

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.

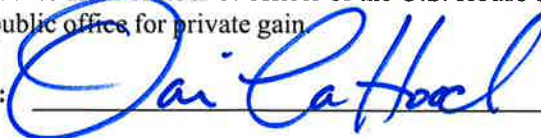
NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Darin LaHood
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Theodore LaHood **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: May 24, 2025 Return: May 31, 2025
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: May 26, 2025-May 27, 2025 **OR** None
4. Departure City: Peoria, IL, USA Destination: Malaga and Seville, Spain Return City: Peoria, IL, USA
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: The Aspen Institute (Congressional Program), Center For Responsible Innovation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): See attached agenda.

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

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

Member / Officer Signature: _____



Date: 6/13/2025

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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 Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)

2. Travel Destination(s): Málaga and Seville, Spain

3. Date of Departure: May 24, 2025 Date of Return: May 31, 2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Darin LaHood, Teddy LaHood

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	\$6,767	\$1440	\$494	\$287
Accompanying Family Member	\$6,493	-0-	\$494	\$287

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: June 12, 2025

Name: Charles Dent Title: Vice President

Organization: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional 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.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Darin LaHood
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: The Aspen Institute (Congressional Program), Center For Responsible Innovation
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Málaga and Seville, Spain
4. a. Date of Departure: May 24, 2025 Date of Return: May 31, 2025
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: May 26, 2025-May 27, 2025
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: Theodore LaHood
 - (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.**
This trip will work to provide insight into artificial intelligence and impacts to the U.S. economy and national security. As a Member of Congress, economic policy and national security are important to my work in representing 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: _____ Date: 4/22/2025

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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:

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: Center For Responsible Innovation

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: May 24, 2025 Date of Return: May 31, 2025

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC or member's congressional district

b. Destination(s): Málaga and Seville, Spain

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 house appendix (attached) for answer.

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): _____
\$146 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: Palacio Solecio City: Málaga, Spain Cost Per Night: \$320

Reason(s) for Selecting: Facility has required technology and meeting space. Security a key factor.

Hotel Name: Querencia de Seville City: Seville, Spain Cost Per Night: \$400

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: _____

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$6,595	\$1,440	\$494
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$6,458	-0-	\$494


	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	\$287	Private meeting space, AV, conference services
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$287	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:  Date: April 10, 2025
 Name: Charles Dent Title: Vice President-The Aspen
 Organization: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)
 Address: 2300 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037
 Email: lisa.jones@aspeninstitute.org Telephone: 202-736-5859

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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: Center for Responsible Innovation
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: _____ on Date: _____
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: 4/15/25

Name: Brad Carson Title: President

Organization: Center for Responsible Innovation

Address: 2001 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Suite 520, Washington, DC 20006

Telephone: 918-671-2408 Email: bcarson@responsibleinnovation

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

HOUSE APPENDIX
Aspen Institute Congressional Program
AI and America's Place in the World

May 26-31, 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.

1. Rep. Peter Aguilar: House Committee on Appropriations
2. Rep. Jim Baird: House Committee on Science, Space and Technology
3. Rep. Ami Bera: House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
4. Rep. Don Beyer: House Committee on Ways and Means
5. Rep. Kat Cammack: House Committee on Energy and Commerce
6. Rep. Dan Crenshaw: House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
7. Rep. Diana DeGette: House Committee on Energy and Commerce
8. Rep. Neal Dunn: House Committee on Energy and Commerce
9. Rep. Bill Foster: House Committee on Financial Services
10. Rep. Andy Harris: House Committee on Labor
11. Rep. Darrell Issa: House Committee on Science, Space and Technology
12. Rep. Sara Jacobs: House Committee on Armed Services
13. Rep. John Joyce: House Committee on Energy and Commerce
14. Rep. Darin LaHood: House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
15. Rep. Rick Larsen: House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
16. Rep. Ted Lieu: House Committee on the Judiciary
17. Rep. Jim McGovern: House Committee on Rules
18. Rep. Jay Obernolte: House Committee on Science, Space and Technology
19. Rep. Kim Schrier: House Committee on Energy and Commerce
20. Rep. Pete Sessions: House Committee on Oversight and Accountability
21. Rep. Adam Smith: House Committee on Armed Services

Question 12 (continued): With AI poised to reshape national security, economic competitiveness, and international norms, this convening continues AICP's mission of helping lawmakers engage thoughtfully with the most pressing issues of our time. AICP organized and conducted the conference and selected and invited the attendees. The foundation listed in 3C, Center for Responsible Innovation, did not play a role in organizing or conducting the conference. The foundation provided grant funding for the program.

