COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM ■ *Original* ☐ *Amendmen*

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: Rep. Emilia Sykes
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Kevin Boyce *OR* ☐ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ■ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 4, 2025 Return: August 8, 2025
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ *OR* ■ None
4. Departure City: Cleveland, OH Destination: Geneva, Switzerland Return City: Cleveland, OH
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: The Ripon Society and The Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange
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: 8/22/25

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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.

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange
2. Travel Destination(s): Geneva, Switzerland
3. Date of Departure: August 4, 2025 Date of Return: August 8, 2025
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Congresswoman Emilia Sykes and Mr. Kevin Boyce

   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	$7132.51	$1,146	$550	$1,146 - Meeting/dining rental/AV/security
Accompanying Family Member	$7132.51		$550	$1,1436- Meeting/dining rental/AV/security

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: James K. Conzelman **Date:** Aug. 9, 2025

Name: James K. Conzelman **Title:** President and CEO

Organization: The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange

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

Address: 1155 15th Street, NW Suite 550, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone: 202-216-1008 **Email:** jconzelman@riponsociety.org

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

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

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TRAVELER FORM

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: Congresswoman Emilia Sykes

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: 1217 Longworth House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-6265 or 202-913-1122

Email Address of Contact Person: hunter.patterson@mail.house.gov, hailey.barringer@mail.house.gov

☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, *and* these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Congresswoman Emilia Sykes

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: The Ripon Society and The Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Geneva, Switzerland

4. a. Date of Departure: Aug. 4, 2025 Date of Return: Aug. 8, 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: Kevin Boyce

   (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.**

   Rep. Sykes will be on several policy panels, including on health care, trade, and climate policy. She is the Vice Ranking Member on the T&I Committee and serves on the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee. Additionally, she is the Co-Chair of the Tariffs, Trade, and Strategic Competition Working Group for Problem Solvers. She is a part of the Public Health Caucus. This trip will provide her the opportunity to work with and learn from her colleagues in the House and in Switzerland, so that she may return better equipped to serve her constituents and the nation.

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:** _____

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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 Ripon Society

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: The Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange

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 attachment A

5. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: Monday, August 4, 2025 Date of Return: Saturday, August 9, 2025
7. a. City of departure: Member District
   b. Destination(s): Geneva, Switzerland
   c. City of return: Member 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:
   The Ripon Society hosts international policy conferences to build better relationships between the US and other counties such as Switzerland.The Franklin Center promotes balanced discussions by jointly hosting these international conferences. Both the Ripon Society and Franklin Center organize and manage all aspects of the conference.

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: bus)
   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): $211.50 for three full conference days and $118.50 for arrival day
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: the US is one of the top destinations for Swiss investment and is the largest foreign investor in Switzerland.Both countries belong to a number of the same international organizations.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
   Hotel Name: Intercontinental Hotel City: Geneva Cost Per Night: $382.00
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Facilities, security, cost
   Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
   Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
   Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
   Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

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

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

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total **Transportation** Expenses per Participant	Total **Lodging** Expenses per Participant	Total **Meal** Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	$11,000.00	$1528.00	$753.00
For each Accompanying Family Member	$11,000.00		$753.00

	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	$1486.85	meeting/dining rental,buses,security,av
For each Accompanying Family Member	$1486.85	meeting/dining rental,buses,security,av

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: James K. Conzelman Date: June 24, 2025

Name: James K. Conzelman Title: President and CEO

Organization: The Ripon Society

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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: The Ripon Society
2. Name of your organization: The Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange
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?
   The Embassy of Japan is a member of the Franklin Center but does not participate in this conference
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: Geneva, Switzerland on Date: August 4-9, 2025
   that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
   c. ☐ Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (*e.g.,* meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. *Check only one:*
   a. ☒ My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
   b. ☐ My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
7. **I certify by my signature that**
   a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
   b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent;
   c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
   d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: James K. Conzelman Date: June 24, 2025

Name: James K. Conzelman Title: President and CEO

Organization: The Franklin Center for Global Policy Echange

Address: 1155 15th Street, NW, Suite 550, Washington, DC 20005

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TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange

Geneva, Switzerland | August 5-9, 2025

Attachment A

Further answers to Primary Trip Sponsor Form questions

Question 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:*

Each Members of Congress was invited to participate in public policy panel discussions during the conference with Swiss public and private sector officials, leaders from international organizations, and other policy experts based in Geneva and Europe. Based on the Representative's unique areas of interest in the House, their committee assignments, and their public policy expertise, each Member of Congress was invited to attend the conference and to appear on a specific panel.

In addition to attending all panel sessions and participating in high-level meetings and briefings, the Members of Congress will participate in small dinner discussions each evening as follow-up conversations to these panel discussions and other speakers.

Panel Sessions

Member of Congress	Policy panel discussion topic
Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)	Financial services and economic policy
Representative Cliff Bentz (R-OR)	Energy security and climate policy
Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)	Energy security and climate policy
Representative Mike Bost (R-IL)	Energy security and climate policy
Representative Mike Carey (R-OH)	U.S. tax policy and its international impact
Representative Buddy Carter (R-GA)	Health care and pharmaceuticals
Representative Ed Case (D-HI)	AI and technology: shaping society and security
Representative Ron Estes (R-KS)	U.S. tax policy and its international impact
Representative Randy Feenstra (R-IA)	The future of U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Vince Fong (R-CA)	AI and technology: shaping society and security
Representative Scott Franklin (R-FL)	AI and technology: shaping society and security
Representative Kevin Hern (R-OK)	U.S. tax policy and its international impact
Representative Ashley Hinson (R-IA)	The future of U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Steven Horsford (D-NV)	Health care and pharmaceuticals
Representative Erin Houchin (R-IN)	Health care and pharmaceuticals
Representative Bill Huizenga (R-MI)	Financial services and economic policy
Representative Dave Joyce (R-OH)	Financial services and economic policy
Representative Jen Kiggans (R-VA)	AI and technology: shaping society and security
Representative Kevin Kiley (R-CA)	AI and technology: shaping society and security

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Representative David Kustoff (R-TN)	Health care and pharmaceuticals
Representative Bob Latta (R-OH)	Energy security and climate policy
Representative Frank Lucas (R-OK)	Financial services and economic policy
Representative Greg Murphy (R-NC)	Health care and pharmaceuticals
Representative Dan Newhouse (R-WA)	The future of U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Zach Nunn (R-IA)	Financial services and economic policy
Representative Jay Obernolte (R-CA)	AI and technology: shaping society and security
Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)	Energy security and climate policy
Delegate Stacy Plaskett (D-VI)	U.S. tax policy and its international impact
Representative Linda T Sánchez (D-CA)	The future of U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Pete Sessions (R-TX)	Financial services and economic policy
Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL)	The future of U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Tom Suozzi (D-NY)	U.S. tax policy and its international impact
Representative Emilia Sykes (D-OH)	Health care and pharmaceuticals

Wednesday night dinner policy discussions

Member of Congress	Dinner topic
Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Cliff Bentz (R-OR)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Mike Bost (R-IL)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Mike Carey (R-OH)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Buddy Carter (R-GA)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Ed Case (D-HI)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Ron Estes (R-KS)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Randy Feenstra (R-IA)	Financial services and economic policy
Representative Vince Fong (R-CA)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Scott Franklin (R-FL)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Kevin Hern (R-OK)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Ashley Hinson (R-IA)	Financial services and economic policy
Representative Steven Horsford (D-NV)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Erin Houchin (R-IN)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Bill Huizenga (R-MI)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Dave Joyce (R-OH)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Jen Kiggans (R-VA)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Kevin Kiley (R-CA)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative David Kustoff (R-TN)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Bob Latta (R-OH)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Frank Lucas (R-OK)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Greg Murphy (R-NC)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Dan Newhouse (R-WA)	Global refugee and migration challenges
Representative Zach Nunn (R-IA)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Jay Obernolte (R-CA)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Delegate Stacy Plaskett (D-VI)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Linda T Sánchez (D-CA)	Global refugee and migration challenges
Representative Pete Sessions (R-TX)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL)	Financial services and economic policy
Representative Tom Suozzi (D-NY)	U.S. trade engagement and policy
Representative Emilia Sykes (D-OH)	U.S. trade engagement and policy

