$7.86 billion awarded to Intel in the CHIPS & Science Act, in late 2024, it was announced that \$1.5 billion will be invested in the Central Ohio project. The complex, which is expected to spread across 1,000 acres, will create nearly 3,000 Intel jobs with an average wage of \$135,000, as well as 7,000 construction jobs and thousands of other related long-term employment opportunities. Beyond the direct investment, Intel has also pledged \$50 million to local community colleges to create a one-year semiconductor technician project, in attempts to build a pipeline of talent; the Ohio Department of Transportation has subsequently announced \$90 million in funding to improve roadways around the site. Intel's presence in the region has already catalyzed other technology companies to move to the area, advancing their "Silicon Heartland" vision. Construction is expected to be completed in late 2026.

This stop will provide Rep. Schneider with information on issues surrounding the production of critical microchips, as well as workforce-related matters such as access to child care, education,

and other factors critical to securing and retaining quality employees.

- 11:00 Tour ends
- 11:05-11:45 Drive to Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools, Groveport
- 11:45-1:05 p.m. Working lunch meeting and tour of school. Focus on technical/vocational education, workforce development
- Led by: Ryan Gasser, Coordinator of Communications and Marketing
- The Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools in Groveport, Ohio empowers the next generation of students to thrive in the workplace through their vast vocational and technical education programs. Serving 16 school districts in Franklin, Fairfield, and Pickaway counties, Eastland-Fairfield serves approximately 1900+ current high school students from an area covering more than 700 sq. mi.
- The schools, accredited by the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education, serves approximately 500 adults per year in its Adult Workforce Development program; offering employable skills and certifications, Eastland-Fairfield provides vocational oriented programs including welding, plumbing, industrial automation, facilities maintenance, and broadband infrastructure training, among other opportunities. Proving vital to local workforce development, 85% of adult students graduate from their programs “ready to enter the workforce,” which is 50% higher than the top local community colleges.
- The visit is an opportunity for Rep. Schneider to gain additional insights into educational efforts to ensure quality employment for a wide range of the population, and a qualified workforce that contributes to economic success.
- 1:05 Tour ends
- 1:10-1:50 Drive to AWS Data Center – Hilliard
- Led by: Erin Cohan, Public Policy, AWS
- 1:50-2:55 Meeting with AWS Data Center leadership and representatives from AEP followed by tour. Focus: electrical/power needs and impact of data centers

Operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, AWS Data Centers store computing machines and their hardware equipment. To ensure data remains secured, each center is temperature controlled and possesses a backup power supply and disaster recovery capabilities. With 34 'regions' around the world, each AWS region possesses various 'availability zones;' falling within the US East region, Ohio is the site of numerous data centers. As of 2023, the Ohio data centers employed approximately 2000 of the 30,000 individuals across all AWS sites worldwide. AWS maintains a program called 'AWS InCommunities,' where they develop a wide variety of programs tailored to the specific locality.

In addition to primary and secondary education funding, and skills training, AWS has partnered with Columbus State Community College to create a Data Center Technician Program. Finally, AWS plans to power data centers with 100% renewable energy, and has pledged to be 'water positive' by 2030 by returning more water to the communities than data centers will use.

This stop will afford Rep. Schneider a look at a major consumer of electric power; what are the needs, where is growth projected to occur in demand, what are the implications for federal policymaking.

2:55

Tour ends.

3:00-4:00

Drive to joint Honda-LG battery facility, Jeffersonville

4:00-5:20

Tour and visit with Honda/LG leadership

Led by: Jeff Reed, Government and Industry Relations, Midwest Region, American Honda Motor Co.

Meeting followed by windshield and internal tour of site nearing completion. Jeffersonville will soon welcome a Honda and LG Energy Solutions joint venture battery plant. The facility, which broke ground in February 2023, is expected to total 2 million sq. ft. upon completion; as of November 2024, construction has shifted to the interior rooms and installation of advanced manufacturing equipment. The joint venture, projected to reach an overall investment of \$ 4.4 billion, will create 2,200 jobs manufacturing lithium-ion batteries, ultimately catalyzing Honda's expected commencement of production and sales of electric vehicles in North America by 2026.

LG is currently the leading global manufacturer of lithium-ion batteries and holds the most battery-related patents in the world. The Jeffersonville plant will join Honda's revamped Marysville complex, where the company began their manufacturing operations in America in 1979. Production in Jeffersonville is expected to begin by the end of 2025.

