

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: Don Bacon
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: June 13th 2025 Return: June 19th 2025
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington DC Destination: Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Abu Dhabi Return City: Washington DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Jeffrey M Talpins Foundation; Atlantic Council of the United States Inc.
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): The meetings included meetings with senior officials in current and potential Abraham Accords countries who can discuss the status of the Abraham Accords, the prospects for expanding and strengthening the Abraham Accords, and the impacts of current dynamics in the Middle East on U.S and partner cooperation related to the Abraham Accords.
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: 6/30/2025

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.

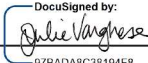
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- Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Atlantic Council of the United States, Inc.;
Jeffrey M. Talpins Foundation
- Travel Destination(s): Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Manama, Bahrain; Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Date of Departure: June 13, 2025 Date of Return: June 18, 2025
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): Representative Don Bacon
Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.
- 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	\$16,031.07	\$1412.39	\$475.01	Total: \$1,415.52 Description attached
Accompanying Family Member				

- 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: 6/26/2025

Name: Julie Varghese Title: Chief Operating Officer

Organization: Atlantic Council of the United States, Inc.

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

Address: 1400 L Street NW, 11th floor, Washington, D.C. 20005

Telephone: 202-213-8200 Email: jvarghese@atlanticcouncil.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

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.

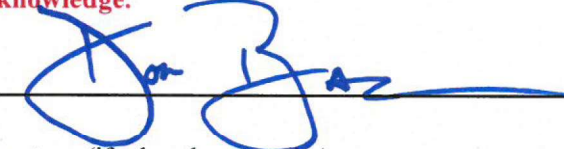
This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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: Don Bacon

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: 2104 Rayburn House Office

Telephone Number: 202-225-4155

Email Address of Contact Person: sara.wajda@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.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

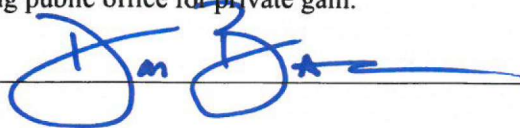
1. Name of Traveler: Don Bacon
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Jeffrey M Talpins Foundation; Atlantic Council of the United States Inc.
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Manama, Bahrain; Abu Dhabi, UAE; Tel Aviv, Israel
4. a. Date of Departure: June 13, 2025 Date of Return: June 20, 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.**
As a member of the House Armed Services Committee Rep. Bacon will engage with strategic foreign leaders to demonstrate continued US relations and interests with Middle Eastern nations. This includes the topics of Middle Eastern - Israeli relations, the Abraham Accords, and other obstacles facing the region.
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: _____

6-3-25

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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:

Atlantic Council of the United States, Inc.

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: Jeffrey M. Talpins Foundation

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

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

6. Date of Departure: June 13, 2025 Date of Return: June 20, 2025

7. a. City of departure: Dulles, Virginia

b. Destination(s): Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Manama, Bahrain; Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; Tel Aviv, Israel

c. City of return: Arlington, Virginia

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:

Please see page 5

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:

Members will travel first class on the return flight, as the duration exceeds 14 hours.

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): \$126.00/per day

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The members are visiting countries that have forged, or will likely forge, bilateral relations with Israel to support regional integration among US partners and allies.

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

Hotel Name: Mandarin Oriental Al Faisaliah City: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia Cost Per Night: \$384/night

Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to meetings in Riyadh

Hotel Name: InterContinental Bahrain City: Manama, Bahrain Cost Per Night: \$223.39/night

Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to meetings in Manama

Hotel Name: St. Regis Abu Dhabi City: Abu Dhabi, UAE Cost Per Night: \$285.00/night

Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to meetings in Abu Dhabi

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	\$14,404.00	\$2,296.39	\$882.00
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$14,404.00	\$0	\$882.00


	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	\$168	Visa fees
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: June 10, 2025
 Name: Julie Varghese Title: Chief Operating Officer
 Organization: Atlantic Council of the United States, Inc.
 Address: 1400 L St NW, 11th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005
 Email: jvarghese@atlanticcouncil.org Telephone: 202-213-8 200

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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June 10, 2025

The Honorable Don Bacon
U.S. House of Representatives
2104 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 Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, and Israel,¹ scheduled for June 13 to 20, 2025, sponsored by Atlantic Council of the United States, Inc., and Jeffrey M. Talpins Foundation.