Question 15(b) (continued): Spain specifically was chosen as it has a strong track record and expertise on AI as it was the first EU country to open an AI office, and is a leader within Europe, home to many good experts on whom we are drawing for our conference. Málaga is also the home of the European headquarters of Google's cybersecurity network, allowing us to do a site visit. Finally, Spain is a reasonable travel destination for experts and scholars attending from Spain and the Europe region.



CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM

aspen institute

AI and America's Place in the World

May 26-31, 2025 | Málaga and Seville, Spain

AGENDA¹

MONDAY, May 26:

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

TUESDAY, May 27 (Overnight in Málaga):

U.S. participants arrive in Spain throughout the day, check into Palacio Solecio Hotel.

6 – 7 PM: Pre-Dinner Fireside Chat: *The Geopolitics of AI: Overview*

AI is not just a transformative technology—it is a strategic asset reshaping the balance of global power. This opening session will provide a high-level overview of the geopolitical dimensions of AI, from national security and economic advantage to values-based competition over how the technology is governed and deployed. Our opening speakers will assess the AI strategies of major powers, the global race for talent and computers, and the emerging fault lines between democratic and authoritarian approaches to AI development.

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.

Speakers:

Vilas Dhar, *President, McGovern Foundation*

Eva Maydell, *Member, European Parliament*

Vivian Schiller, *Executive Director, Aspen Digital* (moderator)

7 – 9 PM: Working Dinner, Gallo Ronco

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 the geopolitics of AI.

WEDNESDAY, May 28 (Overnight in Málaga):

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

Roundtables: Fundación Unicaja

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:***Global Competition: AI and the Battle for Technological Leadership***

AI has become central to geopolitical, strategic and security competition. This session examines how different actors—China, the Gulf States, Europe, and Africa—are approaching and developing AI tools and the infrastructure to adopt them for economic growth, national security, and political influence. Panelists will explore China's state-driven AI strategy, the Gulf's heavy investment in AI infrastructure, Europe's focus on regulation, and Africa's emerging role in AI adoption. The discussion will also address critical pressure points, including export controls, semiconductor supply chains, and the policy levers the U.S. can use to maintain its technological edge.

Speakers will address the following questions:

- How does China’s centralized, state-driven approach to AI development compare to the U.S.’s more decentralized, private-sector-led model?
- How are the Gulf States leveraging AI investment as a geopolitical tool, and what are the implications for U.S. interests?
- Does Europe’s strong regulatory stance on AI hinder its competitiveness in the global AI race, or will the so-called “Brussels effect” create a framework that others will eventually follow?
- What role does Africa play in the AI landscape, and how should the U.S. engage with emerging AI markets on the continent?
- How effective are current U.S. export controls on AI-related technologies, and what additional steps should be taken to secure semiconductor supply chains?

Speakers:

Kayla Blomquist, *Director, Oxford China Policy Lab*

Klon Kitchen, *Managing Director, Beacon Global Strategies*

11 – 11:15 AM: Break

11:15 AM – 1 PM: Roundtable Discussion:

Economic, Jobs, and Labor Impact

AI is already reshaping the U.S. economy—while it is increasing productivity and restructuring entire sectors, it is raising difficult questions about the future of work for U.S. workers and companies. This discussion will explore how AI is likely to affect labor markets in both the short and long term, including sectoral job displacement, wage pressure, and new opportunities for growth and investment in the U.S. and globally. It will also address how policymakers can balance innovation with workforce resilience through education, training, and targeted investment.

Speakers will address the following questions:

- How does AI change the nature of productivity and economic competitiveness at the national level—and what levers does the federal government have to shape outcomes?
- Which sectors of the U.S. economy and which jobs are most vulnerable to AI-driven disruption, and which are most likely to benefit?
- How can policymakers ensure that workers—particularly in lower-income and rural communities—are not left behind in the AI economy?
- What investments are needed in education, workforce retraining, and apprenticeship to prepare Americans for AI-impacted jobs?

Speakers:

Jack Clark, *Co-Founder, Anthropic*
Jaime Sevilla, *Director, Epoch*

1 – 2 PM: Working Lunch at Patio de Beatas with Remarks: *AI and Global Health*

Speaker:

Mark Dybul, *Co-Director of the Center for Global Health Practice and Impact, Georgetown University Medical Center*

2:30 – 4:00 PM: Site Visit to Google Cyber Security Center in Málaga

Málaga is the European headquarters of Google's cybersecurity network. We will be doing a site visit there on the same day we are discussing cyber security threats in the region and US challenges more broadly. Learning from our European colleagues about the current day risks, opportunities and challenges associated with cyber security and ensuring US private sector leadership will be a core theme of the day. Jose Luis Ugia, Developer Relations for Google Spain at the Málaga Center will be our guide.

