

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: Rep. Ron Estes
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Susan Estes **OR** ☐ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 06/05/26 Return: 06/07/26
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** ☐ None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: New York, NY Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Aspen Institute Congressional Program
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: Ron Estes

Date: 6/18/2026

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☐ Original ☐ Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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

2. Travel Destination(s): _____

3. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): _____

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				
Accompanying Family Member				

6. ☐ All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment.
Signify statement is true by checking box.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Chloe M. Dent Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

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

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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

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

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Congressman Ron Estes
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: New York, New York
4. a. Date of Departure: June 5, 2026 Date of Return: June 7, 2026
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: Susan Estes
(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 Ways and Means Committee, I am attending this to discuss domestic health challenges facing the United States.

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: Ron Estes

Date: 5/4/2026

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:

The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)

2. ☒ I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

- a. ☐ The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
- b. ☐ The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
- c. ☒ The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: The Commonwealth Fund

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 attached Appendix

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

6. Date of Departure: June 5, 2026

Date of Return: June 7, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): New York, NY

c. City of return: Washington, DC

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:

See Appendix

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**

- a. Mode of travel: Air ☐ Rail ☒ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (specify: _____)
- b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (specify: _____)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. ☒ I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

- a. ☐ The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b. ☒ The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
- 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$80

- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

Central location for experts and scholars on the conference topic

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

Hotel Name: The Kimberly Hotel City: New York, NY Cost Per Night: \$281

Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to conference space

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	\$711	\$562	\$237
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$711	\$0	\$237

	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	\$515	See Appendix
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$515	See Appendix

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: 05/01/2026
Name: Charlie Dent Title: VP & Executive Director
Organization: The Aspen Institute, Inc.
Address: 2300 N Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20037
Email: Lisa.jones@aspeninstitute.org Telephone: 202-736-5859

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

HOUSE APPENDIX

Aspen Institute Congressional Program

“In Search of Affordability: Major Health Care Cost Drivers in the US Health System & The Role of Congress”

June 3-5, 2026

Question 4: Provide names and titles of all House Members you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited.

These members are invited due to their subject matter interest and expertise in the issues to be discussed at the conference.

Rep. Robert Aderholt - Committee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

Rep. Mark Alford - Committee on Appropriations

Rep. Gabe Amo - Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

Rep. Jake Auchincloss - Committee on Energy and Commerce

Rep. Jim Baird - Committee on Energy and Commerce

Rep. Don Bacon - Committee on Armed Services

Rep. Troy Balderson - Committee on Energy and Commerce

Rep. Nanette Barragan - Committee on Energy and Commerce

Rep. Aaron Bean - Committee on Ways and Means

Rep. Cliff Bentz - Committee on Energy and Commerce

Rep. Ami Bera - Committee on Intelligence

Rep. Don Beyer - Committee on Ways and Means

Rep. Stephanie Bice - Committee on Appropriations

Rep. Gus Bilirakis - Committee on Energy and Commerce

Rep. Brendan Boyle - Committee on Ways and Means

Rep. Kat Cammack - Committee on Energy and Commerce

Rep. Salud Carbajal - Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Rep. Mike Carey - Committee on Ways and Means

Rep. Troy Carter - Committee on Energy and Commerce

Rep. Sean Casten - Committee on Financial Services

Rep. Judy Chu - Committee on Ways and Means

Rep. Andrew Clyde - Committee on Appropriations

Rep. Herb Conaway - Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Rep. Lou Correa - Committee on the Judiciary

Rep. Jim Costa - Committee on Agriculture
Rep. Madeleine Dean - Committee on Appropriations
Rep. Diana DeGette - Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. Rosa DeLauro - Committee on Appropriations
Rep. Maxine Dexter - Committee on Veterans' Affairs
Rep. Debbie Dingell - Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. Lloyd Doggett - Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Chuck Edwards - Committee on Appropriations
Rep. Jake Ellzey - Committee on Appropriations
Rep. Ron Estes - Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick - Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Chuck Fleischmann - Committee on Appropriations
Rep. Vince Fong - Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Rep. Lois Frankel - Committee on Appropriations
Rep. Scott Franklin - Committee on Appropriations
Rep. John Garamendi - Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Rep. Morgan Griffith - Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. Glenn Grothman - Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
Rep. Michael Guest - Committee on Appropriations
Rep. Brett Guthrie - Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. Josh Harder - Committee on Appropriations
Rep. Mike Haridopolos - Committee on Financial Services
Rep. Andy Harris - Committee on Appropriations
Rep. Diana Harshbarger - Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. Kevin Hern - Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Steven Horsford - Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Erin Houchin - Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. Julie Johnson - Committee on Homeland Security
Rep. John Joyce - Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. Tom Kean - Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. Mike Kelly - Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Trent Kelly - Committee on Agriculture
Rep. Mike Kennedy - Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Rep. Tim Kennedy - Committee on Homeland Security
Rep. Jen Kiggans - Committee on Veterans' Affairs
Rep. Young Kim - Committee on Financial Services
Rep. Brad Knott - Committee on Homeland Security