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

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

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:tn

Other, traveler: **\$1,415.52 (total)**

Saudi Arabia

- Luggage transfer: \$8.09
- English speaking coordinators, Saudi Arabia: \$172.24
- Printed documents, Saudi Arabia: \$3.55
- Security: \$19.53
- Diriyah (tour guide, entrance fee): \$257.53
- VIP Departure Assist, Riyadh Airport: \$173.23

Bahrain

- English speaking coordinators: \$137.79
- Printed documents, Bahrain: \$2.01
- Private meeting room: \$96.66

UAE

- VIP Airport Arrival: \$148.90
- English speaking coordinators: \$167.89
- Luggage transfer: \$16.05
- Meeting room: \$44.82
- Printed documents, UAE: \$3.34
- VIP Airport Departure: \$163.88

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.

Invited and attending

Representative Bradley Schneider, Representative (IL-10)

- Representative Schneider has been invited to join this trip in his capacity as a founding co-Chair of the House Abraham Accords Caucus and as a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. His participation will be invaluable, as the delegation will engage in meetings and discussions focused on reinforcing the importance of maintaining and strengthening the Abraham Accords.

Representative Don Bacon, Representative (NE-2)

- Representative Bacon was invited to join this trip given his role in the House Abraham Accords Caucus and on the House Armed Services Committee, where he serves as the Chairman of the subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technology, and Innovation. He will play a key role in discussions focused on advancing the safety, integration, and security of US allies in the Middle East.

Representative Jimmy Panetta, Representative (CA-19)

- Representative Panetta was invited to join this trip based on his role in the House Abraham Accords Caucus and his position on the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade. Representative Panetta has historically been a champion of bipartisan legislation focused on security integration within the region. In his new committee assignment, he will be instrumental in discussions focused on strengthening trade partnerships between the United States and its Middle East partners.

Representative Zach Nunn, Representative (IA-3)

- Representative Nunn was invited to participate in this trip because of his role as Vice Chairman of The House Financial Services Committee's Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions. His participation will contribute to discussions on economic cooperation, regional financial stability, and efforts to counter illicit finance and malign foreign influence in the Middle East

Gil Thompson, Senior Policy Advisor, Representative Bradley Schneider's Office

- Gil Thompson was invited because of his considerable work on the Abraham Accords and related issues. Thompson is Representative Schneider's Senior Policy Advisor and primary staffer and advisor on the Middle East. Given Representative Schneider's role on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Thompson has engaged extensively on issues related to the Abraham Accords, including helping draft several landmark pieces of legislation on the Abraham Accords.

Valerie Foy, Chief Counsel, Director of Foreign Policy, Representative Don Bacon's Office

- Valerie Foy was invited because of her considerable work on the Abraham Accords and related issues. Foy is Representative Bacon's Chief Council and Director of Foreign Policy. In these roles, Foy serves as Representative Bacon's primary staffer and advisor on the Middle East, Abraham Accords, and related foreign policy issues. Given Representative Bacon's role on the House Armed Services Committee, Foy has worked on many Abraham Accords-related issues, including co-leading multiple landmark pieces of legislation on the Abraham Accords.

Jackie Bossman, Legislative Director, Representative Nunn's Office

- Jackie Bossman was invited because of her work on the Abraham Accords and related issues. Bossman is Representative Nunn's Legislative Director. She directs Representative Nunn's policy portfolio, including his work on the House Financial Services Committee. In this capacity, Bossman has worked on trade and financial legislation related to the Abraham Accords.

Note: Spouses were invited to accompany Members

Additional Invited Members

Representative Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative (FL-20)

- Representative Cherfilus-McCormick was asked to join this trip due to her leadership in her capacity as Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa.

Representative Gabe Amo, Representative (RI-1)

- Representative Gabe Amo was asked to join this trip due to his membership on the House Foreign Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa and his demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative Ann Wagner, Representative (MO-2)

- Representative Ann Wagner was asked to join this trip due to her membership on the House Financial Services Committee and House Select Committee on Intelligence as well as her demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords as co-chair of the House Abraham Accords Caucus.

