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: Earl L. "Buddy" Carter
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Amy Carter ***OR*** ☐ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ■ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: April 21, 2025 Return: April 26, 2025
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ ***OR*** ■ None
4. Departure City: Milan, Italy Destination: Bellagio, Italy Return City: New Orleans, LA
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: The Aspen Institute
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
   While on his trip, I was able to participate and engage in converstations and meeting taht focused on today's urgent issues with imput from Cogressmen and Congresswomen from all over the United States.
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: Earl L Buddy Carter

Date: 05/09/2025

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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

■ *Original* □ *Amendment*

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

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)
2. Travel Destination(s): Bellagio, Italy
3. Date of Departure: April 21, 2025 Date of Return: April 26, 2025
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Buddy Carter and Amy Carter

   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	$6478	$1,184	$370	$700
Accompanying Family Member	$6218	$0	$370	$700

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: Charles Dent **Date:** March 03, 2025

Name: Charles Dent **Title:** Vice President

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

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

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

Telephone: 202-736-5859 **Email:** lisa.jones@aspeninstitute.org

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

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

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Earl L. "Buddy" Carter
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Bellagio, Italy
4. a. Date of Departure: April 21, 2025 Date of Return: April 26, 2025
   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: Amy Carter
   (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 result of my position on the House Budget Committee and the House Energy and Commerce Committee, ~~participation will enhance my abilities as a member of Congress to achieve legislative results on behalf of my~~ constituents. By participating in substantive and thought-provoking events that features serious, civil debates on ~~today's urget issues, I will be able to be better informed to act on behalf of my constituents.~~
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: Earl L Buddy Carter **Date:** 03/17/2025

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: Earl L. "Buddy" Carter

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: Earl L Buddy Carter

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

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

Office Address: 2432 Rayburn House Office Building

Telephone Number: (202) 660-2350

Email Address of Contact Person: liles.wall@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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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:
   The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)
2. ☒ I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*
3. ***Check only one.*** I represent that:
   a. ☐ The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
   b. ☐ The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
   c. ☒ The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
   If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: Rockefeller Foundation
4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):
   See Appendix
5. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: April 21, 2025 Date of Return: April 26, 2025
7. a. City of departure: April 26, 2025
   b. Destination(s): Bellagio, Italy
   c. City of return: Washington, DC or member's congressional district
8. ***Check only one.*** I represent that
   a. ☐ The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
   b. ☒ The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
   c. ☐ The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

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

10. ■ Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. ***Check only one of the following.***
   a. ■ I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box;* **OR**
   b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For ***each*** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip ***and*** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
   Please see appendix

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): $123 per day
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The location has a desired facility with appropriate security, technology and meeting space

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
   Hotel Name: Bellagio Center City: Bellagio, Italy Cost Per Night: $296
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Facility has required technology and meeting space. Security a key factor.
   Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
   Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
   Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
   Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

17. ☒ I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

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

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total **Transportation** Expenses per Participant	Total **Lodging** Expenses per Participant	Total **Meal** Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	$6,478.16	$1,184	$370
For each Accompanying Family Member	$6,218.16	-0-	$370

	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	$700	Private meeting space, AV, conference services
For each Accompanying Family Member	$700	Private meeting space, AV, conference services

19. ***Check only one:***
    a. ☒ I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
    b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**
    a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
    b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
    c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: Chl w Dent Date: March 03, 2025

Name: Charles Dent Title: Vice President

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

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

Email: lisa.jones@aspeninstitute.org Telephone: 202-736-5859

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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April 14, 2025

The Honorable Earl L. "Buddy" Carter
U.S. House of Representatives
2432 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 Italy,[1] scheduled for April 21 to 26, 2025, sponsored by Aspen Institute, Inc. and the Rockefeller Foundation.

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

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently $480] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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[1] Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at https://step.state.gov.