Rep. David Kustoff - Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Greg Landsman - Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. Nick Langworthy - Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. Rick Larsen - Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Rep. Julia Letlow - Committee on Appropriations
Rep. Ted Lieu - Committee on the Judiciary
Rep. Sam Liccardo - Committee on Financial Services
Rep. Frank Lucas - Committee on Financial Services
Rep. Stephen Lynch - Committee on Financial Services
Rep. John Mannion - Committee on Education and Workforce
Rep. Rich McCormick - Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Rep. Jim McGovern - Committee on Agriculture
Rep. Carol Miller - Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Max Miller - Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks - Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. John Moolenaar - Committee on Appropriations
Rep. Blake Moore - Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Riley Moore - Committee on Appropriations
Rep. Tim Moore - Committee on Financial Services
Rep. Kelly Morrison - Committee on Veterans' Affairs
Rep. Greg Murphy - Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Jay Obernolte - Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez - Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. Bob Ounder - Committee on Education and Workforce
Rep. Frank Pallone - Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. Gary Palmer - Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. August Pfluger - Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. Mark Pocan - Committee on Appropriations
Rep. Deborah Ross - Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Rep. Michael Rulli - Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. Raul Ruiz - Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. Andrea Salinas - Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Rep. Linda Sanchez - Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Kim Schrier - Committee on Energy and Commerce
Rep. Pete Sessions - Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
Rep. Terri Sewell - Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Mike Simpson - Committee on Appropriations

Rep. Adrian Smith - Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Lloyd Smucker - Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Greg Steube - Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Claudia Tenney - Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Mike Thompson - Committee on Ways and Means

Question 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 Aspen Institute Congressional Program is organizing and will conduct the conference and select and invite the attendees. The foundation listed in 3C, Commonwealth Agenda, did not play a role in organizing or conducting the conference. The foundation provided grant funding for the program.



In Search of Affordability: Major Health Care Cost Drivers in the US Health System & the Role of Congress

June 5-7, 2026 | New York City, New York

AGENDA

Arrivals

Member Name	Departs Washington, DC	Arrives in New York, NY
Rep. Nanette Barragan	June 5, Departs at 11:56 AM on 134 Northeast Regional Train	June 5, Arrives at 3:20 PM on 134 Northeast Regional Train
Repl. Lou Correa	June 5, Departs at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	June 5, Arrives at 3:20pm on 134 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Jim Costa	June 5, Departs at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives June 5 at 3:20pm on 134 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Diana DeGette	June 5, Departs at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	June 5, Arrives at 3:20pm on 134 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Maxine Dexter	June 5, Departs at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	June 5, Arrives at 3:20 PM on 134 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Ron Estes	June 5, Departs at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	June 5, Arrives at 3:20 PM on 134 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Mike Haridopolos	June 5, Departs at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	June 5, Arrives at 3:20 PM on 134 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Julie Johnson	June 5, Departs at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	June 5, Arrive at 3:20 PM on 134 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Mike Kennedy	June 5, Departs at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	June 5, Arrives at 3:20 PM on 134 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Rick Larsen	June 5, Departs at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	June 5, Arrives at 3:20pm on 134 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Stephen Lynch	June 5, Departs at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	June 5, Arrives at 3:20pm on 134 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Jim McGovern	June 5, Departs at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	June 5, Arrives at 3:20pm on 134 Northeast Regional Train

Rep. Nathaniel Moran	June 5, Departs at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	June 5, arrives at 3:20pm on 134 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Greg Murphy	June 5, Departs at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	June 5, Arrives at 3:20pm on 134 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Deborah Ross	June 5, Departs at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	June 5, Arrives at 3:20pm on 134 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Kim Schrier	June 5, Departs at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	June 5, Arrives at 3:20pm on 134 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Pete Sessions	June 5, Departs at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	June 5, Arrives at 3:20pm on 134 Northeast Regional Train