Representative Maria Elvira Salazar, Representative (FL-27)

- Representative Maria Elvira Salazar was asked to join this trip due to her membership on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the House Financial Services Committee and her demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative George Latimer, Representative (NY-16)

- Representative George Latimer was asked to join this trip due to his membership on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and his demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative Donald Norcross, Representative (NJ-1)

- Representative Donald Norcross was asked to join this trip due to his leadership on the House Armed Services Committee, as the Ranking Member on the subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, and his demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative John James, Representative (MI-10)

- Representative John James was asked to join this trip due to his membership on the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade and his demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative Young Kim, Representative (CA-40)

- Representative Young Kim was asked to join this trip due to her membership on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and House Financial Services Committee along with her demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative Madeline Dean, Representative (PA-4)

- Representative Madeline Dean was asked to join this trip due to her membership on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and House Appropriations Committee along with her demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, Representative (FL-4)

- Representative Debbie Wasserman-Schultz was asked to join this trip due to her membership on the House Appropriations Committee and her demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative Mark Green, Representative (TN-7)

- Representative Mark Green was asked to join this trip due to his membership on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, his leadership as Chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, and his demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative Darrell Issa, Representative (CA-48)

- Representative Darrell Issa was asked to join this trip due to his leadership as Vice-Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and his demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative Craig Goldman, Representative (TX-12)

- Representative Craig Goldman was asked to join this trip due to his membership on the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade and his demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative Blake Moore, Representative (UT-1)

- Representative Blake Moore was asked to join this trip due to his membership on the House Ways and Means Committee and his demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative Maggie Goodlander, Representative (NH-2)

- Representative Maggie Goodlander was asked to join this trip due to her membership on the House Armed Services Committee and her demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

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:

The Atlantic Council is a nonpartisan platform with a program dedicated to strengthening regional cooperation among the United States, Israel, and Arab and Muslim countries. The Atlantic Council is primarily responsible for the planning, organizing, and conducting of the trip and will cover part of the expenses associated with the trip. The Jeffrey M. Talpins Foundation has provided a gift to the Atlantic Council that will be used by the Atlantic Council to help cover expenses associated with the trip. The Jeffrey M. Talpins Foundation will also provide limited support to the Atlantic Council in conducting the trip. The Jeffrey M. Talpins Foundation had no role in selecting trip participants or inviting them on the trip.

The Atlantic Council initially anticipated using financing from the N7 Foundation for the purpose of the trip but has since decided to rely solely on a gift provided by the Jeffrey M. Talpins Foundation.

16. Continued

Hotel name: The David Kempinski; City: Tel Aviv, Israel; Cost per night: \$510/night

Reason for selecting: Proximity to meetings in Tel Aviv



N7 Initiative Congressional Education Mission

Hosted by the Atlantic Council with financial support from the Jeffrey M. Talpins Foundation

June 13-18, 2025

Mission goals: The goal of this trip is to educate and inform Members of the Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, Ways and Means, and Financial Services Committees on emerging developments within the Abraham Accords and how they relate to U.S. foreign policy, trade, and defense goals. The trip includes stops to meet with the senior officials in current and potential Abraham Accords countries who can discuss the status of the Abraham Accords, the prospects for expanding and strengthening the Abraham Accords, and the impacts of current dynamics in the Middle East on U.S. and partner cooperation related to the Abraham Accords. The Atlantic Council will demonstrate through engagements with both U.S. officials based in the region and foreign government officials how the expansion and deepening of the Abraham Accords will transform U.S. policy and opportunities within the Middle East in the near future.

Relevance to official duties: The subject matter of the trip is important to Members of the Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, Ways and Means, and Financial Services Committees as they are likely to encounter future legislation concerning the expansion and deepening of the Abraham Accords.

Location: The purpose of travel to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and the United Arab Emirates is to meet with regional leaders and U.S. officials who are working to join or strengthen the Abraham Accords.

Please Note: On June 16 (Washington Time), the Atlantic Council notified the House Ethics Committee that it would be unable to support the Israel portion of the trip due to security concerns. In following correspondence with the House Ethics Committee, the decision to end the trip in the United Arab Emirates (On June 18) before the initially approved end-date of June 20th. In addition, due to the conflict which resulted between approval of the trip and the arrival of the delegation in the region, some meetings, confirmed in writing, had to be canceled due to officials' national security demands and new security requirements and postures at U.S. bases. Therefore, some of the meetings that occurred may be different from the approved tentative itinerary.