4-6 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 Jack Clark, Jamie Sevilla, Kayla Bloomquist and Klon Kitchen.

6:30 – 7:30 PM: Pre-Dinner Remarks: *Software Singularity*

Jack Clark, Co-Founder of Anthropic, will deliver thought-provoking pre-dinner remarks examining Software Singularity and its critical implications for technology policy, governance, and regulatory approaches in an AI-accelerated world.

Speaker:

Jack Clark, *Co-Founder, Anthropic*

7:30 – 10 PM: Working Dinner at Picasso Museum

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 global AI competition and AI's economic impacts.

THURSDAY, May 29 (Overnight in Seville):

6:30 – 7:45 AM: Breakfast, check out of Palacio Solecio Hotel

Roundtables: Fundación Unicaja

8 – 10 AM: Roundtable Discussion:

AI and Cybersecurity: Defending Against Next Generation Threats

Increasingly powerful AI is reshaping both cyber defense and cyber offense. AI is being used to detect threats, automate security responses, and fortify digital infrastructure—but it is also enabling more sophisticated cyberattacks, including AI-generated phishing, deepfake deception, and turbocharged hacking. This session explores the evolving cybersecurity landscape, the risks AI poses to national security and critical infrastructure, and the policies and technologies needed to protect against AI-driven threats. Panelists will also discuss how governments and private-sector leaders can collaborate to ensure AI enhances, rather than undermines, cybersecurity.

Speakers will address the following questions:

- How is AI transforming both cyber offense and defense, and what emerging threats should we be most concerned about?
- What role should the federal government play in regulating AI-driven cybersecurity threats, particularly regarding critical infrastructure?
- How can AI be used to detect and mitigate threats faster than traditional cybersecurity methods?
- What are the risks of AI-generated misinformation and deepfakes in cyber warfare and political interference?
- How should businesses and governments collaborate to create global norms for AI security while maintaining competitive advantages?

Speakers:

Rob Joyce, *Founder, Joyce Cyber; former NSA Director of Cybersecurity*

Ciaran Martin, *Founding CEO of the National Cyber Security Centre and Professor, University of Oxford*

10 – 10:15 AM: Break

10:15 AM – 12 PM: Roundtable Discussion:

The Race for Compute and Energy Demands from AI Systems

AI's rapid advancement is driving an unprecedented surge in energy consumption, from data centers powering large-scale machine learning models to edge computing and real-time AI applications. As AI adoption grows, so does its strain on power grids, raising concerns about sustainability, efficiency, and long-term energy security. We will explore

the energy demands of AI systems today and in the future, strategies for improving efficiency, and the role of renewable energy and grid modernization in supporting AI's expansion, including how policymakers, utilities, and tech companies can address the intersection of AI growth and energy sustainability.

Speakers will address the following questions:

- What is current AI energy demand and how is it expected to grow in the next decade?
- What technological advancements, such as more efficient chips and cooling systems, can help mitigate AI's energy impact?
- What role should renewable energy play in meeting AI's growing electricity needs, and is it scaling fast enough?
- How should governments and regulators think about the balance between energy efficiency standards for AI infrastructure and promoting rapid innovation?

Speakers:

Brad Carson, *Co-Founder and President, Center for Responsible Innovation*

Divyansh Kaushik, *Vice President, Beacon Global Strategies*

Owen Larter, *Senior Director, Frontier Policy and Public Affairs, Google DeepMind*

12:30 PM: Pickup Box Lunch for the Road

1:00 – 4:00 PM: Depart Malaga for Seville Via Bus

4:00 PM: Arrive in Seville, check into Querecia de Seville Hotel

5:00 -7:00 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 Brad Carson, Divyansh Kaushik, Owen Larter, Chris Krebs and Vivian Schiller.

7 – 9 PM: Working Dinner, Eneko Basque

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 AI and cybersecurity, AI-driven energy demands, and AI-generated information manipulation.

FRIDAY, May 30 (Overnight in Seville):

7 – 8:45 AM: Breakfast

Roundables: Metropol Parasol

9 – 11 AM: Roundtable Discussion:

AI and Military Power: The Future of Warfare and National Security

AI is transforming military strategy and tactics, with impacts on everything from autonomous weapons to war gaming, intelligence analysis and battlefield decision-making. States are racing to integrate AI into defense systems, raising critical questions about strategic stability, human oversight, and the ethics of autonomous warfare. Panelists will cover how AI is reshaping military power, the risks of an AI arms race, and how the U.S. can maintain its technological edge while ensuring responsible AI deployment. Panelists will also discuss the role of AI in cyber warfare, intelligence gathering, and threat deterrence.