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

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

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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: Aspen Institute Congressional Program

2. Name of your organization: The Rockefeller Foundation

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

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

5. ***Check one.*** I certify that my organization:

   a. ■ Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**

   b. ☐ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to Destination: Bellagio, Italy on Date: April 21-26, 2025 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: March 03, 2025

Name: Charles Dent Title: Vice President

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

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

Telephone: 202-736-5859 Email: lisa.jones@aspeninstitute.org

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HOUSE APPENDIX

Aspen Institute Congressional Program

Energizing America's Future: Policies for Leadership in a Changing Global Landscape

April 21-26, 2025

Question 4: Provide names and titles of all House Members you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited.

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

Rep. Nikki Budzinski: House Committee on Agriculture
Rep. Buddy Carter: House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. Kathy Castor: House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. Steve Choen: House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Rep. Jim Costa: House Committee on Agriculture
Rep. Michael Guest: House Appropriations Committee; Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
Rep. Andy Harris: House Committee on Appropriations
Rep. Bob Latta: House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. Mike McCaul: House Committee on Foreign Affairs; Chairman
~~**Rep. Greg Meeks: House Committee of Foreign Affairs; Ranking Member**~~
Rep. Dan Meuser: House Committee on Financial Services
Rep. Scott Peters: House Committee on Energy and Commerce
~~**Rep. Chellie Pingree: House Committee on Appropriations; Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies; Ranking Member**~~
Rep. August Pfluger: Energy and Commerce Committee
Rep. Mike Quigley: House Committee on Appropriations
Rep. Deborah Ross: House Committee on Science, Space and Technology
~~**Rep. Maria Salazar: House Committee on Foreign Affairs**~~
Rep. Michael Thompso: House Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Norma Torres: House Committee on Appropriations
Rep. Randy Weber: Energy and Commerce

Extended answers from question 12 of the PTSP form:

Aspen Institute's Congressional Program (AICP) provides nonpartisan educational forums for members of Congress on public policy issues. AICP organized and will conduct the conference and selected and invited the attendees. The foundation listed in 3C -Rockefeller Foundation c-did not play a role in organizing or conducting the conference. The foundation provided grant funding for the program.did not play a role in organizing or conducting the conference. The foundation provided grant funding for the program and did not play a role in organizing or conducting the conference.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM
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Energizing America's Future: Policies for Leadership in a Changing Global Landscape

April 21-26, 2025 | Bellagio, Italy

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Name	Departure in US	Departure Time US	Departure Airport	Arrival in Milan	Arrival Airport	TIme	Notes
Michael McCaul	Wednesday April 16th	5:45:00 PM	AUS	Thursday April 17th	MXP	1:35 PM	**Extension for personal travel paid for by them
Norma Torres	Friday April 18th	2:1 :00 PM	LAX	Saturday April 19th	MXP	1:20 PM	*Extension on personal time
Katherine Castor	Friday April 18th	10:00:00 AM	TPA	Saturday April 19th	MXP	10:45 AM	*Extension on personal time
Scott Peters	Sunday April 20th	7:50:00 PM	SAN	Monday April 21st	MXP	7:35 PM	*Extension on personal time
Jim Costa	Monday April 21st	6:00:00 AM	FAT	Tuesday April 22nd	MXP	10:45 AM	
Michael Thompson	Monday April 21st	6:00:00 AM	SFO	Tuesday April 22nd	MXP	10:45 AM	
August Pfluger	Monday April 21st	10:18:00 AM	SJT	Tuesday April 22nd	MXP	9:10 AM	
Patrick Guest	Monday April 21st	10:59:00 AM	JAN	Tuesday April 22nd	MXP	10:45 AM	
Randall Weber	Monday April 21st	12:07:00 PM	IAH	Tuesday April 22nd	MXP	10:45 AM	