Itinerary

Friday, June 13, 2025: Travel

15:00 **Group 1 (Lufthansa flight): Arrive at Dulles Airport**

18:10 **Group 1: Flights depart from United States**

Lufthansa

Departure: Friday, June 13 at 18:10 (IAD)

Layover: 5 h 15 min (FRA)

Arrival: Saturday, June 14 at 19:55 (RUH)

20:00 **Arrive at Dulles Airport**

22:40 **British Airways Flights depart from United States**

British Airways

Departure: Friday, June 13 at 22:40 (IAD)

Layover: 4 h 30 (LHR)

Arrival: Sunday, June 15 at 1:15 (RUH)

Dress Code: Casual/Comfort

Saturday, June 14, 2025: Travel

19:55 **Lufthansa Flight arrive at King Khalid International Airport (RUH)**

20:55 **Lufthansa flight group transport to the Mandarin Oriental Al Faisaliah, Riyadh**

Location: King Fahd Branch Rd, Al Olaya, Riyadh 12212, Saudi Arabia

21:30 **Lufthansa flight group check-in at Mandarin Oriental Al Faisaliah**

Location: King Fahd Branch Rd, Al Olaya, Riyadh 12212, Saudi Arabia



Sunday, June 15th, 2025

- 1:15** *British Airways Flight Arrives at King Khalid International Airport*
- 2:00** *Transport to the Mandarin Oriental Al Faisaliah, Riyadh*
Location: King Fahd Branch Rd, Al Olaya, Riyadh 12212, Saudi Arabia
- 2:35** *British Airways Group Checks in at the Mandarin Oriental Al Faisaliah, Riyadh*
- 9:00-10:00** *Meet in the lobby and breakfast*
- 10:00 -12:30** **Briefing with Alison Dilworth, United States Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to Saudi Arabia**
Rationale: After brief introductions, Alison Dilworth, the senior U.S. diplomatic official in the Kingdom, provided a briefing to the Members and staff on the current situation in the Kingdom, including defense, diplomatic, trade, and investment updates since POTUS's last visit to the region and on updated conditions in the region, including hostilities between Iran and Israel. This presentation set the tone for the delegation's meetings in the country and was important in providing a strong common base of knowledge for delegation members. It was also relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Saudi ties.

Participants: Allison Dilworth (Chargé d'Affaires, US Embassy Riyadh), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Allison Minor, Adam Kozloski

Location: La Brasserie, Mandarin Oriental
Dress Code: Business Professional
- 12:30 – 13:30** **Rest/Executive Time**
- 13:30 – 14:00** **Transportation by bus to meet the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs**
- 14:00 – 15:15** **Meeting with H.E. Waleed Bin Abdulkarim al-Khereiji, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs**



Rationale: H.E. Waleed Bin Abdulkarim al-Khereiji provided a briefing to Members and staff on the Kingdom's current diplomatic relations with the United States and developments on the possible expansion of such relations with Israel, including the Kingdom's requirements for such normalization. The Deputy Foreign Minister also shared the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's position on the hostilities between Iran and Israel. This briefing was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Saudi ties and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: H.E. Waleed Bin Abdulkarim al-Khereiji (Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Allison Minor, Adam Kozloski

Location: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

15:15 – 15:45

Transportation to the Mandarin Oriental Al Faisaliah, Riyadh

15:45 – 16:45

Rest/Executive Time

16:45 – 17:30

Transportation to At-Turaif, Diriyah



17:30 – 19:30

Historical Tour of Site and Museum at At-Turaif, Diriyah

Rationale: At-Turaif is a 600-year old historical site and UNESCO World Heritage Site which is considered the birthplace of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the original home of the House Al Saud, the ruling family of Saudi Arabia. On-site guides provided a walking tour of the site and museum on the history of Saudi Arabia, the evolution of the Kingdom, and how the Kingdom views its place within the wider-Middle East. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Saudi ties and the site is not just historically relevant to Saudi policy and world-view but the target of a \$62.2 billion investment by the Saudi Public Investment Fund, a key example of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 project, which will heavily rely on integration and U.S. integration.

Participants: Museum and UNSECO-site Guides, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Allison Minor, Adam Kozloski

Location: At-Turaif, Diriyah

Dress Code: Rugged Casual

19:30 – 20:15

Transport to the Mandarin Oriental Al Faisaliah, Riyadh

20:15 – 20:30

Rest/Executive Time

20:30 – 22:00

Working Dinner with Atlantic Council Staff on the day's Saudi Arabia Engagements and future Prospects for Normalization

Rationale: Former U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and Non-resident Senior Fellow with the N7 Initiative, Michael Ratney, briefed Members and staff on the Saudi messaging points from earlier in the day and his experience as the most recent U.S Ambassador in-country on efforts to move Saudi Arabia towards normalization with Israel. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Saudi ties.

Participants: Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Oren Eisner, Allison Minor, Adam Kozloski

Presenter: Ambassador Michael Ratney

Location: Mamo Michelangelo Italian Restaurant, King Fahd Rd, Al Olaya, Riyadh 12212, Saudi Arabia



The entirety of the allotted time for the working dinner was spent covering officially-connected activity.