The visit will provide Rep. Schneider with information on the impact of a major company to a rural economy that is similar to McHenry County in IL-10, and a growing consumer and economic segment surrounding electric vehicles. Considering the projected continued growth in that segment, what are the implications for federal policymaking in the areas of energy and tax policy.

- 5:20 Tour ends
- 5:25-6:30 Drive to Dinner (Location TBD)
- 6:30-8:00 Dinner with invited local economic leaders.

Conversation will center on the impact of federal policy from energy to taxes, workforce availability, health, and federal deficits and debt among others. The discussion will afford Rep. Schneider additional perspectives from a region outside of his own IL-10.

- 8:00 Dinner ends
- 8:05-8:25 Drive to Hampton Inn Columbus – overnight.

### **Saturday, March 29**

- 7:30-8:00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel, check-out
- 8:00 Drive to Cardinal Health distribution HQ, 5995 Commerce Center Dr, Groveport
- 8:30-9:30 Meeting/tour at Cardinal Health.

Led by: Ann Swade, Senior Manager, Government Relations Operations and Political Programs

Founded in 1971 in Ohio, Cardinal Health is a pharmaceutical and media supply distributor and manufacturer serving more than 100,000 locations. Between their pharmaceutical segment, in which they distribute both branded and generic pharmaceuticals and over the counter products, and their medical segment, where they

manufacture and distribute Cardinal Health branded products, the company serves approximately 90% of U.S. hospitals; they also engage with pharmacies, community health centers, clinical labs, other medical facilities.

Recently, Cardinal Health has sought to better understand and address the mental health of their 30,500 employees. In 2022, the company gifted Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center \$1 million to aid their research into positive mental health strategies that can be implemented by employers. Furthermore, the company also fostered roundtable discussions between 120 Ohio CEOs about mental health and business. Cardinal Health is headquartered in Dublin, Ohio.

This stop will provide insight into a critical part of the health care industry as well as distribution/transportation issues and workforce development.

9:30	Tour ends
9:35	Drive to CMH
10:00	Arrive CMH
10:55	Depart CMH for ORD – UA 3442
11:32 (central)	Arrive ORD

**Item 12: *Bipartisan Policy Center*: The Bipartisan Policy Center is a non-profit organization that combines the best ideas from both parties to promote health, security, and opportunity for all Americans. BPC drives principled and politically viable policy solutions through the power of rigorous analysis and painstaking negotiation.**

As a Washington, D.C.-based think tank that actively promotes bipartisanship, BPC works to address the key challenges facing the nation. Our policy solutions are the product of informed deliberations by former elected and appointed officials, business and labor leaders, and academics and advocates who represent both ends of the political spectrum. We are currently focused on such issues as health, energy, national security, the economy, financial regulatory reform, housing, immigration, infrastructure, and governance.

While a healthy, civil debate among those with differing viewpoints is an essential component of our democracy, the current partisan tone in government is impeding progress. BPC is focused on how to overcome political divides and help make our government work better.

Regardless of deep policy disagreements, Congress must operate with mutual respect, decency, and civility which are foundational to forging collaborative solutions. While there are disparities and regional differences, as elected officials, members of Congress all have a

responsibility to address challenges confronting their constituents and the nation, as well as strengthen the institution itself.

The American Congressional Exchange (ACE) Program is a systematic approach to building better relationships and bipartisanship in Congress. ACE is focused on members of the U.S. House of Representatives and is built upon three precepts:

- To develop trust, Members of Congress must listen to one another to understand what it is that motivates them and concerns them.
- Once they listen to each other, they often learn they actually have more in common than meets the eye – and if they can see each other in that vein, impactful legislation can be achieved.
- A shared experience based on close interaction can be what brings Members of Congress together to take action on behalf of the American people.

The central goal of ACE is to build connections and trust, which will create conditions for intentional negotiation and compromise on issues of importance to the participants' constituencies as well as the nation. The trips will increase mutual understandings, and further collaboration on policy matters and legislation. Additionally, as a result, Congress will operate more effectively. BPC representative will accompany traveller on the trip to provide logistics and coordinate functioning of meetings, events, and site visits.

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Again, as outlined above under Item 4 and in the itinerary in Item 7(b), the trip to OH-15 will be focused on several areas that will be of interest to Rep. Schneider and directly connected to his official responsibilities and the interests of his constituents: workforce, energy and associated tax credits, health, and tech.