Friday night dinner policy discussions

Member of Congress	Dinner topic
Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)	Health and pharmaceuticals
Representative Cliff Bentz (R-OR)	AI and technology
Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)	AI and technology
Representative Mike Bost (R-IL)	Health and pharmaceuticals
Representative Mike Carey (R-OH)	Health and pharmaceuticals
Representative Buddy Carter (R-GA)	Energy security and climate policy
Representative Ed Case (D-HI)	Tax policy
Representative Ron Estes (R-KS)	AI and technology
Representative Randy Feenstra (R-IA)	Tax policy
Representative Vince Fong (R-CA)	Energy security and climate policy
Representative Scott Franklin (R-FL)	Energy security and climate policy
Representative Kevin Hern (R-OK)	Health and pharmaceuticals
Representative Ashley Hinson (R-IA)	Energy security and climate policy
Representative Steven Horsford (D-NV)	Tax policy
Representative Erin Houchin (R-IN)	AI and technology
Representative Bill Huizenga (R-MI)	AI and technology
Representative Dave Joyce (R-OH)	AI and technology
Representative Jen Kiggans (R-VA)	Energy security and climate policy
Representative Kevin Kiley (R-CA)	Apprenticeships
Representative David Kustoff (R-TN)	Tax policy
Representative Bob Latta (R-OH)	AI and technology
Representative Frank Lucas (R-OK)	Energy security and climate policy
Representative Greg Murphy (R-NC)	Energy security and climate policy
Representative Dan Newhouse (R-WA)	Energy security and climate policy
Representative Zach Nunn (R-IA)	AI and technology
Representative Jay Obernolte (R-CA)	Health and pharmaceuticals
Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)	Tax policy
Delegate Stacy Plaskett (D-VI)	AI and technology
Representative Linda T Sánchez (D-CA)	Health and pharmaceuticals
Representative Pete Sessions (R-TX)	Health and pharmaceuticals
Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL)	Tax policy
Representative Tom Suozzi (D-NY)	Health and pharmaceuticals
Representative Emilia Sykes (D-OH)	Energy security and climate policy

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Preliminary Agenda

Subject to Change

Name	Departure date	Flights and departure times (all times local)	Arrival date	Arrival time
Rep. Joyce Beatty	Aug 4	UA 3564 CMH to EWR at 12:34 pm UA 956 EWR to GVA at 5:30 pm	Aug 5	7:30 am
Rep. Cliff Bentz	Aug 4	DL 2017 BOI to MSP at 10:24 am DL 152 MSP to CDG at 3:45 pm DL 8552 CDG to GVA at 8:30 am	Aug 5	9:40 am
Rep. Stephanie Bice	Aug 4	AA 3896 OKC to DFW at 12:02 pm AA 50 DFW to LHR at 3:15 pm AA 6861 LHR to GVA at 8:10 am	Aug 5	10:50 am
Rep. Mike Bost	Aug 4	UA 3657 STL to EWR at 11:24 am UA 956 EWR to GVA at 5:30 pm	Aug 5	7:30 am
Rep. Mike Carey	Aug 4	UA 3564 CMH to EWR at 12:34 pm UA 956 EWR to GVA at 5:30 pm	Aug 5	7:30 am
Rep. Buddy Carter	Aug 4	UA 6094 SAV to IAD at 9:45 am UA 4187 IAD to EWR at 12:35 pm UA 956 EWR to GVA at 5:30 pm	Aug 5	7:30 am
Rep. Ed Case	Aug 4	UA 373 HNL to SFO at 7:00 am UA 948 SFO to LHR at 4:00 pm UA 9739 LHR to GVA at 2:25 pm	Aug 5	5:05 pm
Rep. Ron Estes	Aug 4	AA 4987 ICT to ORD at 12:41 pm AA 7003 ORD to LHR at 4:55 pm AA 6861 LHR to GVA at 8:10 am	Aug 5	10:50 am
Rep. Randy Feenstra	Aug 4	DL 5234 FSD to MSP at 1:01 pm DL 152 MSP to CDG at 3:45 pm DL 8552 CDG to GVA at 8:30 am	Aug 5	9:40 am
Rep. Vince Fong	Aug 4	DL 938 LAX to JFK at 10:10 am DL 100 JFK to GVA at 8:50 pm	Aug 5	10:45 am
Rep. Scott Franklin	Aug 4	AA 748 CLT to MAD at 3:35 pm AA 8821 MAD to GVA at 7:15 am	Aug 5	9:15 am
Rep. Kevin Hern	Aug 4	UA 5651 TUL to IAH at 1:50 pm UA 880 IAH to LHR at 4:20 pm UA 9743 LHR to GVA at 8:55 am	Aug 5	11:35 am
Rep. Ashley Hinson	Aug 4	DL 8603 GVA to CDG at 12:02 pm DL 85 CDG to ATL at 3:40 pm DL 2626 ATL to CID at 9:39	Aug 5	10:44 pm

Rep. Steven Horsford	Aug 4	UA 1711 LAS to IAH at 10:00 am UA 880 IAH to LHR at 4:20 pm UA 9743 LHR to GVA at 8:55 am	Aug 5	11:35 am
Rep. Erin Houchin	Aug 4	UA 4470 TVC to ORD at 11:35 am UA 1332 ORD to EWR at 1:09 pm UA956 EWR to GVA at 5:30 pm	Aug 5	7:30 am
Rep. Bill Huizenga	Aug 4	DL 4066 GRR to MSP at 1:08 pm DL 152 MSP to CDG at 3:45 pm DL 8522 CDG to GVA at 8:30 am	Aug 5	9:40 am
Rep. Dave Joyce	Aug 3	BA 170 PIT to LHR at 9:45 PM BA 730 LHR to GVA at 11:45 am	Aug 4	2:25 pm
Rep. Jen Kiggans	Aug 4	UA 4400 ORF to EWR at 11:43 am UA 956 EWR to GVA at 5:30 pm	Aug 5	7:30 am
Rep. Kevin Kiley	Aug 5	LX 2163 PMI to GVA at 9:10 am	Aug 5	10:50 am
Rep. David Kustoff	Aug 4	AA 1846 MEM to CLT at 7:26 am AA 748 CLT to MAD at 3:35 pm AA 8821 MAD to GVA at 7:15 am	Aug 5	9:15 am
Rep. Bob Latta	Aug 4	DL 96 DTW to CDG at 4:25 pm DL 8522 CDG to GVA at 8:30 am	Aug 5	9:40 am
Rep. Frank Lucas	Aug 4	AA 3896 OKC to DFW at 12:02 pm AA 50 DFW to LHR at 3:15 pm AA 6861 LHR to GVA at 8:10 am	Aug 5	10:50 am
Rep. Greg Murphy	Aug 3	UA 2289 RDU to EWR at 10:19 am UA 956 EWR to GVA at 5:30 pm	Aug 4	7:30 am
Rep. Dan Newhouse	Aug 1	UA 2850 PSC to DEN at 5:30 am UA 2087 DEN to IAD at 10:10 am UA 748 IAD to GVA at 5:25 pm	Aug 2	7:40 am
Rep. Zach Nunn	Aug 1	BA 4358 DSM to ORD at 6:09 pm BA 296 ORD to LHR at 9:15 pm BA 726 LHR to GVA at 8:10 am	Aug 5	10:50 am
Rep. Jay Obernolte	Aug 4	UA 688 LAX to IAD at 8:15 am UA 748 IAD to GVA at 5:25 pm	Aug 5	7:40 am
Rep. Jimmy Panetta	Aug 4	UA 194 SFO to MUC at 2:00 pm Swiss 1123 MUC to GVA at 11:05 am	Aug 5	12:20 pm
Del. Stacey Plaskett	Aug 4	EI 116 IAD to DUB at 5:20 pm EI 680 DUB to GVA at 6:15 am	Aug 5	9:25 am
Rep. Linda Sánchez	Aug 4	DL 938 LAX to JFK at 10:10 am DL 100 JFK to GVA at 8:50 pm	Aug 5	10:45 am
Rep. Pete Sessions	Aug 1	AA6443 ACT to DFW at 10:51 am AA 50 DFW to LHR at 3:15 pm AA 6861 LHR to GVA at 8:20 am	Aug 2	10:50 am
Rep. Terri Sewell	Aug 4	AA 5652 BHM to PHL at 2:10 pm AA 6911 PHL to LHR at 6:35 pm AA 6861 LHR to GVA at 8:10 am	Aug 5	11:00 am
Rep. Tom Suozzi	Aug 4	UA 9719 JFK to GVA at 7:25 pm	Aug 5	9:15 am
Rep. Emilia Sykes	Aug 4	DL 5018 CLE to JFK at 12:29 pm DL 100 JFK to GVA at 8:50 pm	Aug 5	10:45 am

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Morning	Flight arrivals in Geneva from the United States
Morning	Check into hotel
	LUNCH ON OWN
3:15 pm-3:30 pm	**Members of Congress-only briefing** A briefing about conference security as well as an overview of the complete conference itself from leadership of The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center and the head of security for the conference. • **Mr. Jim Conzelman** – President and CEO of The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center
3:30 pm-4:00 pm	**The China Challenge in Geneva** Members of Congress-only briefing led by senior leadership from the U.S. Mission to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva on China's growing influence within Geneva-based multilateral organizations and their efforts to shape these institutions to advance CCP interests. • **U.S. Mission Geneva staff TBD**
4:00 pm-4:30 pm	Break and transition into conference opening
4:30 pm-4:45 pm	**Conference opening** Welcoming and opening remarks by the President & CEO of The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center as well as the co-chairs of each organization's honorary congressional advisory board. • **Mr. Jim Conzelman** – President and CEO of The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center • **Representative Frank Lucas (R-OK)** – Co-Chair of The Ripon Society's Honorary Congressional Advisory Board • **Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)** – Co-Chair of the Franklin Center's Honorary Congressional Advisory Board • **Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)** – Co-Chair of the Franklin Center's Honorary Congressional Advisory Board • **Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)** – Co-Chair of The Ripon Society's Honorary Congressional Advisory Board

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4:45 pm-5:45 pm	**<u>In Country Briefing</u>** Briefing by senior officials from U.S. Embassy Bern and the U.S. Mission to International Organizations in Geneva discussing U.S.-Swiss bilateral relations and U.S. engagement with the 40+ multilateral organizations based in Geneva. • **U.S. Embassy Bern and U.S. Mission Geneva personnel TBD**
5:45 pm-8:00 pm	Reception and dinner
8:00 pm-10:00 pm	After dinner coffee at hotel

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

7:00 am-8:45 am Breakfast at hotel

9:00 am-10:00 am **Panel 1 – <u>The future of U.S. trade engagement and policy</u>**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Swiss officials

A panel discussion focusing on the current and future trade priorities of the United States on the global stage. The conversation will also discuss the bilateral trade relationship between the U.S. and Switzerland amidst the evolving landscape of U.S. trade engagement, and it will explore the challenges and opportunities facing our nations in the global trade arena.

