

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: David Valadao
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: May 1, 2025 Return: May 3, 2025
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: New York City Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: The Governing Majority Education Fund
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): In this trip, we had different discussions with stakeholders focused on economic development, the federal challenges some organizations and small businesses are currently facing, as well as international trade policies that impact both the nation and my constituents. Lastly, we also discussed and observed the positive impact of federal investment, as showcased to us in the Hudson River Project.
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: 5/9/2025

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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.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: The Governing Majority Education Fund

2. Travel Destination(s): New York City, New York

3. Date of Departure: May 1, 2025 Date of Return: May 3, 2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. David Valadao

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	\$637.42	\$796	\$160	\$10 tip for hotel housekeeping
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:  Date: 5/6/25

Name: Andrew Kent Title: Executive Director

Organization: The Governing Majority Education Fund

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

Address: 10 S. Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33606

Telephone: 903-372-2229 Email: dkent@tgmeff.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: David G. Valadao
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: The Governing Majority Education Fund
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: New York City
4. a. Date of Departure: 05/01/2025 Date of Return: 05/03/2025
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: _____
 - (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.**
The objective of the Governing Majority Education Fund retreat is to convene legislators, industry experts, stakeholders, and ~~policy makers in order to collaboratively explore and advance solutions that serve the best interests of the American people. This event provides a valuable platform for individuals like myself to engage in meaningful dialogue, exchange ideas, and gain insights on pressing policy issues such as healthcare, transportation, and governance, while fostering informed discussions and continued learning.~~

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

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

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

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

Signature of Employing Member: _____

Date: 3/31/2025

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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.

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: David G. Valadao

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): _____

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

Office Address: 2465 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515

Telephone Number: 202.225.4695

Email Address of Contact Person: dgvaladao@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: _____

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:
- _____
- _____
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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:
- _____
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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: _____
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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 Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee			
For each Accompanying Family Member			


	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		
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: _____  _____ 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.

Governing Majority Education Fund

2025 Policy Retreat – New York City, NY

Invited Members of Congress and Staff

These members and staff were selected as they are leaders and members of the Republican Governance Group Caucus, an official Congressional Member Organization (CMO) recognized by the Committee on House Administration in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Members:

Amodei, Mark
Bacon, Don
Balderson, Troy
Bentz, Cliff
Bost, Mike
Bresnahan, Rob
Calvert, Ken
Carter, Buddy
Ciscomani, Juan
Diaz-Balart, Mario
Edwards, Chuck
Evans, Gabe
Fedorchak, Julie
Fitzpatrick, Brian
Garbarino, Andrew
Gimenez, Carlos
Hurd, Jeff
Joyce, Dave
Kean Jr., Tom
Kiggans, Jennifer
Kiley, Kevin
Kim, Young
LaLota, Nick
Lawler, Mike
Lee, Laurel
Letlow, Julia

Malliotakis, Nicole
McCormick, Rich
Messmer, Mark
Miller Meeks, Mariannette
Moore, Blake
Newhouse, Dan
Oberholte, Jay
Radewagen, Amata
Rulli, Michael
Rutherford, John
Salazar, Maria Elvira
Stauber, Pete
Steil, Bryan
Thompson, Glenn
Turner, Michael
Valadao, David
Van Duyne, Beth
Wittman, Rob
Womack, Steve

Staff:

Lowe, Molly
Dreiling, Mark
Engquist, Laura
Gorski, Jenny
Strader, Nick
McCullough, Matt
Fraunheim, Pierce
Keightley, Rebecca
Anderson, Alyssa
Gonzalez, Cesar
Lance, Bronwyn
Moore, Tyler
Bryant, Shana
Knowles, Joe
Tauster, Deena
Hardimon, Madison
Bayer, Nick
Kain, Amanda
Scharfenberger, Dan
Sears, Katherine
Holste, Bob
Mocete, Patrick
Rapanos, Nikki

Soule, Nate
Powell, Jared
Verrill, Ted
Weyeneth, Taylor
Singleton, Philip
Curcio, Michael
Clifford, Ken
Wagley, Rachel
Yantis, Noah
Bounds, Lorissa
Tavai, Leafaina
Lescallette, Graham
Bradley, Jen
Moran, Tom
Koetzle, Desiree
Ratner, Mark
Brennan, Matt
Galanes, Jason
Renteria, Andrew
Dilworth, Ryan
King, Carolyn
Walker, Beau

Governing Majority Education Fund

2025 Policy Retreat – New York City, NY

Thursday, May 1

- 4:00 PM** **Members of Congress and Staff Arrival**
- 5:00** **Check-In at Hotel**
- Location: Omni Berkshire Hotel
 21 E. 52nd Street
 New York, NY 10022
 (212) 753-5800
- 5:30 – 6:00 PM** **Bus transportation to Welcome Reception**
- 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM** **Welcome Reception & National Endowment for the Arts Discussion**
- Location: Intrepid Museum
 Pier 86, West 46th Street,
 New York, NY 10036
 (212) 245-0072
- 7:30 PM – 8:00PM** **Bus transportation for return to hotel**