Dress Code: Business Casual

Monday, June 16, 2025

4:45 – 5:45

Transportation to King Khalid International Airport (RUH) by bus

7:00

Flight to Manama

Gulf Air (GF 162)

Departure: Monday, June 16 at 7:00 (RUH)

Arrival: Monday, June 16 at 8:15 (BAH)

8:15

Arrive in Bahrain International Airport (BAH)

8:45 – 9:05

Drive to InterContinental Bahrain, an IHG Hotel

Location: King Faisal Hwy, Manama, Bahrain

9:05 – 10:10

Breakfast at InterContinental Bahrain, an IHG Hotel

Location: King Faisal Hwy, Manama, Bahrain

10:10 – 10:45

Transportation by bus to King Hamad Global Centre of Coexistence and Tolerance

10:45 – 11:20

Meeting with Mr. Abdulla Isa Al Mannai, Executive Director of the King Hamad Global Centre of Coexistence and Tolerance

Rationale: Executive Director Abdulla Isa Al Mannai provided a briefing to Members and staff on the King Hamad Global Centre of Coexistence and Tolerance's work on building inter-faith dialogues and connections between Jews, Christians, and Muslims in advancing Bahrain's work in expanding and deepening the Abraham Accords. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to the interfaith dialogues and other commitments to expanding normalization as a part of the Abraham Accords declaration, signed in 2020.

Participants: Abdulla Isa Al Mannai, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski, Cassidy McGoldrick



Location: Isa Cultural Center, Rd No 2407, Manama, Bahrain

Dress Code: Business Professional

11:20 – 11:30

Transportation by bus to Bahrain Shura Council

11:30 – 12:30

Meeting with Dr. Ali bin Mohammed Al Rumaihi, Shura Foreign Affairs, Defense, and National Security Committee Chairman

Rationale: Members and staff meet with upper (Shura) and lower (Nuwab) parliament leadership in Bahrain, including Dr. Ali bin Mohammed Al Rumaihi, the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs, Defense, and National Security Committee. They heard from Dr. Al Rumaihi and other council members about the development of a representative body in Bahrain and the council's work and position towards expanding the Abraham Accords and regional integration. The Members and Staff also heard the Shura Council's position on hostilities between Israel and Iran. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to the impact of U.S. military operations on defense, foreign affairs, trade, and regional investments in the Middle East.

Participants: Dr. Ali bin Mohammed Al Rumaihi (Chairman of the Shura Council Foreign Affairs, Defense, and National Security Committee), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Shura Council, 6HFV+58X, Manama, Bahrain

Dress Code: Business Professional

12:30 – 13:00

Transportation by bus to Qudaibiya Palace

13:00 – 14:15

Meeting with H.R.H. Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Prime Minister

Rationale: Prime Minister and Crown Prince, H.R.H. Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, shared the position of the Kingdom of Bahrain across diplomatic, defense, trade, and investment nexuses. Members and staff engaged with H.R.H. on the importance of the Abraham Accords across multiple nexuses and on the hostilities between Iran and Israel and how it affects regional normalization. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.- Bahrain ties and regional developments. The Prime Minister and Crown Prince, H.R.H. Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa are able to authoritatively speak to Bahraini positions on the Bahrain-U.S. relationship.



Participants: H.R.H. Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa (Prime Minister and Crown Prince of Bahrain), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski, Cassidy McGoldrick, Julie Dann Schneider

Location: Al-Sakhir Palace

Dress Code: Business Professional

14:15 – 14:30

Transportation by bus to meeting with Foreign Minister

14:30 – 15:15

Meeting with H.E. Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani, Foreign Minister

Rationale: The Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain, H.E. Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani provided a briefing to Members and staff on the Kingdom's current diplomatic relations with the United States and developments on supporting the expansion of regional relations with Israel. The delegation engaged with H.E. Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani on diplomatic topics such as intra-gulf relations, updates to the Bahrain-Israel Free Trade Agreement negotiations, and the status of the Abraham Accords. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Bahrain ties, regional trade and investment developments, and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: H.E. Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani (Foreign Minister of Bahrain), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski, Cassidy McGoldrick, Julie Dann Schneider

Location: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government Ave, Manama, Bahrain

Dress Code: Business Professional

15:15 – 15:30

Transportation by bus to meeting with Speaker of the Council

15:30 – 16:00

Meeting with H.E. Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam, Speaker of the Nuwab Council of Representatives