- **Representative Linda Sánchez (D-CA)**
- **Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL)**
- **Representative Dan Newhouse (R-WA)**
- **Representative Randy Feenstra (R-IA)**
- **Representative Ashley Hinson (R-IA)**
- **Ambassador Ivo Germann** – Head of the Foreign Economic Affairs Directorate, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs
- **Dr. Rahul Sahgal** – CEO, Swiss-American Chamber of Commerce
- Moderator: **The Honorable Jim Renacci**

10:00 am-10:30 am **Keynote speaker – <u>Global refugee challenges and opportunities for the UNHCR</u>**

Keynote remarks

A senior leader from the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) will deliver keynote remarks on its mission as the UN Refugee Agency and its current work protecting the rights and well-being of people forced to flee. They will share their insights into UNHCR's comprehensive approach in response to the unprecedented scale of ongoing crises around the world, and their ideas for enhanced collaboration with governments like the United States and the private sector in addressing these multifaceted challenges during this period of reexamination of global assistance.

- **Senior leader from the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)**

10:30 am-10:45 am Break

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10:45 am-11:45 am **Panel 2 – <u>Financial services and economic policy</u>**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress, Swiss and other officials

A panel discussion focusing on all aspects of the financial ecosystem, including banking, insurance, monetary policy, bond and stock markets, and other financial service industries. The panel will speak to ways governments can help maintain – or hurt – healthy markets during this period of global uncertainty.

- **Representative Frank Lucas (R-OK)**
- **Representative Pete Sessions (R-TX)**
- **Representative Bill Huizenga (R-MI)**
- **Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)**
- **Representative Dave Joyce (R-OH)**
- **Representative Zach Nunn (R-IA)**
- **Swiss government speaker TBD**
- Moderator: **Rep Terri Sewell (D-AL)**

11:45 am-12:30 pm **Lunch with speaker – <u>Global migration challenges and opportunities for the IOM</u>**

Keynote remarks over lunch

A senior leader from the International Organization for Migration (IOM) will deliver keynote remarks about its current work and priorities. They will speak about their data-driven approach to anticipating migration patterns and trends and how those are shaping the global economic and security landscape. They will also share their ideas for enhanced collaboration between IOM with governments around the world like the United States and the private sector during this period of reexamination of global assistance.

- **Senior leader from the International Organization for Migration (IOM)**

12:30 pm-12:45 pm Bus from hotel to World Trade Organization (WTO)

12:45 pm-2:15 pm **<u>Members of Congress-only meetings at the WTO</u>**

The Members of Congress will visit the headquarters of the World Trade Organization to meet with senior officials to discuss the WTO's mission and its efforts to maintain global trade order, assist in the negotiating of trade agreements, and to help resolve trade disputes between its member countries.

- **Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala** – Director-General, World Trade Organization
- **Ms. Angela Ellard** – Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization
- **Representative Frank Lucas (R-OK)** – Co-leader of Congressional delegation
- **Representative Linda Sánchez (D-CA)** – Co-leader of Congressional delegation

2:15 pm-2:30 pm Return to hotel via bus

3:00 pm-3:15 pm Bus from hotel to the "Flower Clock" in Old Town Geneva

3:15 pm-5:00 pm Self-guided visits to Old Town of Geneva and Lake Geneva

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4:30 pm-5:15 pm Bus back to hotel

6:00 pm Bus departs from hotel for Olympic Museum

6:30 pm-7:15 pm **Exploration of the Olympic Museum**

A visit to the Olympic Museum will provide an opportunity to further examine the role of athletics in global diplomacy, international achievement, and economic development in advance of the United States hosting the Games of the XXXIV Olympiad in Los Angeles in Summer 2028.

7:00 pm-8:00 pm Reception

8:00 pm-9:30 pm **Dinner with Member of Congress-led policy discussions**

Each Member of Congress will lead a small dinner discussion following up on one of the panel discussions or the luncheon topics from earlier during the conference:

Rep. Beatty – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Kiggans – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Bentz – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Kiley – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Bice – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Kustoff – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Bost – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Latta – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Carey – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Lucas – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Carter – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Murphy – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Case – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Newhouse – Global refugee and migration challenges
Rep. Estes – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Nunn – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Feenstra – Financial services and economic policy	Rep. Obernolte – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Fong – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Panetta – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Franklin – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Del. Plaskett – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Hern – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Sánchez – Global refugee and migration challenges
Rep. Hinson – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Sessions – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Horsford – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Sewell – Financial services and economic policy
Rep. Houchin – Financial services and economic policy	Rep. Suozzi – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Huizenga – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Sykes – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Joyce – U.S. trade engagement and policy	

9:30 pm Return via bus to the hotel

10:00 pm-11:30 pm After dinner coffee at hotel

Thursday, August 7, 2025

6:30 am-7:40 am Breakfast at hotel

7:40 am-8:00 am Depart hotel via bus to CERN

8:00 am-10:00 am **Expert-led visits on the campus of CERN**

Straddling the borders of Switzerland and France, the European Organization for Nuclear Research – CERN – is home to the largest particle physics laboratory in the world. The participants will visit two of the campus' nearly dozen nuclear and particle facilities: the CERN Control Centre and the Antimatter Factory. They will learn about the cutting-edge science of the Large Hadron Collider and experiments on newly discovered particles, including antihydrogen.

- **CERN experts TBD**

10:00 am-10:30 am **Briefing and overview of CERN**

A leading expert from CERN will give an overview of the mission and work of CERN, including its historic discoveries and the real-world applications of the leading science occurring on their campus

- **CERN expert TBD**

10:30 am-11:30 am **Panel 3 – AI and technology: shaping society and security**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress, Swiss and other officials

A panel discussion on how artificial intelligence and emerging technologies are changing all aspects of society, with an added focus on their implications for national security and defense. Panelists will explore how governments and international bodies can foster innovation while developing responsible safeguards, regulatory frameworks, and cooperative strategies to address global risks and ensure technological leadership in an increasingly competitive and complex security environment.

- **Representative Ed Case (D-HI)**
- **Representative Scott Franklin (R-FL)**
- **Representative Jay Obernolte (R-CA)**
- **Representative Jen Kiggans (R-VA)**
- **Representative Kevin Kiley (R-CA)**
- **Representative Vince Fong (R-CA)**
- **Expert from International Telecommunication Union (ITU) TBD**
- Moderator: **Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)**

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11:30 am-12:30 pm **Panel 4 – <u>Energy security and climate policy</u>**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress, Swiss and other officials

A panel discussion on all aspects of the energy sector as countries search for a more affordable and more stable sources and energy mix. The panel will also discuss how Russia's invasion of Ukraine has affected energy security in Europe. Finally, the panel will examine climate change concerns, and discuss whether continued technological innovation and cleaner energy sources are sufficient to address these problems, or if further intervention by governments will be necessary.

- **Representative Bob Latta (R-OH)**
- **Representative Mike Bost (R-IL)**
- **Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)**
- **Representative Cliff Bentz (R-OR)**
- **Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)**
- Moderator: **Representative Erin Houchin (R-IN)**

12:30 pm Members of Congress-only photo op and transition into lunch

12:45 pm-1:45 pm **<u>The Swiss Apprenticeship Model</u>**

Keynote remarks over lunch

A leader from the Swiss government will share about Switzerland's world-renowned system for apprenticeship. They will also speak to what the United States may be able to learn from this workforce development model and how such a system public-private cooperation could be brought to America.

