

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: Troy Downing
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 5/8/25 Return: 5/11/25
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: London Return City: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Reaction Digital Media Limited
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Panels and briefings on international relations and defense.
There were also historical tours and meetings so Members of Congress could form a more solid relationship with those at the London Defence Conference.
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: 5/23/25

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.

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

2. Travel Destination(s): London, Heathrow. Hatfield House. Washington IAD

3. Date of Departure: 08/05/2025 Date of Return: 11/05/2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Troy Downing

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	£4964.52	£300	£410.90	
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: 23/05/2025

Name: Iain Martin Title: Mr

Organization: Reaction Digital Media Limited

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

Address: 71-75 Shelton Street, London WC2H 9JQ

Telephone: +44 7710399872 Email: lainjmartin@gmail.com

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.

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 travelrequests@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: Troy Downing

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: 1529 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Telephone Number: 305-259-5713

Email Address of Contact Person: anna.stutz@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: travelrequests@mail.house.gov.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Troy Downing
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Reaction Digital Media, LTD
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: London, United Kingdom, England
4. a. Date of Departure: May 9, 2025 Date of Return: May 11, 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.
Congressman Downing is Vice Chair of the For-Country Caucus and has extensive knowledge of armed forces and is seeking to learn more.
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: 4/29/2025

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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:

London Defence Conference

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:

- The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
- 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**
- 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): _____
Rep. Downing. - Invite because of their membership of the bipartisan for country caucus and inter

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

6. Date of Departure: 08/05/2025 Date of Return: 11/05/2024

7. a. City of departure: Washington DC IAD

b. Destination(s): London, Heathrow

c. City of return: London, Heathrow- Washington DC IAD

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

- 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**
- The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
- 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. This is required as the guest is attending the London Defence Conference which runs over two days.

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:

Sponsor is the director of the London Defence Conference- Interest is because of the guests membership of the bipartisan for country caucus and interest in defence policy.

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): £20

Meals during the conference are provided.

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The location has been chosen as London is the destination for LDC 2025.

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

Hotel Name: The travellers Club City: London Cost Per Night: £300

Reason(s) for Selecting: location and reliable accomodation at mid range price point.

Hotel Name: The Travellers Club City: London Cost Per Night: £300

Reason(s) for Selecting: Location and reliable accomodation at mid range price point.

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 checked="" 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	£5702.52	£600	£410.90
For each Accompanying Family Member			

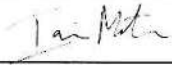
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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: 08/04/2025
 Name: Iain Martin Title: Mr
 Organization: London Defence Conference
 Address: 42 Windsor Road, Teddington, TW110SF
 Email: lainjmartin@gmail.com Telephone: +447710399872

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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May 6, 2025

The Honorable Troy Downing
U.S. House of Representatives
1529 Longworth 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 the United Kingdom,¹ scheduled for May 8 to 11, 2025, sponsored by Reaction Digital Media Ltd.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Michael Guest
Chairman



Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

MG/MD:rp



08th April 2025

Dear Rep. Downing,

In my capacity as the director of the London Defence conference, I would like to formally invite you to our upcoming 2025 conference taking place 8-10 May.

The London Defence Conference is the annual global forum held at King's College London in collaboration with the renowned Department of War Studies. Past speakers include Radek Sikorski, Pal Jonson, John Healey, David Lammy, Professor Margaret Macmillan, President Duda, Professor Niall Ferguson, and former Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.

Our theme for our 2025 conference is Alliances. We are dedicated to strengthening defence and security. In recognition of your contributions and extensive experience in the industry, LDC is pleased to extend a formal invitation for you to join us at this year's conference.

Our conference this year coincides with the VE Day 80th commemoration which falls on 8th May. That may make it easier for you to combine attending other events in London and joining us.

I look forward to welcoming you to London in May.

Best regards,
Iain Martin,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Iain Martin'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Director,
London Defence Conference

London Defence Conference 2025

Programme for delegates from the US Congress, 9-10 May. Bush House, King's College London.

Friday 9 May

Thursday 9 May is day two of the LDC 2025, the annual geopolitical gathering drawing together leaders, policymakers, military, industry, academia and selected media.

There is a full conference agenda on 9 May. The panel topics are subject to change and revision subject to global events.

Throughout the day there is space set aside on floor two of the conference for members of Congress and other delegations to take bilateral meetings.

8.30am Day 2 conference opens.

Main conference hall.

9am Welcome and keynote address from a senior UK government minister.

9.30am Panel I - CRINK: China, Russia, Iran and North Korea. The threat from the axis of autocracy.

10.30am Break.

11am - Keynote in conversation.

11.30 am Panel II - Defence Industrial Transformation.

12.30pm - Lunch.

1pm-2pm - Lunchtime closed session discussion, on floor 8 space - The Transatlantic Relationship, hosted by the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress.

2pm Panel III - Shadow War: cyber, hybrid, biology and beyond. Understanding the landscape of sub-threshold threats.

2.45 pm Keynote in conversation.

3.15 Break.

3.30pm Panel IV - Media panel: What we learnt at LDC 2025.

4.30pm Closing conference keynote.

5pm - Drinks reception at Australia House (two minutes walk from the venue) hosted by His Excellency The Honourable Stephen Smith, Australian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.

7pm - Lord Salisbury, the LDC Chairman's dinner, at the Travellers Club, Pall Mall, hosted by LDC. With members of Congress as guests of honour.

10pm - Dinner concludes.

Saturday 10 May

9.30am - Members of Congress travel to Hatfield House, historic home of Lord and Lady Salisbury, 45 minutes from central London.

10.30am - Private tour of Hatfield House by Lord Salisbury, including the archives and original papers including from the Virginia Company and Winston Churchill.

12 noon - Light lunch with Lord and Lady Salisbury.

1.30pm - Return to central London.

2.30pm-3.30pm - Panel at LDC 2025 Future Leaders Day on military service in politics, featuring members of Congress.

3.30pm-6.30pm - Rest and recuperation.

7pm - Closing dinner hosted by LDC at the Beefsteak Club with UK parliamentarians.

Sunday 11 May

Return to Washington DC or NYC