Spouse Name	Departure	Arrives in New York, NY
Esther Correa	Departs Los Angeles, CA at 6:20am on DL0934	Arrives at 2:55pm into JFK on DL0943
Robert Dexter	Departs Portland, OR at 6:55am on DL0451	Arrives at 3:29pm into JFK on DL0451
Stephanie Haridopolos	Departs Washington, DC at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	June 5, Arrives at 3:20 PM on 134 Northeast Regional Train
Tiia Karlen	Departs Washington, DC at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives at 3:20pm on 134 Northeast Regional Train
Margaret Lynch	Departs Boston, MA at 11:40 am on 173 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives at 3:52 pm on 173 Northeast Regional Train
Lisa McGovern	Departs Washington, DC at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives at 3:20pm on 134 Northeast Regional Train
Susan Moster	Departs Washington, DC at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives at 3:20pm on 134 Northeast Regional Train
Wendy Murphy	Departs Washington, DC at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives at 3:20pm on 134 Northeast Regional Train
Steve Wrinn	Departs Washington, DC at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives at 3:20pm on 134 Northeast Regional Train
Karen Sessions	Departs Washington, DC at 11:56am on 134 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives at 3:20pm on 134 Northeast Regional Train

FRIDAY, JUNE 5th:

Participants depart Washington, D.C. and arrive in New York City, New York throughout the day.

3 PM: Check into hotel

5:30 – 6 PM: Travel from the hotel to The Commonwealth Fund

6 – 6:45 PM: Opening Reception at The Commonwealth Fund

Welcome Remarks:

Joe Betancourt, *President, The Commonwealth Fund*

Charlie Dent, *Executive Director and Vice President, Aspen Institute Congressional Program*

7 – 9 PM: Panel Discussion:

The Affordability Conundrum from the Federal, State, Employer and Patient Perspective

The session will start with an overview of polling data showing this as the number one health care issue in 2026 across both parties and geographic boundaries. Members will hear how affordability concerns are being felt by patients and families, employers and the federal government. Panelists will discuss strategies Congress could explore to make health care more affordable for families, employers and the federal budget.

Moderator:

Laura Walker, *Board Member, The Commonwealth Fund*

Speakers:

Jim Capretta, *Senior Fellow and Milton Friedman Chair, American Enterprise Institute*

Natalie Davis, *CEO & Co-Founder, US of Care*

Dan Mendelson, *CEO, Morgan Health*

SATURDAY, JUNE 6th:

7:30 – 8:30 AM: Breakfast

8:30 – 9 AM: Travel from hotel to The Commonwealth Fund

9 – 9:15 AM: Welcome and Charge for the Day; Introduction and Framework of the Conference

This conference is organized into panel discussions, working lunches, pre-dinner remarks, and working dinners. This segment will highlight how the conference will be conducted, how those with questions will be recognized, and how responses will be timed to allow for as much engagement as possible.

Speakers:

Charlie Dent, *Executive Director and Vice President, Aspen Institute Congressional Program*

Joe Betancourt, *President, The Commonwealth Fund*

9:15 – 10:30 AM: Panel Discussion:
Commercialization of Health Care

This session will address the role of consolidation and private equity on health care costs and patient outcomes. The conversation will address the role of Congress in regulating markets, incentivizing competition and ensuring sufficient new entrants to the market.

Kick-off Comments:

Jaewon Ryu, *Board Member, The Commonwealth Fund*

Speakers:

Yashaswini Singh, *Assistant Professor of Health Services, Policy and Practice
Brown University*

Benedic Ippolito, *Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute*

10:30 – 10:45 AM: Break

10:45 AM – 12 PM: Panel Discussion:

***Role of Private Plans: Examining Trends and Practices Impacting
Affordability***

This session will discuss practices within private plans (Medicare Advantage, commercial, Medicaid managed care) that drive up administrative and clinical costs. Considerations for how Congress can address these practices will also be discussed.

Kick-off Comments:

Rachel Nuzum, *Senior Vice President, Policy, The Commonwealth Foundation*

Speakers:

Erica Socker, *Research Professor, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown
University*

Douglas Holtz-Eakin, *President, American Action Forum*

12:15 – 2:00 PM: Working Lunch & Panel Discussion

***Accountable Care: What have we learned, where do we still need to
improve?***

What have we learned from value based care models, which care models can help to achieve value and what steps can Congress take to facilitate?