- **Swiss government speaker TBD**

1:45 pm-2:05 pm Depart CERN via bus to hotel

3:15 pm-4:15 pm **<u>Cross-Border Relations: Switzerland's Unique Position in Europe</u>**

Expert briefing en route from hotel to Annecy, France

A Swiss expert will provide insights on the bus about Switzerland's distinct approach to European integration while maintaining its historic neutrality. The briefing will examine Switzerland's strategic relationships with the European Union and its participation in the Schengen Area, highlighting the economic benefits of open borders for trade, tourism, and labor mobility across the Alpine region.

4:15 pm-6:30 pm Self-guided visit of Annecy, France

6:30 pm-8:00 pm Reception-style dinner

8:00 pm-8:45 pm Depart Annecy, France via bus to hotel in Geneva, Switzerland

8:45 pm-10:30 pm After dinner coffee at hotel

Friday, August 8, 2025

7:00 am-8:15 am Breakfast at hotel

8:15 am Bus to panel location for policy panels

8:45 am-9:45 am **Panel 5 – <u>U.S. tax policy and its international impact</u>**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress, Swiss and other officials

A panel discussion focusing on the tax reform efforts of the Congress of the United States and global ramification of such actions. The prospect of reforms to the existing U.S.-Swiss tax treaty will also be explored.

- **Delegate Stacy Plaskett (D-VI)**
- **Representative Ron Estes (R-KS)**
- **Representative Kevin Hern (R-OK)**
- **Representative Tom Suozzi (D-NY)**
- **Representative Mike Carey (R-OH)**
- **Swiss government speaker TBD**
- Moderator: **Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)**

9:45 am-10:00 am Break

10:00 am-10:45 am **<u>Briefing on the future of global public health cooperation</u>**

Leaders from the global health organizations based in Geneva will share about the future of their efforts to bring health and safety around the world

- **Senior leaders from global health organizations TBD**

10:45 am-11:45 am **Panel 6 – <u>Health care and pharmaceuticals</u>**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress, Swiss and other officials

A panel discussing what the U.S. and Swiss governments can do to encourage better patient care and health care outcomes while maintaining or lowering costs for consumers. The conversation will also explore solutions to the high cost of pharmaceuticals while ensuring substantial private sector investment in innovation.

- **Representative Buddy Carter (R-GA)**
- **Representative David Kustoff (R-TN)**
- **Representative Steven Horsford (D-NV)**
- **Representative Greg Murphy (R-NC)**
- **Representative Erin Houchin (R-IN)**
- **Representative Emilia Sykes (D-OH)**
- **Swiss private sector speaker TBD**
- Moderator: **Representative Ashley Hinson (R-IA)**

11:45 am-12:00 pm Members of Congress bus to hotel

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12:00 pm-1:30 pm **Members of Congress-only bilateral meeting and working lunch with members of the Swiss Parliament**

A meeting between leaders from each country's legislative body to discuss the future of U.S.-Swiss relations and cooperation.

- **Participants from Parliamentary Association Switzerland-USA TBD**
- **Representative Tom Suozzi (D-NY)** – Co-leader of Congressional delegation
- **Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)** – Co-leader of Congressional delegation

2:00 pm-2:15 pm Bus from hotel to points around Geneva

2:15 pm-4:15 pm Self-guided visits to Old Town of Geneva and Lake Geneva

4:15 pm-4:30 pm Bus back to hotel

4:30 pm-5:30 pm Prepare for departures and for dinner

5:30 pm Bus from hotel to closing reception and dinner

6:00 pm-6:45 pm Closing reception

6:45 pm-9:30 pm **Dinner with Member of Congress-led policy discussions**

Each Member of Congress will lead a small dinner discussion following up on one of the panel discussions or the luncheon topics from earlier during the conference:

Rep. Beatty – Health and pharmaceuticals	Rep. Kiggans – Energy security and climate policy
Rep. Bentz – AI and technology	Rep. Kiley – Apprenticeships
Rep. Bice – AI and technology	Rep. Kustoff – Tax policy
Rep. Bost – Health and pharmaceuticals	Rep. Latta – AI and technology
Rep. Carey – Health and pharmaceuticals	Rep. Lucas – Energy security and climate policy
Rep. Carter – Energy security and climate policy	Rep. Murphy – Energy security and climate policy
Rep. Case – Tax policy	Rep. Newhouse – Energy security and climate policy
Rep. Estes – AI and technology	Rep. Nunn – AI and technology
Rep. Feenstra – Tax policy	Rep. Obernolte – Health and pharmaceuticals
Rep. Fong – Energy security and climate policy	Rep. Panetta – Tax policy
Rep. Franklin – Energy security and climate policy	Del. Plaskett – AI and technology
Rep. Hern – Health and pharmaceuticals	Rep. Sánchez – Health and pharmaceuticals
Rep. Hinson – Energy security and climate policy	Rep. Sessions – Health and pharmaceuticals
Rep. Horsford – Tax policy	Rep. Sewell – Tax policy
Rep. Houchin – AI and technology	Rep. Suozzi – Health and pharmaceuticals
Rep. Huizenga – AI and technology	Rep. Sykes – Energy security and climate policy
Rep. Joyce – AI and technology	

9:30 pm Bus to hotel

10:00 pm-12:30 am After dinner coffee at hotel

Saturday, August 9

7:00 am-9:00 am Breakfast at hotel

Morning Departures

Name	Departure date	Flights and departure times (all times local)	Arrival date	Arrival time
Rep. Joyce Beatty	Aug 9	UA 957 GVA to EWR at 9:20 am UA 4431 EWR to CMH at 2:43 pm	Aug 9	4:36 pm
Rep. Cliff Bentz	Aug 9	DL 9662 GVA to AMS at 9:05 am DL 145 AMS to SEA at 2:40 pm DL 3692 SEA to BOI at 5:45 pm	Aug 9	8:20 pm
Rep. Stephanie Bice	Aug 9	AA 6864 GVA to LHR at 12:20 pm AA 735 LHR to CLT at 3:00 pm AA 768 CLT to OKC at 9:40 pm	Aug 9	11:09 pm
Rep. Mike Bost	Aug 9	UA 957 GVA to EWR at 9:20 am UA 3719 EWR to STL at 2:35 pm	Aug 9	4:25 pm
Rep. Mike Carey	Aug 9	UA 957 GVA to EWR at 9:20 am UA 4431 EWR to CMH at 2:40 pm	Aug 9	4:36 pm
Rep. Buddy Carter	Aug 9	UA 957 GVA to EWR at 9:20 am UA 2856 EWR to JAX at 6:15 pm	Aug 9	8:54 pm
Rep. Ed Case	Aug 9	UA 9736 GVA to LHR at 7:30 am UA 26 LHR to DEN at 11:25 am UA 1805 DEN to HNL at 4:25 pm	Aug 9	7:34 pm
Rep. Ron Estes	Aug 9	AA 6864 GVA to LHR at 12:20 pm AA 7006 LHR to ORD at 3:30 pm AA 6287 ORD to ICT at 9:19 pm	Aug 9	11:29 pm
Rep. Randy Feenstra	Aug 9	DL 99 GVA to JFK at 12:45 pm DL 2245 JFK to MSP at 6:00 pm DL 2748 MSP to FSD at 10:46 pm	Aug 9	11:44 pm
Rep. Vince Fong	Aug 9	DL 9662 GVA to AMS at 9:05 am DL 9389 AMS to LAX at 12:45 pm	Aug 9	2:50 pm
Rep. Scott Franklin	Aug 9	AA 6864 GVA to LHR at 12:20 pm AA 735 LHR to CLT at 3:00 pm	Aug 9	7:00 pm
Rep. Kevin Hern	Aug 9	UA 957 GVA to EWR at 9:20 am UA 2674 EWR to IAH at 4:18 pm UA 2112 IAH to TUL at 7:50 pm	Aug 9	9:27 pm
Rep. Ashley Hinson	Aug 9	DL 8521 GVA to CDG at 8:30 am DL 153 CDG to MSP at 10:50 am DL 4906 MSP to Cedar Rapids at 2:35 pm	Aug 9	3:43 pm
Rep. Steven Horsford	Aug 9	UA 957 GVA to EWR at 9:20 am UA 4443 EWR to DCA at 4:20 pm	Aug 9	5:49 pm
Rep. Erin Houchin	Aug 9	UA 957 GVA to EWR at 9:20 am UA 3502 EWR to SDF at 6:30 pm	Aug 9	8:59 pm
Rep. Bill Huizenga	Aug 8	DL 9662 GVA to AMS at 9:05 am DL 137 AMS to DTW at 1:00 pm DL 4035 DTW to GRR at 6:00 pm	Aug 8	6:58 pm
Rep. Dave Joyce	Aug 9	BA 729 GVA to LHR at 12:20 pm BA 171 LHR to PIT at 4:40 pm	Aug 9	7:45 pm
Rep. Jen Kiggans	Aug 9	UA 957 GVA to EWR at 9:20 am UA 4521 EWR to ORF at 2:59 pm	Aug 9	4:29 pm
Rep. Kevin Kiley	Aug 9	UA 749 GVA to IAD at 11:00 am UA 2435 IAD to SMF at 6:44 pm	Aug 9	9:29 pm