Specifically, OH-15 provides a number of opportunities to explore these issues in a region that is significantly different from IL-10 geographically and politically but also shares interests in providing quality health care access and employment, as well as economic competitiveness. Rep. Schneider should be able to derive lessons from seeing contrasting approaches, as well as potentially confirmation of the value of practices that are being similarly (and effectively) applied in both regions.



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## American Congressional Exchange

Rep. Brad Schneider (D-IL) visiting Rep. Mike Carey (R-OH)  
Ohio's 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

*All times Eastern unless otherwise noted.*

### Thursday, March 27

- 12:59 p.m.                    **Rep. Schneider** departs Washington National Airport (DCA)  
*American Airlines 4399*
- 2:34 p.m.                    **Rep. Schneider** arrives at John Glenn Intl. Airport (CMH)
- 3:05 – 4:05 p.m.            John Glenn Intl. Airport new terminal tour
- 4:05 – 4:25 p.m.            Travel and **hotel check-in**  
*The Plaza Hotel, 75 E. State St., Columbus*
- 6:00 p.m.                    Depart hotel for **dinner**  
*Lindey's, 169 E. Beck St., Columbus*
- 6:15 – 8:00 p.m.            Private dinner with BPC staff
- 8:00 p.m.                    Depart for hotel
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### Friday, March 28

- 7:30 a.m. Travel to **American Electric Power transmission center**  
*8500 Smith's Mill Rd, New Albany, OH*
- 8:00 – 9:20 a.m. Working breakfast meeting and tour of AEP facility
- 9:25 a.m. Travel to **Intel construction site**  
*8600 Smiths Mill Road, New Albany, OH*
- 9:40 – 11:00 a.m. Tour and meeting with Intel leadership
- 11:05 a.m. Travel to **Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical School**  
*4465 S Hamilton Rd, Groveport*
- 11:45 a.m. – 1:05 p.m. Working lunch meeting and tour of Eastland-Fairfield campus
- 1:10 p.m. Travel to **Expedient Data Center**  
*5700 Innovation Dr., Dublin, OH*
- 1:50 – 2:55 p.m. Meeting with Expedient Data Center leadership and facility tour
- 3:00 p.m. Travel to **Honda-LG Battery Facility**  
*Mid-West Mega Commerce Center, Milledgeville-Jeffersonville Rd, Jeffersonville, OH*
- 4:00 – 5:20 p.m. Facility tour and meeting with Honda leadership
- 5:25 p.m. Travel to working **dinner**  
*The Top Steak House, 2891 E Main St, Columbus*
- 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Working dinner with local economic leaders
- 8:05 p.m. Depart for Plaza Hotel



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### Saturday, March 29

- 8:00 a.m. Travel to **Cardinal Health Distribution Headquarters**  
*5995 Commerce Center Dr. Groveport, OH 43125*
- 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Meeting and facility tour with Cardinal Health leadership
- 9:35 a.m. Travel to **Columbus International Airport**  
*4600 International Gateway, Columbus, OH 43219*
- 10:55 a.m. **Rep. Schneider** departs CMH  
*United Airlines 3442*
- 11:32 a.m. CST **Rep. Schneider** arrives at O'Hare International Airport (ORD)

Ohio 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District ACE Visit – Rep. Brad Schneider

Kristen Easterday – Columbus Airport Authority

Zachary Frymier, State Government Affairs Manager, American Electric Power

Kevin Hoggatt - Intel

Ryan Gasser, Coordinator of Communications and Marketing, Eastland-Fairfield Schools

Shelly Groves, Superintendent, Eastland-Fairfield

Jennifer Blackstone, Assistant Superintendent, Eastland-Fairfield

Cherelle Turner, Business Partnership Coordinator, Eastland-Fairfield

Todd Hoffman, Adult Workforce Director, Eastland-Fairfield

Bryan Smith – CEO, Expedient

Chahun Ku, CEO, L-H Battery Company

Rick Riggle, COO, L-H Battery

Bob Lee, president, LG Energy Solutions North America

Ann Swade, Senior Manager, Government Relations Operations, Cardinal Health

Abby Barnes, Senior Manager for Federal Government Relations, Cardinal Health

Brian Dixon, Director of Operations, National Logistics Center, Cardinal Health

Steve Stivers, President and CEO, Ohio Chamber of Commerce

Debbie Weitzman, CEO, Pharmaceutical and Specialty Solutions Segment, Cardinal Health