Kick-off Comments:

Tony Shih, *Senior Advisor, Programs, The Commonwealth Fund*

Speakers:

Michael Chernew, *Leonard D. Schaeffer Professor of Health Care Policy, Department of Health Care Policy; Director, Healthcare Markets and Regulation Lab, Harvard Medical School*

Carrie Colla, *Professor of Health Policy and Clinical Practice; Susan J. and Richard M. Levy Distinguished Professor, Dartmouth Geisel School of Medicine*

2 – 6 PM: Individual Discussions with Scholars

Scholars will meet with members of Congress for in-depth discussion of ideas raised in the sessions. Scholars include Michael Chernew, Carrie Colla, Tony Shih, Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Erica Socker, Benedic Ippolito, Yashaswini Singh, Jaewon Ryu, and Joe Betancourt. Discussions will dive into private plans, commercialization of healthcare, and how to improve healthcare.

6– 9 PM: Working Dinner and Reception

Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily.

Keynote Dinner Discussion: The Role of Tech and AI in moving towards Affordability

Technology and AI are already changing the way care is delivered and paid for. How can we ensure that technological innovation is addressing cost pressures and not adding to them? This dinner discussion will provide the chance to hear about some of the use cases for technology and AI in healthcare and considerations for policies that would ensure affordability is a key consideration.

Kick-off Comments:

Joe Betancourt, *President, Commonwealth Fund*

Speaker:

David Rhew, *Chief Medical Officer, Microsoft*

SUNDAY, JUNE 7th:

7:30 – 8:30 AM: Breakfast

8:30 – 9 AM: Travel from hotel to The Commonwealth Fund

9:15 – 10:15 AM: Panel Discussion:
Prices

This session will address how the role of prices, particularly hospital and prescription drug prices, impact overall healthcare spending. The conversation will also address how Congress can address prices while also incentivizing innovation.

Kick-off Comments:

Sheila Burke, *Advisor, The Commonwealth Fund*

Speakers:

Stacie Dusetzina, *Professor, Health Policy; Ingram Professor of Cancer Research Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Vanderbilt University Medical Center* **Katie Martin**, *CEO & President, Health Care Cost Institute*

10:15 – 11:30 AM: Panel Discussion:
Chronic Disease and Prevention

This session will address the underlying diseases and conditions that drive health care demand and spending and will discuss policy options for addressing drivers of health care utilization.

Kick-off Comments:

Peggy Hamburg, *Board Chair, The Commonwealth Fund*

Speakers:

Kyu Rhee, *CEO of National Association of Community Health Centers, Member HHS Health Care Advisory Body*
Rebecca Onie, *Co-Founder, The Health Initiative*

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM: *Wrap Up and Policy Reflections for Members of Congress*

This time is set aside for members of Congress to reflect on what they have learned during the conference and discuss their views on implications for U.S. policy. Drawing on the full range of conversations throughout the week, members will seek to identify for each other the most promising takeaways for the United States policy process, with a special focus on opportunities for bipartisan cooperation. This is a members-only conversation.

12:30 PM: Adjourn, box lunches available for pick-up

Participants depart New York City, New York throughout the day.

Departures

Member Name	Departs New York, NY	Arrives in Washington, DC
Rep. Nanette Barragan	Departs 8:01pm on 165 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives at 11:40pm on 165 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Lou Correa	Departs at 2:05 PM on 161 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives at 5:33pm on 161 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Jim Costa	Departs at 2:05pm on 161 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives at 5:33pm on 161 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Diana DeGette	Departs at 2:05pm on 161 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives at 5:33pm on 161 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Maxine Dexter	Departs on June 8 at 12:40 PM on 171 Northeast Regional. Overnights at own expense	Arrives at 4:25 PM on 171 Northeast Regional.
Rep. Ron Estes	Departs at 2:05 PM on 161 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives at 5:33 PM on 161 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Mike Haridopolos	Departs at 2:05 PM on 161 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives at 5:33 PM on 161 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Julie Johnson	Departs on June 8 at 10:35 AM on 95 Northeast Regional Train. Overnights at own expense	Arrives at 2:05 PM on 95 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Mike Kennedy	Departs on June 6 at 8:01 PM on 165 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives at 11:40 PM on 165 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Rick Larsen	Departs at 2:05pm on 161 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives at 5:33pm on 161 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Stephen Lynch	Departs at 3:00pm on 88 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives in Boston at 7:23pm on 88 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Jim McGovern	Departs at 3:00pm on 88 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives in Boston at 7:23pm on 88 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Nathaniel Moran	Departs at 2:05pm on 161 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives at 5:33 PM on 161 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Greg Murphy	Departs at 9:22pm on 139 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives at 12:45am on 139 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Deborah Ross	Departs at 2:05pm on 161 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives at 5:33pm on 161 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Kim Schrier	Departs at 2:05pm on 161 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives at 5:33pm on 161 Northeast Regional Train
Rep. Pete Sessions	Departs at 3:00 PM on Acela 2163 Train on June 8th. Overnights at personal expense.	Arrives at 6:02 PM on Acela 2163 Train on June 8th