Rep. David Kustoff	Aug 9	AA 6858 GVA to LHR at 7:20 am AA 733 LHR to CLT at 11:00 am AA 5291CLT to MEM at 4:15 pm	Aug 9	5:08 pm
Rep. Bob Latta	Aug 9	DL 8603 GVA to CDG at 12:00 pm DL 8572 CDG to DTW at 4:25 pm	Aug 9	7:05 pm
Rep. Frank Lucas	Aug 10	AA 6862 GVA to LHR at 11:50 am AA 735 LHR to CLT at 3:00 pm AA 768 CLT to OKC at 9:40 pm	Aug 10	11:09 pm
Rep. Greg Murphy	Aug 11	Taking another trip		
Rep. Dan Newhouse	Aug 9	Taking another trip		
Rep. Zach Nunn	Aug 9	BA 725 GVA to LHR at 9:55 am BA 299 LHR to ORD at 1:10 pm UA 1531 ORD to DSM at 8:20 pm	Aug 9	9:47 pm
Rep. Jay Obernolte	Aug 9	UA 957 GVA to EWR at 9:20 am UA 2191 EWR to LAX at 2:10 pm	Aug 9	5:04 pm
Rep. Jimmy Panetta	Aug 9	Swiss 1094 GVA to FRA at 2:20 pm UA 927 FRA to SFO at 5:30 pm	Aug 9	7:50 pm
Del. Stacey Plaskett	Aug 9	EI 681 GVA to DUB at 10:05 am EI 117 DUB to IAD at 12:50 pm	Aug 9	3:50 pm
Rep. Linda Sánchez	Aug 9	DL 8525 GVA to CDG at 10:30 am DL 8632 CDG to IAD 1:45 pm	Aug 9	4:20 pm
Rep. Terri Sewell	Aug 9	AA 6860 GVA to LHR at 9:55 am AA 6912 LHR to PHL at 1:30 pm AA 5357 PHL to BHM at 7:50 pm	Aug 9	9:23 pm
Rep. Pete Sessions	Aug 9	AA 6864 GVA to LHR at 12:20 pm AA 153 LHR to DFW at 3:10 pm AA 3349 DFW to ACT at 9:30 pm	Aug 9	10:15 pm
Rep. Tom Suozzi	Aug 9	Return is on own - paying their own way		
Rep. Emilia Sykes	Aug 9	DL99 GVA to JFK at 12:45 pm DL 5681 JFK to CLE at 9:25 pm	Aug 9	11:42 pm

TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange

Geneva, Switzerland | August 5-9, 2025

May 9, 2025

The Honorable Emilia Sykes
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Sykes:

You and Kevin are invited to participate in the TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange (C2C) policy conference that The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center are holding in Geneva, Switzerland, August 5-9, 2025. We will depart from the U.S. on Monday, August 4 to arrive in Geneva on Tuesday August 5 and return to your district on Saturday, August 9.

For nearly 40 years, our TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange conference has been held in capital cities around the world. The purpose of our 2025 C2C in Geneva is to examine some of the key issues impacting U.S. relations with Switzerland, the UN, and other international agencies based in Geneva. Participating in our conference will be a bipartisan delegation of Members of the U.S. House of Representatives as well as many of our organizations' members.

During the conference the delegation will conduct meetings, attend keynote addresses, and participate in panel discussions with members of the Swiss government, senior officials from UN organizations, and other public and private sector leaders and experts based in Switzerland and from across the EU. Additionally, we anticipate sessions with some of the U.S. diplomatic missions in Switzerland, including the U.S. Embassy in Bern, the U.S. Mission to the UN in Geneva, and the U.S. Mission to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

The topics of these meetings will include trade, taxation, energy security, climate change, financial services and banking, health care, defense, China, AI technology, workforce issues and immigration, and global health, among others. Through these discussions between our delegation and international public and private sector officials as well as other leaders based in Geneva, we seek to encourage further cooperation and understanding in these many public policy areas.

Those participating in the conference will also visit unique and important sites in and around Geneva, including CERN (the European Organization for Nuclear Research), the International Red Cross Museum and the Olympic Museum.

With your acceptance, you and Kevin will receive non-refundable roundtrip business class airfare between your Congressional District and Geneva. We will also provide hotel accommodations, group meals and ground transportation in Switzerland. The TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange has been organized in accordance with all House Ethics Committee guidelines.

We can accommodate a 30 - 35 bipartisan Member delegation along with our other guests. **Kindly RSVP by May 16, 2025. Acceptances will be taken on a first come first served basis.**

Enclosed is more information about the conference and The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center, a preliminary outline of our agenda, and a summary of our 2024 conference in Vienna, Austria.

We thank you for your consideration of this invitation. If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 216-1008 or jconzelman2@riponsociety.org.

Sincerely,

Jim Conzelman
President and CEO
The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center

TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange

Geneva, Switzerland | August 5-9, 2025

Conference Agenda

Name	Departure date	Flights and departure times (all times local)	Arrival date	Arrival time
Rep. Joyce Beatty	Aug 4	UA 3564 CMH to EWR at 12:34 pm UA 956 EWR to GVA at 5:30 pm	Aug 5	7:30 am
Rep. Cliff Bentz	Aug 4	DL 2017 BOI to MSP at 10:24 am DL 152 MSP to CDG at 3:45 pm DL 8522 CDG to GVA at 8:30 am	Aug 5	9:40 am
Rep. Stephanie Bice	Aug 4	AA 3896 OKC to DFW at 12:02 pm AA 50 DFW to LHR at 3:15 pm AA 6861 LHR to GVA at 8:10 am	Aug 5	10:50 am
Rep. Mike Bost	Aug 1	UA 748 IAD to GVA at 5:25 pm	Aug 2	7:40 am
Rep. Mike Carey	Aug 4	UA 3564 CMH to EWR at 12:34 pm UA 956 EWR to GVA at 5:30 pm	Aug 5	7:30 am
Rep. Ed Case	Aug 4	UA 373 HNL to SFO at 7:00 am UA 948 SFO to LHR at 4:00 pm UA 9739 LHR to GVA at 2:25 pm	Aug 5	5:05 pm
Rep. Ron Estes	Aug 4	AA 4987 ICT to ORD at 12:41 pm AA 7003 ORD to LHR at 4:55 pm AA 6861 LHR to GVA at 8:10 am	Aug 5	10:50 am
Rep. Vince Fong	Aug 4	DL 938 LAX to JFK at 10:10 am DL 100 JFK to GVA at 8:50 pm	Aug 5	10:45 am
Rep. Scott Franklin	Aug 3	AA 748 CLT to MAD at 3:35 pm AA 8821 MAD to GVA at 7:15 am	Aug 4	9:15 am
Rep. Kevin Hern	Aug 4	UA 5651 TUL to IAH at 3:36 pm UA 880 IAH to LHR at 4:20 pm LH 905 LHR to FRA at 11:51 am LH 5758 FRA to GVA at 4:30 pm	Aug 5	5:45 pm
Rep. Ashley Hinson	Aug 4	DL 4899 CID to MSP at 12:02 pm DL 152 MSP to CDG at 3:45 pm DL 8522 CDG to GVA at 8:30 am	Aug 5	9:40 am
Rep. Erin Houchin	Aug 4	UA 4470 TVC to ORD at 11:35 am UA 2341 ORD to EWR at 1:09 pm UA 956 EWR to GVA at 5:30 pm	Aug 5	7:30 am
Rep. Bill Huizenga	Aug 3	DL 4066 GRR to MSP at 1:08 pm DL 152 MSP to CDG at 3:45 pm AF 1442 CDG to GVA at 12:40 pm	Aug 4	1:50 pm
Rep. Kevin Kiley	Aug 5	LX 2163 PMI to GVA at 9:10 am	Aug 5	10:50 am
Rep. David Kustoff	Aug 4	AA 1846 MEM to CLT at 7:26 am AA 748 CLT to MAD at 3:35 pm	Aug 5	9:15 am