Rationale: The Speaker of the Council of Representatives (Nuwab), H.E. Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam provided a briefing to Members and staff on the Nuwab's position on the Abraham Accords, The war in Gaza, and the conflict between Israel and Iran. The position of the Speaker, as the leading elected official in Bahrain differs from the Kingdom's executive leadership and provided valuable insight to Member and Staff on general



population sentiment towards these issues. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Bahrain ties, regional trade and investment developments, and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: H.E. Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam (The Speaker of the Council of Representatives (Nuwab)), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski, Cassidy McGoldrick, Julie Dann Schneider

Location: Nuwab Council, 6HFR+CXG, Shaikh Daij Ave, Manama, Bahrain

Dress Code: Business Professional

16:00 – 16:10

Transportation by bus to meeting with Bahrain Economic Development Board and Minister of Industry and Commerce

16:10 – 16:40

Meeting with H.E. Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development and Chief Executive of the Bahrain Economic Development Board and H.E. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce.

Rationale: The Minister of Sustainable Development and Chief Executive of the Bahrain Economic Development Board, H.E. Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif, and the Minister of Industry and Commerce, H.E. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, provided a briefing to Members and staff on Bahrain's investments in the U.S., Israel, and across the region. The briefing also included elements of trade friction, such as aluminum tariffs, and investment and financial tools and positions. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Bahrain ties, regional trade and investment developments, and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: H.E. Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif, The Minister of Sustainable Development and Chief Executive of the Bahrain Economic Development Board, H.E. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, The Minister of Industry and Commerce, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski, Cassidy McGoldrick,



Location: EDB, Arcapita Building, Arcapita Bahrain Bay, Building 551, Road 4612, Block 346, Manama/Sea Front, Bahrain

Dress Code: Business Professional

16:40 – 16:45

Transportation by bus to meeting with Minister of Finance and National Economy

16:45 – 17:25

Meeting with H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy

Rationale: The Minister of Finance and National Economy, H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa provided a briefing to Members and staff on Bahrain's investments and broader national development and integration strategy. The briefing also included elements U.S.-Bahrain relations and mutual defense relations due to the Minister's high standing within the government. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Bahrain ties, regional trade and investment developments, mutual defense ties, and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, The Minister of Finance and National Economy, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Ministry of Finance and National Economy, Building 100, Road 1702, Block 317, Diplomatic Area, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.

Dress Code: Business Professional

17:25 – 17:40

Transportation by bus to InterContinental Bahrain, an IHG Hotel

17:40 – 19:00

Briefing with Ambassador Steve C. Bondy, United States Ambassador to Bahrain

Rationale: Ambassador Steve Bondy provided a briefing to Members and staff on the U.S.'s current diplomatic relationship with Bahrain. The delegation engaged with the Ambassador on the U.S.'s political and military relationships with the kingdom as well as to debrief on the previous meetings throughout the day. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Bahrain ties as well as legislation related to regional military, political, and economic stability.



Participants: Ambassador Steve C. Bondy (US Ambassador to Bahrain), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Allison Minor, Adam Kozloski, Cassidy McGoldrick

Location: Private room, InterContinental Bahrain, King Faisal Hwy, Manama, Bahrain

Dress Code: Rugged Casual/Business Casual

20:00

Dinner

Location: Coco's, Rd No 3803, Manama, Bahrain

22:00

End of Meetings/Day

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

7:00 – 8:30

Check-out of hotel and breakfast

Location: Selections, InterContinental Bahrain

8:30 – 9:00

Transportation by bus to Bahrain International Airport

10:40

Flight to Abu Dhabi

Etihad (EY 642)

Departure: Tuesday, June 17 at 10:40 (BAH)

Arrival: Tuesday, June 17 at 12:50 (AUH)

13:10 – 14:00

Transportation by bus to Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Location: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abu Dhabi, King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud St - Al Bateen - W33 - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates



14:00 – 15:00

Meeting with Moath Alwarai, Director of the Policy Planning Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Rationale: The Director of the Policy Planning Department, Moath Alwarai provided a briefing to Members and staff on the UAE's current diplomatic relations with the United States and developments on supporting the expansion of the Abraham Accords. The Director also discussed the UAE's interfaith efforts to support the Abraham Accords and their position on the conflict between Israel and Iran. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-UAE ties and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: Moath Alwarai (Director of the Policy Planning Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Allison Minor, Adam Kozloski

Location: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud St - Al Bateen - W33 - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Dress Code: Business Professional

15:00 – 15:15

Transportation by bus to the U.S. Embassy Abu Dhabi

15:15 – 17:00

Meeting with Ambassador Martina Strong, Ambassador of the United States to the United Arab Emirates and Eric Gaudiosi, U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission

Rationale: U.S. Ambassador Martina Strong, military officials from Al Dhafra Air Base, and the State Department County Team provided a briefing to Members and staff on the U.S.'s current diplomatic relationship with the UAE, security risks and an assessment of the conflict between Israel and Iran, and other developments. The delegation engaged with the Ambassador on the U.S.'s political, economic, and financial relationship with the UAE. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation related to U.S.-UAE ties. The meeting was held in a bifurcated fashion as indicated below to accommodate a classified briefing for those cleared. The contents of the briefing was the same beside the classification.