Spouse Name	Departs New York, NY	Arrival
Esther Correa	Departs at 2:05pm from JFK on DL0353	Arrives in Los Angeles, CA at 7:09pm on DL0353
Robert Dexter	Departs on June 8 at 9:59 AM. Overnights at own expense.	Arrives in Portland, OR at 1:10 pm
Stephanie Haridopolos	Departs at 2:05 PM on 161 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives at 5:33 PM in Washington, DC on 161 Northeast Regional Train
Tiia Karlen	Departs at 2:05pm on 161 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives in Washington, DC at 5:33pm on 161 Northeast Regional Train
Lisa McGovern	Departs at 3:00pm on 88 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives in Boston at 7:23pm on 88 Northeast Regional Train
Julie Moster	Departs on June 8 at 10:35 AM on 95 Northeast Regional Train. Overnights at own expense.	Arrives in Washington, DC at 2:05pm on 95 Northeast Regional Train
Wendy Murphy	Departs at 9:22pm on 139 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives at 12:45am on 139 Northeast Regional Train
Margaret Lynch	Departs at 3:00pm on 88 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives in Boston at 7:23pm on 88 Northeast Regional Train
Steve Wrinn	Departs at 2:05pm on 161 Northeast Regional Train	Arrives in Washington, DC at 5:33pm on 161 Northeast Regional Train
Karen Sessions	Departs at 3:00 PM on Acela 2163 Train on June 8th. Overnighting at personal expense.	Arrives at 6:02 PM into Washington, DC on Acela 2163 Train on June 8th

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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 Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional)
2. Name of your organization: The Commonwealth Fund
3. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes ☐ No ☒ Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. **Check one.** I certify that my organization:
 - a. ☒ Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
 - b. ☐ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
Destination: _____ on Date: _____
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
 - c. ☐ Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. **Check only one:**
 - a. ☒ My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
 - b. ☐ My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
7. **I certify by my signature that**
 - a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
 - b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent;
 - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
 - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Rachel Nuzum  Digitally signed by Rachel Nuzum
Date: 2026.04.28 10:40:40 -04'00' Date: 4/28/26

Name: Rachel Nuzum Title: Senior Vice President, Policy

Organization: The Commonwealth Fund

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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 2, 2026

The Honorable Ron Estes
U.S. House of Representatives
2234 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 and your spouse's proposed trip to New York, New York, scheduled for June 5 to 7, 2026, sponsored by Aspen Institute, Inc. and the Commonwealth Fund.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$525 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

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The Honorable Ron Estes
U.S. House of Representative

Dear Representative Estes,

I would like to invite you and Susan to our bipartisan, bicameral health care retreat in **New York City, New York** from **June 5-7, 2026**. Designed specifically for Members of Congress, the convening will feature focused and forward-looking discussions around some of the most pressing domestic health challenges facing the United States. Please get back to us with interest to attend the conference **COB Wednesday, April 22, 2026**. These conference spots fill up quickly, so we may have to move you to a waitlist if we don't hear back in time. This invitation does not guarantee your participation in the conference.

This gathering will provide an opportunity to step back from the day-to-day pace of Washington and engage thoughtfully with fellow lawmakers, leading practitioners, policy experts, and innovators on issues central to the well-being of American families and communities. We plan to address health care affordability, promising models of care delivery, and the evolving role of technology in our health care system with a solutions lens.

The conference is designed to encourage candid, solution-oriented dialogue across party lines, grounded in evidence and practical experience, with a particular focus on actionable ideas that can inform legislative priorities in the months ahead. Your voice and leadership would add tremendous value to these conversations, and we hope you will join us for what promises to be a substantive and constructive exchange on the future of healthcare in America. For this event, we are proud to partner with the [Commonwealth Fund](#), a non-partisan, private health care foundation.

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

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

The Congressional Program is part of the Aspen Institute, Inc. a nonprofit organization founded in 1949. The Congressional Program was created to promote leadership on public policy by bringing legislators together from both political parties with internationally renowned scholars for high level discussions and analysis. Since our program's inception, more than 639 members of Congress have participated in our 167 domestic and international conferences.

The Commonwealth Fund is a private, non-partisan foundation founded in 1918. The Fund is focused on our health system's most pressing issues by engaging in and supporting survey research, policy and data analysis, and international comparisons to promote a thriving, successful health care system in the United States.

We hope you can join us for this important conference.

Sincerely,

Charlie Dent

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