Speakers will address the following questions:

- How is AI changing military strategy, and what capabilities will define the next era of warfare?
- Should the U.S. pursue fully autonomous weapons systems, or is human oversight essential for ethical and strategic reasons?
- What are the risks of an AI arms race, and how can global powers establish guardrails to prevent escalation?
- How should AI be integrated into intelligence and surveillance to enhance national security while protecting civil liberties?
- What role does the private sector play in military AI development, and how should government manage public-private partnerships in defense tech?

Speakers:

Kenneth Payne, *Professor of Strategy, King's College London*

Matt Turpin, *Senior Advisor, Palantir Technologies*

11 – 11:15 AM: Break

11:15 AM – 12:45 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 AI, military power, and national security.

3 – 4:30 PM: Historical Site Visit, Alcázar (Optional)

Participants will be taken on a guided tour of the Real Alcázar of Seville, a historic Royal Palace formerly the site of the Islamic era citadel of the city.

5:00 -7:00 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 Kenneth Payne and Matt Turpin.

7 – 8 PM: Pre-Dinner Fireside Chat: *Final Reflections and Looking Over the Horizon*

In this concluding session, Dr. Brad Carson will synthesize key insights from the week's discussions and reflect on what they mean for U.S. global leadership in an era shaped by AI and geostrategic competition. Drawing on his experience in academia and public service, Dr. Carson will outline strategic takeaways from the central debates and offer his own forward-looking recommendations for U.S. policymakers. Sébastien Krier from Google DeepMind will discuss the next generation of AI systems.

Speakers:

Brad Carson, *Co-Founder and President, Center for Responsible Innovation*

Sébastien Krier, *Manager, Policy Development and Strategy, Google DeepMind*

8 – 9:30 PM: Working Dinner, Casa Roman

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 AI policy reflections from the week.

SATURDAY, May 31:

Check out of Querencia de Seville Hotel, participants depart throughout the day.



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The Honorable Darin LaHood

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

Dear Representative LaHood,

I would like to invite you and Kristen to our bipartisan, bicameral congressional conference on ***AI and America's Place in the World*** in **Seville and Malaga, Spain, May 26-31, 2025**, including travel dates. Please get back to us with your interest to attend the conference **by COB Friday, April 11, 2025**. These conference spots fill up quickly, so please RSVP as soon as possible. This invitation does not guarantee your participation in the conference.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become central to all aspects of U.S. geopolitical security – from access to computers, trade, competition with China and other global actors, cybersecurity, and the future of warfare. Rapid digitalization and development of technology pose significant opportunities and challenges for the U.S. and our economic and strategic security. Members of Congress will engage in round-table discussions and informal conversations with invited experts to better understand: (1) advances in artificial intelligence and how AI affects the security of US business and infrastructure; (2) regulatory options and trade-offs; and (3) what steps should be taken to pioneer frameworks to advance American vitality and security. Members will have a unique opportunity to focus on AI and holistically think about their role in advancing and gauging America's tech innovation.

Conference attendance is by invitation only. No outside observers, no lobbyists, no congressional staff, and no media are allowed to participate. All conference sessions are off-the-record. No foreign governments are accepted to fund the Aspen Institute Congressional Program. As required by the Senate and House ethics rules, we will provide congressional participants with ethics private sponsor forms completed and signed.

Travel expenses, including business class airfare, meals, and lodging will be paid for by the Aspen Institute; no expenses for entertainment or recreation are paid for in compliance with ethics rules.

The Congressional Program is part of the Aspen Institute, Inc. a nonprofit organization founded in 1949. The Congressional Program was created to promote leadership on public policy by bringing legislators together from both political parties with internationally renowned scholars for high level discussions and analysis. Since our program's inception, more than 598 members of Congress have participated in our 160 domestic and international conferences.

We hope you can join us for this important conference.

Sincerely,

Charlie Dent

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May 21, 2025

The Honorable Darin LaHood
U.S. House of Representatives
503 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your child's proposed trip to Spain,¹ scheduled for May 24 to 31, 2025, sponsored by Aspen Institute, Inc., and Center for Responsible Innovation. We note that this trip includes two days at your personal expense.

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,

Handwritten signature of Michael Guest in blue ink.

Michael Guest
Chairman

Handwritten signature of Mark DeSaulnier in blue ink.

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

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