Participants in Classified Briefing: Ambassador Martina Strong (US Ambassador to UAE), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn



Participants in Unclassified Briefing: Eric Gaudiosi (U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission), Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Allison Minor, Adam Kozloski, Cassidy McGoldrick

Location: U.S. Embassy, Abu Dhabi, Airport Road Embassies District, Sector - Plot 38 ريدان - Al Rawdah - W59-02 - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Dress Code: Business professional

17:00 – 17:10

Transportation by bus to Mubadala Headquarters

17:10 – 18:10

Meeting with Humaid Alshimmari Deputy Group CEO and Chief Corporate and Human Capital Officer of Mubadala Investment Company (Abu Dhabi's Sovereign Wealth Fund)

Rationale: Deputy Group CEO of the Mubadala Investment Company, Humaid Alshimmari provided a briefing to Members and staff on the Mubadala's current investments in the region and the United States, with a focus on how these investments have advanced the Abraham Accords and regional relations. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-UAE ties as well as investment restrictions or incentives related to foreign sovereign wealth funds.

Participants: Humad Alshimmari (Deputy Group CEO of Mubadala Investment Company), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Allison Minor, Adam Kozloski, Cassidy McGoldrick

Location: Al Mamoura Building, Abu Dhabi, Near Muroor (4th) Road & Mohammed Bin Khalifa (15th) Street - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Dress Code: Business Professional

18:10 – 18:30

Transportation by bus to the Abrahamic Family House

18:30 – 19:15

Guided Tour and Briefing of the Abrahamic Family House

Rationale: Guides supported by UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs staff, provided a guided tour of the Abrahamic Family House, a first-of-its-kind multi-faith facility in the UAE and the broader gulf region. Members and Staff toured the facility, learned of the interfaith work being conducted on the site and engaged in discussion with the guides and staff on the impact of this work on the Abraham Accords. It was relevant to the trip's



mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-UAE ties as well as investment restrictions or incentives related to foreign sovereign wealth funds.

Participants: Humad Alshimmari (Deputy Group CEO of Mubadala Investment Company), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Allison Minor, Adam Kozloski, Cassidy McGoldrick, Julie Dann Schneider, Carrie Panetta

Location: Al Mamoura Building, Abu Dhabi, Jacques Chirac Street, Saadiyat Island, Cultural District, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Dress Code: Business Professional

19:15 – 20:00

Transportation by bus for dinner

19:15 – 20:00

Briefing from Atlantic Council Staff on the UAE's engagement with the Abraham Accords ahead of dinner with H.E. Dr. Anwar Gargash

Rationale: Director of the N7 Initiative, Allison Minor, and Non-resident Senior Fellow with the N7 Initiative, Adam Kozloski, briefed Members and staff on H.E. Dr. Anwar Gargash on his formal and informal position within the UAE power structure and his role as the chief architect and intellectual behind the UAE's current foreign policy. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-UAE ties.

Participants: Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Cassidy McGoldrick, Julie Dann Schneider, Carrie Panetta

Presenters: Allison Minor (Director of the N7 Initiative), Adam Kozloski (Non-Resident Senior Fellow)

Location: Bus en-route to dinner

The entirety of the allotted time for this briefing was spent covering officially-connected activity.



20:00 – 22:20

Working dinner with H.E. Dr. Anwar Gargash, Diplomatic Advisor to the UAE President.

Rationale: The Diplomatic Advisor to President of the United Arab Emirates, H.E. Dr. Anwar Gargash will share the position of the United Arab Emirates across diplomatic, defense, trade, and investment nexuses. While he is officially the Diplomatic Advisor, he is viewed as one of the most powerful and connected people in the country. Members and Staff will engaged H.E. on any issue touching U.S. – UAE relations with a focus on the four nexuses outlined. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation related to U.S.- UAE ties and regional developments.