Michael Quigley	Monday April 21st	12:25:00 PM	CHI	Tuesday April 22nd	MXP	11:45 AM	
Earl Carter	Monday April 21st	1:06:00 PM	SAV	Tuesday April 22nd	MXP	10:45 AM	
Andrew Harris	Monday April 21st	3:05:00 PM	DCA	Tuesday April 22nd	MXP	10:45 AM	
Deborah Ross	Monday April 21st	3:17:00 PM	RDU	Tuesday April 22nd	MXP	10:45 AM	
Robert Latta	Monday April 21st	4:22:00 PM	DTW	Tuesday April 22nd	LIN	10:[illegible] AM	
Nicole Budzinski	Monday April 21st	7:15:00 PM	ORD	Tuesday April 22nd	MXP	3:[illegible] PM	
Daniel Meuser	Monday April 21st	8:30:00 PM	EWR	Tuesday April 22nd	MXP	10:45 AM	
Gregory Meeks	Monday April 21st	10:20:00 PM	JFK	Tuesday April 22nd	MXP	12:15 PM	

AGENDA

MONDAY, APRIL 21:

U.S. participants depart the U.S. throughout the day.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22:

U.S. participants arrive in Milan, Italy throughout the day and are transported by private bus for the 90 minute drive to Bellagio.

7 – 9 PM Working Dinner
Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Discussions will focus on America's energy policy and energy future.

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

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23:

7 – 8:45 AM: Breakfast available to all participants

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

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

9:15 – 11 AM: Roundtable Discussion:
American Energy Competitiveness: Trade

The global energy transition is unfolding against a backdrop of increasing geopolitical tensions. Trade policy plays a central role in shaping U.S. strategies to drive innovation, secure critical supply chains, and maintain leadership in clean energy technologies. This session examines the trade-offs and opportunities in leveraging trade agreements and partnerships to advance both economic and environmental objectives.

Speakers will address the following questions:

- What role should trade agreements play in setting global standards for clean energy technologies, and how can the U.S. ensure these benefit its industries while encouraging global adoption?
- Should the U.S. use trade policies like carbon tariffs to address environmental goals, and how can it avoid triggering conflicts with key partners such as China and the EU?
- How can the U.S. reconcile its current reliance on imports of critical minerals for clean energy with its goals of energy security and independence?
- Should the U.S. prioritize reshoring clean energy manufacturing or accept reliance on global supply chains to keep costs low? What risks does each pose to national security?

Speakers:
Frank Fannon, *Managing Director, Fannon Global Advisors*

11 – 11:15 AM: **Break**

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11:15 AM – 1 PM: Roundtable Discussion:
American Energy Competitiveness: Industrial, Financial, and Domestic Policy

As global competitors like China advance in critical industries tied to the energy transition, the United States faces the challenge of sustaining its competitive edge. This session explores the tools available to achieve this, from industrial strategies to financial mechanisms and domestic frameworks. Discussion will focus on how policy might be brought to bear to navigate shifting global dynamics and strengthen U.S. leadership.

Speakers will address the following questions:

- What U.S. industrial policies are needed to outpace China in clean energy manufacturing, and how should the U.S. counteract unfair trade practices?
- What immediate federal or state-level policy changes would most effectively close gaps in the U.S. clean energy supply chain?
- How can financial tools like tax credits or subsidies be targeted to maximize investment in U.S. energy industries without wasteful budget impacts?
- How can U.S. energy policies stay flexible enough to adapt to rapid technological innovation while ensuring adequate protection for consumers and industry?

Speakers:
Sonia Aggarwal, *CEO, Energy Innovation*
Drew Bond, *Co-Founder, President & CEO,C3 Solutions*

1 – 2 PM: Working Lunch
Discussion continues between members of Congress and experts on American energy competitiveness with Frank Fannon, Sonia Aggarwal, Drew Bond.

2 – 5 PM: Individual Discussions
Scholars will be available to meet individually with members of Congress for in-depth discussion of ideas raised in the morning sessions, including Frank Fannon, Jonathan Pershing, Sonia Aggarwal, Drew Bond.