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Rep. Bob Latta	Aug 4	DL 96 DTW to CDG at 4:25 pm DL 8522 CDG to GVA at 8:30 am	Aug 5	9:40 am
Rep. Frank Lucas	Aug 4	AA 3896 OKC to DFW at 12:02 pm AA 50 DFW to LHR at 3:15 pm AA 6861 LHR to GVA at 8:10 am	Aug 5	10:50 am
Rep. Greg Murphy	Aug 3	UA 2289 RDU to EWR at 10:19 am UA 956 EWR to GVA at 5:30 pm	Aug 4	7:30 am
Rep. Dan Newhouse	Aug 1	UA 2860 PSC to DEN at 5:30 am UA 2087 DEN to IAD at 10:10 am UA 748 IAD to GVA at 5:25 pm	Aug 2	7:40 am
Rep. Zach Nunn	Aug 1	BA 4358 DSM to ORD at 6:09 pm BA 296 ORD to LHR at 9:15 pm BA 726 LHR to GVA at 8:10 am	Aug 5	10:50 am
Rep. Jay Obernolte	Aug 4	UA 8844 LAX to FRA at 2:55 pm LX 1083 FRA to GVA at 12:25 pm	Aug 5	1:35 pm
Rep. Jimmy Panetta	Aug 4	UA 194 SFO to MUC at 2:00 pm Swiss 1123 MUC to GVA at 11:05 am	Aug 5	12:20 pm
Del. Stacey Plaskett	Aug 2	EI 116 IAD to DUB at 5:20 pm EI 680 DUB to GVA at 6:15 am	Aug 3	9:25 am
Rep. Linda Sánchez	Aug 4	DL 938 LAX to JFK at 10:10 am DL 100 JFK to GVA at 8:50 pm	Aug 5	10:45 am
Rep. Pete Sessions	Aug 1	AA 6443 ACT to DFW at 10:51 am AA 50 DFW to LHR at 3:15 pm AA 6861 LHR to GVA at 8:20 am	Aug 2	11:00 am
Rep. Terri Sewell	Aug 4	AF 2268 BMH to ATL at 4:15 pm AF 33 ATL to CDG at 8:05 pm AF 1442 CDG to GVA at 12:40 pm	Aug 5	1:50 pm
Rep. Tom Suozzi	Aug 4	UA 9719 JFK to GVA at 7:25 pm	Aug 5	9:15 am
Rep. Emilia Sykes	Aug 4	DL 5018 CLE to JFK at 12:29 pm DL 100 JFK to GVA at 8:50 pm	Aug 5	10:45 am

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Morning	Flight arrivals in Geneva from the United States
Morning	Check into the InterContinental hotel in Geneva
8:00 am-2:30 pm	Conference registration open in Café Mezzo at InterContinental
	LUNCH ON OWN
3:15 pm	Gather in Grand Ballroom for opening sessions

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3:15 pm-3:30 pm **Members of Congress-only briefing**

A briefing about conference security as well as an overview of the complete conference itself from leadership of The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center and the head of security for the conference.

- **Mr. Jim Conzelman** – President and CEO of The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center
- **The Honorable Jim Renacci** – Vice Chair, the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange
- **Mr. Ted Allen** – Head of Security, TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange, Pinkerton Security
- **Mr. Pär Larsson** – Acting Regional Security Officer, U.S. Mission Geneva

3:30 pm-4:00 pm **The China Challenge in Geneva**

Members of Congress-only briefing led by senior leadership from the U.S. Mission to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva on China's growing influence within Geneva-based multilateral organizations and their efforts to shape these institutions to advance CCP interests.

- **Ms. Tressa Rae Finerty** – Chargé d'Affaires, United States Mission to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva
- **Mr. Rodney Hunter** – Acting Deputy Chief of Mission and Minister Counselor for Multilateral Economic and Political Affairs, U.S. Mission Geneva
- **Ms. Tania Ghazar** – Peace and Security Officer, U.S. Mission Geneva
- **Dr. Matthew Lim** – Global Health Attaché, U.S. Mission Geneva
- **Ms. Heather Kalmbach** – Counselor for Humanitarian Affairs, U.S. Mission Geneva

4:00 pm-4:15 pm Break and transition into conference opening

4:15 pm-4:45 pm **Conference opening**

Welcoming and opening remarks by the President & CEO of The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center as well as the co-chairs of each organization's honorary congressional advisory board.

- **Representative Frank Lucas (R-OK)** – Co-Chair of The Ripon Society's Honorary Congressional Advisory Board
- **Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)** – Co-Chair of the Franklin Center's Honorary Congressional Advisory Board
- **Mr. Jim Conzelman** – President and CEO of The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center
- **Mr. Ted Allen** – Head of Security, TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange, Pinkerton Security

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4:45 pm-5:45 pm **<u>In Country Briefing</u>**

A briefing by the top officials from U.S. Embassy Bern and the U.S. Mission to International Organizations in Geneva in which they will discuss U.S.-Swiss bilateral relations and U.S. engagement with the more than forty multilateral organizations based in Geneva.

- **Mr. Brad Bell** – Chargé d'Affaires, Embassy of the United States to the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Lichtenstein
- **Ms. Tressa Rae Finerty** – Chargé d'Affaires, United States Mission to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva
- Introduction and gift presentation: **Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)** – Co-Chair of The Ripon Society's Honorary Congressional Advisory Board
- Introduction and gift presentation: **Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)** – Co-Chair of the Franklin Center's Honorary Congressional Advisory Board

5:45 pm-6:30 pm Welcoming reception in Foyer and Mezzanine

6:30 pm-8:30 pm Welcoming dinner at Poolside

8:30 pm-10:00 pm After dinner coffee in Mezzanine Bar

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

7:00 am-8:45 am Breakfast at hotel in Paris Room

8:55 am Gather in Grand Ballroom for policy panels

9:00 am-10:00 am **Panel 1 – <u>The future of U.S. trade engagement and policy</u>**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Swiss officials

A panel discussion focusing on the current and future trade priorities of the United States on the global stage. The conversation will also discuss the bilateral trade relationship between the U.S. and Switzerland amidst the evolving landscape of U.S. trade engagement, and it will explore the challenges and opportunities facing our nations in the global trade arena.

- **Representative Linda Sánchez (D-CA)**
- **Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL)**
- **Representative Dan Newhouse (R-WA)**
- **Representative Ashley Hinson (R-IA)**
- **Representative Emilia Sykes (D-OH)**
- **Ambassador Ivo Germann** – Head of the Foreign Economic Affairs Directorate, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research
- **Dr. Rahul Sahgal** – CEO, Swiss-American Chamber of Commerce
- Moderator: **The Honorable Jim Renacci** – Vice Chair, the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange

10:00 am-10:30 am **Keynote speaker – <u>Global migration challenges and opportunities for the International Organization for Migration (IOM)</u>**

Keynote remarks

The Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) will deliver keynote remarks about her organization's current work and priorities. She will speak about their data-driven approach to anticipating migration patterns and trends and how those are shaping the global economic and security landscape. She will also share their ideas for enhanced collaboration between IOM with governments around the world like the United States and the private sector during this period of reexamination of global assistance.

- **Ms. Amy E. Pope** – Director General, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Introducer: **Representative Dan Newhouse (R-WA)**

10:30 am-10:45 am Break

(Wednesday continued)

10:45 am-11:45 am **Panel 2 – <u>Financial services and economic policy</u>**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Swiss officials

A panel discussion focusing on all aspects of the financial ecosystem, including banking, insurance, monetary policy, bond and stock markets, and other financial service industries. The panel will speak to ways governments can help maintain – or hurt – healthy markets during this period of global uncertainty.

- **Representative Frank Lucas (R-OK)**
- **Representative Pete Sessions (R-TX)**
- **Representative Bill Huizenga (R-MI)**
- **Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)**
- **Representative Zach Nunn (R-IA)**
- **Ambassador Michael Manz** – Head of Financial System and Financial Markets, State Secretariat for International Finance, Federal Department of Finance
- Moderator: **Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL)**

11:45 am-12:30 pm **Lunch with speaker – <u>Global refugee challenges and opportunities for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)</u>**

Keynote remarks over lunch

The Deputy High Commissioner from the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) will deliver keynote remarks on its mission as the UN Refugee Agency and its current work protecting the rights and well-being of people forced to flee. She will share insights into UNHCR's comprehensive approach in response to the unprecedented scale of ongoing crises around the world, and her ideas for enhanced collaboration with governments like the United States and the private sector in addressing these multifaceted challenges during this period of reexamination of global assistance.

- **Ms. Kelly T. Clements** – Deputy High Commissioner, UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- Introducer: **Representative Greg Murphy (R-NC)**

12:30 pm-12:45 pm Bus from hotel to World Trade Organization (WTO)

12:45 pm-2:45 pm **<u>Members of Congress-only meeting at the World Trade Organization</u>**

The Members of Congress will visit the headquarters of the World Trade Organization to meet with senior officials to discuss the WTO's mission and its efforts to maintain global trade order, assist in the negotiating of trade agreements, and to help resolve trade disputes between its member countries.

- **Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala** – Director-General, World Trade Organization (WTO)
- **Ms. Angela Ellard** – Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization (WTO)
- **Representative Frank Lucas (R-OK)** – Co-leader of Congressional delegation to the WTO
- **Representative Linda Sánchez (D-CA)** – Co-leader of Congressional delegation to the WTO

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2:45 pm-3:15 pm Bus from WTO to Hôtel de ville de Genève, Geneva City Hall, and Cathédrale Saint-Pierre

3:15 pm-4:15 pm **"Geneva: Small City, Global Legacy"**

Two historian-guided visits to globally significant parts of Old Town Geneva

In a visit led by a historian from the ICRC and a Canton of Geneva official, the Members of Congress will be shown historic Hôtel de ville de Genève – Geneva's City Hall – where the first Geneva Convention was signed in 1864. This signing occurred in the Alabama Room, named after a U.S. Civil War-related arbitration between the 6 States and Great Britain, which represents Geneva's emergence as the world's neutral meeting ground.