Participants: H.E. Dr. Anwar Gargash (Diplomatic Advisor to the UAE President), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Allison Minor, Adam Kozloski, Cassidy McGoldrick, Julie Dann Schneider, Carrie Panetta

Location: Private room, Lebanese Terrace, Emirates Palace, Corniche St - Al Ras Al Akhdar - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

The entirety of the allotted time for the working dinner will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

Dress Code: Business Professional

22:30 – 23:00

Transportation by bus to St. Regis Abu Dhabi

Location: The St. Regis Abu Dhabi, Nation Towers - Corniche St - Al Bateen - W44 - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

23:00

End of Meetings/Day

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

1:00 – 3:30

Transportation by bus to Dubai (for those traveling out of DXB)

21:00 – 23:30

Dinner (for those traveling out of Dubai)

Location: Burj Khalifa, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Blvd - Downtown Dubai - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

22:45

Panetta's depart for Zayed International Airport (AUH)

Location: Al Matar - Zayed International Airport - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates



23:30

Rest of participants depart for Dubai International Airport

Location: Dubai International Airport Road, Al Garhoud, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Thursday, June 19, 2025

1:35 (GMT) – 16:55 (PST)

Flight to SFO departs

Turkish Airlines (TL 869/TK 1951)/United (UA969)

Departure: Thursday, June 19 at 1:35 (AUH)

Layover: 1 h 30 min (IST)

Layover: 5 h 10 min (AMS)

Arrival: Thursday, June 19 at 16:55 (SFO)

Travelers: Representative Jimmy Panetta, Carrie Panetta

2:20 (GMT) – 8:40 (ET)

Flight to Washington, D.C. departs

Emirates (EK 231)

Departure: Thursday, June 19 at 2:20 (DXB)

Arrival: Thursday, June 19 at 8:40 (IAD)

Travelers: Representative Bradley Schneider, Julie Dann Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Allison Minor, Cassidy McGoldrick

End of Trip

Non-Congressional Meeting Participants

- **Ambassador Michael Ratney**, former US Ambassador to Saudi Arabia
- **Oren Eisner**, President, Jeffrey M. Talpins Foundation
- **Allison Minor**, Director, N7 Research Institute, Atlantic Council
- **Adam Kozloski**, Nonresident Senior Fellow at the N7 Initiative, Atlantic Council
- **Cassidy McGoldrick**, Program Assistant, N7 Initiative, Atlantic Council

Invited and attending

Representative Bradley Schneider, Representative (IL-10)

- Representative Schneider has been invited to join this trip in his capacity as a founding co-Chair of the House Abraham Accords Caucus and as a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. His participation will be invaluable, as the delegation will engage in meetings and discussions focused on reinforcing the importance of maintaining and strengthening the Abraham Accords.

Representative Don Bacon, Representative (NE-2)

- Representative Bacon was invited to join this trip given his role in the House Abraham Accords Caucus and on the House Armed Services Committee, where he serves as the Chairman of the subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technology, and Innovation. He will play a key role in discussions focused on advancing the safety, integration, and security of US allies in the Middle East.

Representative Jimmy Panetta, Representative (CA-19)

- Representative Panetta was invited to join this trip based on his role in the House Abraham Accords Caucus and his position on the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade. Representative Panetta has historically been a champion of bipartisan legislation focused on security integration within the region. In his new committee assignment, he will be instrumental in discussions focused on strengthening trade partnerships between the United States and its Middle East partners.

Representative Zach Nunn, Representative (IA-3)

- Representative Nunn was invited to participate in this trip because of his role as Vice Chairman of The House Financial Services Committee's Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions. His participation will contribute to discussions on economic cooperation, regional financial stability, and efforts to counter illicit finance and malign foreign influence in the Middle East

Gil Thompson, Senior Policy Advisor, Representative Bradley Schneider's Office

- Gil Thompson was invited because of his considerable work on the Abraham Accords and related issues. Thompson is Representative Schneider's Senior Policy Advisor and primary staffer and advisor on the Middle East. Given Representative Schneider's role on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Thompson has engaged extensively on issues related to the Abraham Accords, including helping draft several landmark pieces of legislation on the Abraham Accords.

Jackie Bossman, Legislative Director, Representative Nunn's Office

- Jackie Bossman was invited because of her work on the Abraham Accords and related issues. Bossman is Representative Nunn's Legislative Director. She directs Representative Nunn's policy portfolio, including his work on the House Financial Services Committee. In this capacity, Bossman has worked on trade and financial legislation related to the Abraham Accords.

Note: Spouses were invited to accompany Members

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Signature:  _____ Date: June 3, 2025
Name: Oren Eisner Title: President

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