7 – 9 PM: **Working Dinner**
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THURSDAY, APRIL 24:

7 – 8:45 AM: Breakfast

9 – 11 AM: Roundtable Discussion:
Data Center and AI-Driven Demand Growth

The growth of data centers and AI-driven technologies is reshaping energy demand, requiring innovative approaches to supply and efficiency. This session focuses on how behind-the-meter and off-grid solutions, alongside clean energy integration and advanced manufacturing practices, can meet the sector's increasing energy needs while supporting broader decarbonization goals.

Speakers will address the following questions:

- What are the likely impacts on the power grid of a massive scale-up in energy demand from AI data centers?
- Are behind-the-meter and off-grid solutions scalable to meet these energy demands?
- What role should clean energy integration, such as solar and battery storage, play in powering the data center boom while ensuring cost-effectiveness?
- How can advanced manufacturing practices optimize the energy efficiency of data center infrastructure to align with decarbonization goals?
- Should policymakers enforce stricter energy efficiency standards on data centers, or would this stifle innovation and growth in AI-driven technologies?

Speakers:
Rob Gramlich, *President, Grid Strategies*
Colette Honorable, *Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary (designate), Exelon Corporation; former Member, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission*

11 – 11:15 AM: Break

11:15 AM – 1 PM: Roundtable Discussion:
Resilient Power Delivery and System Reliability

Reliability and resilience are under growing strain from extreme weather events and aging infrastructure. This session examines mechanisms to strengthen power delivery systems, improve disaster recovery, and address regional disparities in grid management. Topics include wildfire liability, regulatory innovations, and the evolving role of the federal government in enabling a cleaner, more robust electricity sector.

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Speakers will address the following questions:

- What policies are most needed to protect the grid from extreme weather events and aging infrastructure failures? How should wildfire liability be addressed?
- How can the U.S. manage regional disparities to ensure reliable and resilient power is available across the country?
- What role should federal policy play in driving innovation and investment to improve grid reliability while enabling the transition to cleaner energy sources?
- What lessons can be drawn from recent disaster recovery efforts to develop faster, more effective responses to grid disruptions in the future?

Speakers:
Katie Dykes, *Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection*
Jason Grumet, *CEO, American Clean Power Association*

1 – 2 PM: Working Lunch
Discussion continues between members of Congress and scholars on the grid, system reliability and power delivery, AI-driven demand, and data center energy requirements with Rob Gramlich, Colette Honorable, Katie Dykes, and Jason Grumet.

2 – 5 PM: Individual Discussions
Scholars will be available to meet individually with members of Congress for in-depth discussion of ideas raised in the morning sessions, including Rob Gramlich, Colette Honorable, Katie Dykes, and Jason Grumet.

7 – 9 PM: Working Dinner
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FRIDAY, APRIL 25:

7 – 8:45 AM: Breakfast

9 – 11 AM: Roundtable Discussion:
Energy Federalism: The Federal Government, the States, and Utilities

Energy governance in the United States requires careful coordination between federal oversight of bulk transmission and state-level management of distribution networks. This session considers how aging infrastructure, jurisdictional challenges, and the energy transition can be addressed within the framework of energy federalism. Strategies for aligning federal, state, and utility roles will be explored to modernize the nation's energy systems effectively.

Speakers will address the following questions:

- How can federal and state governments navigate jurisdictional boundaries while modernizing aging energy infrastructure?
- Is there a policy solution to resolve the tension between federal oversight of bulk transmission and state control of distribution networks? Should the federal government incentivize states to align their policies with federal energy transition goals?
- What role should utilities play in bridging gaps between federal and state priorities on clean energy technology deployment and increased capacity?

Speakers:
Rich Powell, *CEO, Clean Energy Buyers Association*

11 – 11:15 AM: Break

11:15 AM – 1 PM: Policy Reflections for Members of Congress

This time is set aside for members of Congress to reflect on what they have learned during the conference and discuss their views on implications for U.S. policy. Drawing on the full range of conversations throughout the week, members will seek to identify for each other the most promising takeaways for the United States policy process, with a special focus on opportunities for bipartisan cooperation. This is a members-only conversation.