Another historian will guide the group through the Cathédrale Saint-Pierre, the spiritual center of Reformation leader John Calvin's Geneva. From its pulpit, Calvin delivered thousands of sermons that transformed Western religious thought and governance, and bestowed Geneva with the nickname "the Protestant Rome."

4:15 pm-4:30 pm Bus from Geneva City Hall and Cathédrale Saint-Pierre to hotel

5:45 pm Bus departs from hotel for Olympic Museum

7:00 pm-8:00 pm **Exploration of the Olympic Museum**

A visit to the Olympic Museum will provide an opportunity to further examine the role of athletics in global diplomacy, international achievement, and economic development in advance of the United States hosting the Games of the XXXIV Olympiad in Los Angeles in Summer 2028 and the XXVII Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City in 2034.

7:15 pm-8:15 pm Reception

8:15 pm-10:00 pm **Dinner with Member of Congress-led policy discussions**

Each Member of Congress will lead a small dinner discussion following up on one of the panel discussions or the luncheon topics from earlier during the conference:

Rep. Beatty – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Kustoff – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Bentz – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Latta – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Bice – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Lucas – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Bost – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Murphy – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Carey – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Newhouse – Global refugee & migration challenges
Rep. Case – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Nunn – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Estes – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Obernolte – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Fong – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Panetta – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Franklin – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Del. Plaskett – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Hern – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Sánchez – Global refugee and migration challenges
Rep. Hinson – Financial services and economic policy	Rep. Sessions – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Houchin – Financial services and economic policy	Rep. Sewell – Financial services and economic policy
Rep. Huizenga – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Suozzi – U.S. trade engagement and policy
Rep. Kiley – U.S. trade engagement and policy	Rep. Sykes – Financial services and economic policy

10:00 pm-10:45 pm Return via bus to the hotel

Thursday, August 7, 2025

6:30 am-7:30 am Breakfast at hotel in Paris Room

7:30 am-8:15 am Members of Congress and spouses depart hotel via bus to CERN

8:00 am-8:30 am **Welcoming remarks and overview of CERN**

Straddling the borders of Switzerland and France, the European Organization for Nuclear Research – CERN – is home to the largest particle physics laboratory in the world. A leading expert from CERN will give a briefing about the mission and work of CERN, including its historic discoveries and the real-world applications of the leading science occurring on their campus.

- **Ms. Charlotte Lindberg Warakaulle** – Director for International Relations, CERN
- **Ms. Sarah Charley** – Communications Officer, U.S. CERN

8:30 am-10:40 am **Expert-led visits on the campus of CERN**

The participants will visit two of the CERN campus' nearly dozen nuclear and particle facilities: the CERN Control Centre and the Antimatter Factory. They will learn about the cutting-edge science of the Large Hadron Collider and experiments on newly discovered particles, including antihydrogen.

10:40 am-11:40 am **Panel 3 – AI and technology: shaping society and security**

Keynote remarks and panel of U.S. Members of Congress and international officials

A panel discussion on how artificial intelligence and emerging technologies are changing all aspects of society, with an added focus on their implications for national security and defense. Panelists will explore how governments and international bodies can foster innovation while developing responsible safeguards, regulatory frameworks, and cooperative strategies to address global risks and ensure technological leadership in an increasingly competitive and complex security environment.

- Keynote remarks: **Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin** – Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- **Representative Ed Case (D-HI)**
- **Representative Scott Franklin (R-FL)**
- **Representative Jay Obernolte (R-CA)**
- **Representative Kevin Kiley (R-CA)**
- **Representative Vince Fong (R-CA)**
- Moderator: **Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)**

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11:40 am-12:40 pm **Panel 4 – <u>Energy security and climate policy</u>**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Swiss officials

A panel discussion on all aspects of the energy sector as countries search for a more affordable and more stable sources and energy mix. The panel will also discuss how Russia's invasion of Ukraine has affected energy security in Europe. Finally, the panel will examine climate change concerns, and discuss whether continued technological innovation and cleaner energy sources are sufficient to address these problems, or if further intervention by governments will be necessary.

- **Representative Bob Latta (R-OH)**
- **Representative Mike Bost (R-IL)**
- **Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)**
- **Representative Cliff Bentz (R-OR)**
- **Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)**
- **Ambassador Guillaume Cassaigneau** – Head of International Energy Affairs, Swiss Federal Office of Energy
- Moderator: **Representative Erin Houchin (R-IN)**

12:40 pm-1:40 pm **<u>The Swiss Apprenticeship Model</u>**

Keynote remarks over lunch

A leader from the Swiss government will share about Switzerland's world-renowned system for apprenticeship. They will also speak to what the United States may be able to learn from this workforce development model and how such a system public-private cooperation could be brought to America.

- **Dr. Martina Hirayama** – State Secretary for Education, Research and Innovation, Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research
- Introducer: **Representative Kevin Kiley (R-CA)**

1:40 pm-2:00 pm Depart CERN via bus to hotel

3:15 pm-4:15 pm **<u>Cross-Border Relations: Switzerland's Unique Position in Europe</u>**

Expert briefing en route from hotel to Annecy, France

A Swiss expert will provide insights on the bus about Switzerland's distinct approach to European integration while maintaining its historic neutrality. The briefing will examine Switzerland's strategic relationships with the European Union and its participation in the Schengen Area, highlighting the economic benefits of open borders for trade, tourism, and labor mobility across the Alpine region.

4:15 pm-6:30 pm Self-guided visit of Annecy, France

6:30 pm-8:00 pm Reception-style dinner at Imperial Palace Hotel

8:00 pm-8:45 pm Depart Annecy, France via bus to hotel in Geneva, Switzerland

8:45 pm-10:30 pm After dinner coffee at hotel in Mezzanine Bar

Friday, August 8, 2025

7:00 am-8:00 am — Breakfast at hotel in Paris Room

8:00 am — Bus to Campus Biotech for policy panels

8:30 am-9:30 am — **Panel 5 – <u>U.S. tax policy and its international impact</u>**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Swiss officials

A panel discussion focusing on the tax reform efforts of the Congress of the United States and the global ramification of such actions. The prospect of reforms to the existing U.S.-Swiss tax treaty will also be explored.

- **Delegate Stacey Plaskett (D-VI)**
- **Representative Ron Estes (R-KS)**
- **Representative Kevin Hern (R-OK)**
- **Representative Tom Suozzi (D-NY)**
- **Representative Mike Carey (R-OH)**
- **Ms. Daniela Stoffel** – State Secretary for International Finance, Federal Department of Finance
- Moderator: **The Honorable Jim Renacci** – Vice Chair, the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange

9:30 am-10:00 am — **Keynote speaker – <u>The International Committee of the Red Cross: From Geneva Conventions to Today's Global Crises</u>**

Keynote remarks

A leader from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) will provide an overview of the ICRC and discuss its distinct role in global humanitarian response. He will trace their organization's history from its founding in Geneva in 1863 through its role in creating the Geneva Conventions, to its current operations in today's complex crises including those in Ukraine to Gaza. Additionally, he will explain how the ICRC's principle of neutrality enables it access across enemy lines as it navigates emerging challenges in an increasingly polarized world.

- **Mr. Marc Rivers** – Chief Financial Officer and Managing Director, International Committee of the Red Cross
- Introducer: **Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)**

10:00 am-10:15 am — Break

10:15 am-11:15 am — **Panel 6 – <u>Health care and pharmaceuticals</u>**

Panel of U.S. Members of Congress and Swiss experts

A panel discussing what the U.S. and Swiss governments can do to encourage better patient care and health care outcomes while maintaining or lowering costs for consumers. The conversation will also explore solutions to the high cost of pharmaceuticals while ensuring substantial private sector investment in innovation.

- **Representative Linda Sánchez (D-CA)**
- **Representative David Kustoff (R-TN)**
- **Representative Greg Murphy (R-NC)**
- **Representative Erin Houchin (R-IN)**
- **Mr. Michael Oberreiter** – International Head of External Affairs, Roche

Moderator: **Representative Ashley Hinson (R-IA)**

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11:15 am-11:45 am **Keynote speaker – <u>The Future of Swiss-U.S. Relations</u>**

Keynote remarks

The Vice President of Switzerland and leader of the Swiss department of economic affairs will discuss the state of Swiss relations and friendship with the United States during this eventful period around the world.

- **Mr. Guy Parmelin** – Vice President, Federal Council of the Swiss Confederation; Councillor, Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research
- Introducer: **Representative Frank Lucas (R-OK)**

11:45 am-12:15 pm Members of Congress bus to hotel for working lunch

12:15 pm-1:30 pm **<u>Members of Congress-only bilateral meeting and working lunch with members of the Swiss Parliament and Swiss government</u>**

Elected officials from the U.S. House of Representatives and the Swiss Federal Assembly will meet over lunch to discuss the future of U.S.-Swiss relations and cooperation. Two U.S. leaders and the Swiss elected officials will speak as part of a panel. Also attending and participating are key figures from the government of the Swiss Confederation.