Friday, May 2

- 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM** **Breakfast & Member Policy Discussion**
- Host: Drew Kent, Executive Director, The Governing Majority Education Fund
 - Topic: *This will be a facilitated policy discussion with Members of Congress regarding goals and priorities for the remainder of the 119th Congress and beyond and the strategy and tactics for the members of the Republican Governance Group in trying to advance these goals within both a divided Republican party and Congress more broadly.*
 - Location: Berk's Bar at the Omni Berkshire Hotel
- 10:15 AM – 10:45 AM** **Bus transportation to Amazon New York**

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10:45 AM – 11:45 AM Amazon New York Meeting

- Host: Amazon executives
- Topic: *This will be a policy discussion with Members of Congress regarding federal challenges facing Amazon including transportation, international trade policy changes, and workforce challenges.*
- Location: Amazon New York
450 W 33rd Street
New York, NY 10001

11:45 AM – 11:50 AM Walk to KKR (0.2 mile walk)

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Economic Policy discussion with Ken Mehlmen

- Host: Ken Mehlman, Partner, Global Head of Public Policy & Affairs and Co-Head of KKR Global Impact
- Topic: *Discussion regarding the current economic climate in the United States and how federal policies from government spending and the deregulation efforts of the Administration to the recently implemented and threatened tariffs are impacting that climate.*
- Location: KKR & Co. Inc.
30 Hudson Yards
New York, NY 10001

1:30-1:40 PM Walk to Hudson River Project (0.2 mile walk)

1:45-3:00 PM Tour and Discussion about the Hudson River Project

- Host: Gateway Development Corporation/ Amtrak
- Topic: *Review of the Hudson Tunnel Project (Amtrak/GDC), Hudson River Ground Stabilization, HYCC-3 Manhattan Tunnel and discussion regarding the importance of Federal*

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Transit Administration, and other sources of, federal funding for the project.

- Location: 11th Avenue & 30th Street
New York, NY

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Bus transportation to Omni Berkshire

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Keynote Dinner

- Speakers: Larry Kudlow, broadcast news analyst and former Director of the National Economic Council
John Faso, President, Board of Directors, The Governing Majority Education Fund
- Topic: *Discussion regarding the most important policy topics currently facing Congress including the economy, tariffs, budget and appropriations, and responsible governance.*
- Location: Fresco by Scotto
34 E. 52nd Street,
New York, NY 10022
(212) 935-3434

Saturday, May 3

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Breakfast

9:30 AM

Check Out/Departure

Michael Guest, Mississippi
Chairman
Mark DeSaulnier, California
Ranking Member

John H. Rutherford, Florida
Andrew R. Garbarino, New York
Ashley Hinson, Iowa
Nathaniel Moran, Texas

Deborah K. Ross, North Carolina
Glenn F. Ivey, Maryland
Sylvia R. Garcia, Texas
Suhas Subramanyam, Virginia



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April 30, 2025

The Honorable David G. Valadao
U.S. House of Representatives
2465 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to New York, New York, scheduled for May 1 to 3, 2025, sponsored by Governing Majority Education Fund.

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

MG/MD:tn

Hello,

The Governing Majority Education Fund (a 501c4 non-profit) will be hosting a **policy retreat to New York City on May 1-3, 2025, and we would like to invite your Member and Chief of Staff to join.**

This retreat will connect governing-minded policymakers, thought leaders and industry experts to discuss center-right policy solutions and advance pragmatism in our nation's governance processes. Details are below.

What: The Governing Majority 2025 Policy Retreat

Date: May 1-3, 2025

Location: Omni Berkshire – New York, NY

The Governing Majority Education Fund is a 501c4 policy arm of RG2 PAC. The policy retreat will adhere to privately sponsored travel guidelines established by House Ethics as all travel, lodging, meals, and incidental expenses for Members (and their spouse) and Chiefs of Staff will be covered.

If you are interested in participating in this policy retreat, kindly RSVP to Annie Shuey (annie@baileystrategies.net) and me (dkent@tgmeff.org) as soon as possible. We are happy to answer any questions you may have and hope you are able to join.

Thank you,

Drew Kent

About The Governing Majority Education Fund

The Governing Majority Education Fund is dedicated to promoting center-right policy solutions and advancing responsible governance through research and education. To impact public policy, The Governing Majority Education Fund promotes center-right policies and solutions, engages policy makers and issue experts, conducts policy research, and educates voters on the need for a responsible governing majority in Congress.

Board of Directors

*The Honorable Jaime Herrera Beutler | The Honorable Susan Brooks | The Honorable Rodney Davis
The Honorable Jeff Denham | The Honorable John Faso | The Honorable John Katko
The Honorable Erik Paulsen | The Honorable Pat Tiberi | The Honorable Mimi Walters*

Contact: Drew Kent – Executive Director | DKent@TGMEF.org | (903) 372-2229