1 – 2 PM. Working Lunch
Discussion continues between members of Congress and scholars on energy governance between the federal government, states, and utilities with Rich Powell.

2 – 5 PM: Individual Discussions
Scholars will be available to meet individually with members of Congress for in-depth discussion of ideas raised throughout the week, including Frank Fannon, Sonia Aggarwal, Drew Bond, Rob Gramlich, Colette Honorable, Katie Dykes, Jason Grumet, and Rich Powell.

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7 – 9 PM: Working Dinner
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SATURDAY, APRIL 26:

Participants depart throughout the day.

Name	Depart Milan	Departure Time	Airport	Arrival in US	Arrival Time	Arrival Airport	Notes
Michael Thompson	Friday April 25th	12:25 PM	MXP	Friday April 25th	9:57 PM	SMF	
Norma Torres	Saturday April 26th	10:40 AM	MXP	Saturday April 26th	4:15 PM	IAD	
Robert Latta	Saturday April 26th	12:25 PM	MXP	Saturday April 26th	7:05 PM	DTW	
Katherine Castor	Saturday April 26th	12:25 PM	MXP	Saturday April 26th	11:38 PM	TPA	
Patrick Guest	Saturday April 26th	12:25 PM	MXP	Sunday April 27th	11:22 AM	JAN	
Randall Weber	Saturday April 26th	12:25 PM	MXP	Saturday April 26th	8:42 PM	DCA	
Michael Quigley	Saturday April 26th	12:25 PM	MXP	Saturday April 26th	8:20 PM	CHI	
Earl Carter	Saturday April 26th	12:25 PM	MXP	Saturday April 26th	11:59 PM	MSY	
Daniel Meuser	Saturday April 26th	12:25 PM	MXP	Saturday April 26th	3:45 PM	EWR	
Andrew Harris	Saturday April 26th	12:25 PM	MXP	Saturday April 26th	8:41 PM	DCA	
Michael McCaul	Saturday April 26th	1:15 PM	MXP	Saturday April 26th	8:15 PM	IAD	
Nicole Budzinski	Saturday April 26th	1:15 PM	MXP	Saturday April 26th	8:15 PM	IAD	
Scott Peters	Saturday April	2:00 PM	MXP	Saturday April	8:15 PM	IAD	

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Gregory Meeks	Saturday April 26th	4:10 PM	MXP	Saturday April 26th	6:55 PM	JFK	
Jim Costa	Sunday April 27th	12:25 PM	MXP	Sunday April 27th	8:41 PM	DCA	*Extension on personal time
Deborah Ross	Sunday April 27th	12:25 PM	MXP	Sunday April 27th	9:58 PM	RDU	*Extension on personal time
August Pfluger	Monday April 28th	7:15 AM	FCO	Monday April 28th	3:50 PM	IAD	*Extension on personal time

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The Honorable Buddy Carter

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

Dear Representative Carter,

I would like to invite you and Amy to our bipartisan, bicameral congressional conference on ***Energizing America's Future: Policies for Leadership in a Changing Global Landscape*** in **Bellagio, Italy, April 21-26, 2025**, including travel dates**.** Please get back to us with your interest to attend the conference **by COB Friday, January 17, 2025.** These conference spots fill up quickly, so please RSVP as soon as possible**.** This invitation does not guarantee your participation in the conference**.**

As global competitors like China advance in critical industries tied to energy innovation, the United States faces the opportunity to maintain its competitive edge and leadership in energy security**.** This conference will address vital aspects of American energy competitiveness and infrastructure, including topics ranging from trade policies and industrial strategies to sustain U.S. leadership in clean energy, to the growing energy demands driven by data centers and AI technologies**.** Sessions will also tackle system resilience, focusing on power delivery reliability amid aging infrastructure and extreme weather, as well as the role of energy federalism in coordinating federal, state, and utility efforts**.** Through these discussions, the conference will explore policy solutions that drive innovation, strengthen supply chains, and advance economic and environmental goals**.**

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We hope you can join us for this important conference**.**

Sincerely,

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