<u>Panelists</u>

- **Mr. Damien Cottier** – Member, National Council (FDP.The Liberals-Neuchâtel); President, Parliamentary Association Switzerland-USA
- **Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)** – Co-leader of Congressional delegation at bilateral meeting
- **Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)** – Co-leader of Congressional delegation at bilateral meeting
- **Mr. Fabian Molina** – Member, National Council (SP-Zürich); Vice President, Parliamentary Association Switzerland-USA; Foreign Affairs Committee
- **Mr. Laurent Wehrli** – Member, National Council (FDP.The Liberals-Vaud); President, Foreign Affairs Committee
- **Mr. Simon Michel** – Member, National Council (FDP.The Liberals-Solothurn); Foreign Affairs Committee
- Moderator: **Dr. Rahul Sahgal** – CEO, Swiss-American Chamber of Commerce

<u>Attendees</u>

- **Mrs. Christa Markwalder** – Former Member, National Council (FDP.The Liberals-Bern); former Speaker of the House
- **Ms. Isabelle Moret** – Member, State Council of Vaud (FDP.The Liberals); Former Member, National Council; former Speaker of the House
- **Ms. Brigitta Gadient** – Former Member, National Council (BDP Switzerland-Graubünden)
- **Ms. Daniela Stoffel** – State Secretary for International Finance, Federal Department of Finance
- **Mr. Alexandre Epalle** – Director General, Office for Economic Development and Innovation (OCEI), Department of Economy and Employment (DEE), Geneva
- **Mr. Matthieu Aubert** – Head of Service for Economic Affairs, Canton of Neuchâtel
- **Mr. Jerry Krattiger** – Managing Director, Fribourg Development Agency (Canton of Fribourg)
- **Ambassador François Voeffray Peyro** – Assistant Secretary for the Americas, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
- **Mr. Marcus Rothen** – Head of Regional Coordination North and Central America, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
- **Ms. Ariane Michaud** – Deputy Regional Coordinator for the United States of America, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

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2:00 pm-2:15 pm	Bus from hotel to "Flower Clock"
2:15 pm-4:15 pm	Self-guided visits to Old Town of Geneva and Lake Geneva
4:15 pm-4:30 pm	Bus back to hotel
4:30 pm-5:30 pm	Prepare for departures and for dinner
5:30 pm	Bus from hotel to closing reception and dinner
6:00 pm-6:45 pm	Closing reception

6:45 pm-10:00 pm **<u>Dinner with Member of Congress-led policy discussions</u>**

Conference closing remarks and dinner discussions

Each Member of Congress will lead a small dinner discussion following up on one of the panel discussions or the luncheon topics from earlier during the conference:

Rep. Beatty – Health and pharmaceuticals	Rep. Kiley – Apprenticeships
Rep. Bentz – AI and technology	Rep. Kustoff – Tax policy
Rep. Bice – AI and technology	Rep. Latta – AI and technology
Rep. Bost – Health and pharmaceuticals	Rep. Lucas – Energy security and climate policy
Rep. Carey – Health and pharmaceuticals	Rep. Murphy – Energy security and climate policy
Rep. Case – Tax policy	Rep. Newhouse – Energy security and climate policy
Rep. Estes – Tax policy	Rep. Nunn – AI and technology
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- **Mr. Jim Conzelman** – President and CEO of The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center
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- **Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)** – Co-Chair of The Ripon Society's Honorary Congressional Advisory Board

10:00 pm-10:30 pm	Bus to hotel
10:30 pm-12:30 am	After dinner coffee at hotel in Mezzanine Bar

Saturday, August 9

7:00 am-9:00 am Breakfast at hotel

Morning Departures

Name	Departure date	Flights and departure times (all times local)	Arrival date	Arrival time
Rep. Joyce Beatty	Aug 9	UA 957 GVA to EWR at 9:20 am UA 4431 EWR to CMH at 2:43 pm	Aug 9	4:36 pm
Rep. Cliff Bentz	Aug 9	Staying on own/ Ripon and Franklin paying one way flight only.		
Rep. Stephanie Bice	Aug 9	AA 6864 GVA to LHR at 12:20 pm AA 735 LHR to CLT at 3:00 pm AA 768 CLT to OKC at 9:40 pm	Aug 9	11:09 pm
Rep. Mike Bost	Aug 9	UA 957 GVA to EWR at 9:20 am UA 3719 EWR to STL at 2:35 pm	Aug 9	4:25 pm
Rep. Mike Carey	Aug 12	UA 18 MXP to EWR at 9:45 am UA 3545 EWR to CHM at 4:29 pm	Aug 12	6:24 pm
Rep. Ed Case	Aug 9	Taking another trip/Ripon & Franklin paying one way flight only		
Rep. Ron Estes	Aug 9	AA 6864 GVA to LHR at 12:20 pm AA 7006 LHR to ORD at 3:30 pm AA 6287 ORD to ICT at 9:19 pm	Aug 9	11:29 pm
Rep. Vince Fong	Aug 9	DL 9662 GVA to AMS at 9:05 am DL 9389 AMS to LAX at 12:45 pm	Aug 9	2:50 pm
Rep. Scott Franklin	Aug 9	AA 6864 GVA to LHR at 12:20 pm AA 735 LHR to CLT at 3:00 pm	Aug 9	7:00 pm
Rep. Kevin Hern	Aug 9	UA 9745 GVA to ZRH at 7:25 am UA 12 ZRH to ORD at 9:50 am UA 4482 ORD to TUL at 3:35 pm	Aug 9	5:35 pm
Rep. Ashley Hinson	Aug 9	DL 8603 GVA to CDG at 12:00 pm DL 85 CDG to ATL at 3:40 pm DL 2626 ATL to CID at 9:39 pm	Aug 9	10:44 pm
Rep. Erin Houchin	Aug 9	UA 957 GVA to EWR at 9:20 am UA 3502 EWR to SDF at 6:30 pm	Aug 9	8:59 pm
Rep. Bill Huizenga	Aug 8	DL 8521 GVA to CDG at 7:20 am DL 153 CDG to MSP at 10:50 am DL 1555 MSP to GRR at 5:11 pm	Aug 8	7:33 pm
Rep. Kevin Kiley	Aug 9	UA 749 GVA to IAD at 11:00 am UA 2435 IAD to SMF at 6:45 pm	Aug 9	9:29 pm
Rep. David Kustoff	Aug 9	AA 6858 GVA to LHR at 7:20 am AA 733 LHR to CLT at 11:00 am AA 5291 CLT to MEM at 4:15 pm	Aug 9	5:08 pm
Rep. Bob Latta	Aug 9	DL 9662 GVA to AMS at 9:05 am DL 137 AMS to DTW at 1:00 pm	Aug 9	1:00 pm
Rep. Frank Lucas	Aug 10	AA 6862 GVA to LHR at 11:50 am AA 735 LHR to CLT at 3:00 pm AA 768 CLT to OKC at 9:40 pm	Aug 10	11:09 pm
Rep. Greg Murphy	Aug 11	Taking another trip/Ripon& Franklin paying one way flight only		
Rep. Dan Newhouse	Aug 9	Taking another trip/Ripon & Franklin paying one way flight only		

Rep. Zach Nunn	Aug 9	BA 725 GVA to LHR at 9:55 am BA 299 LHR to ORD at 1:10 pm UA 1531 ORD to DSM at 8:20 pm	Aug 9	9:47 pm
Rep. Jay Obernolte	Aug 8	UA 8391 GVA to YUL at 12:40 pm UA 8066 YUL to LAX at 4:45 pm	Aug 8	7:40 pm
Rep. Jimmy Panetta	Aug 9	Swiss 1094 GVA to FRA at 2:20 pm UA 927 FRA to SFO at 5:30 pm	Aug 9	7:50 pm
Del. Stacey Plaskett	Aug 9	EI 681 GVA to DUB at 10:05 am EI 117 DUB to IAD at 12:50 pm	Aug 9	3:50 pm
Rep. Linda Sánchez	Aug 9	DL 8525 GVA to CDG at 10:30 am DL 8632 CDG to IAD 1:45 pm	Aug 9	4:20 pm
Rep. Terri Sewell	Aug 7	Taking another trip – Ripon/Franklin paying one way flight only		
Rep. Pete Sessions	Aug 9	AA 6864 GVA to LHR at 12:20 pm AA 153 LHR to DFW at 3:10 pm AA 3349 DFW to ACT at 9:30 pm	Aug 9	10:15 pm
Rep. Tom Suozzi	Aug 9	Return on own, Ripon & Franklin paying one way flight only		
Rep. Emilia Sykes	Aug 8	DL 99 GVA to JFK at 12:45 pm DL 4946 JFK to CLE at 9:25 pm	Aug 8	11:42 pm

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Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Switzerland,[1] scheduled for August 4 to 8, 2025, sponsored by the Ripon Society and the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
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