

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☒ Original ☐ Amendment

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2. Travel Destination(s): Tunica, MS

3. Date of Departure: 8/6/2026 Date of Return: 8/9/2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Please see attached list

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:

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Traveler	\$40	\$579	\$235	\$550 (waived registration fee)
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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: Andrea S. Lee Date: August 18, 2026

Name: Andrea S. Lee Title: Executive Director

Organization: Congressional Black Caucus Institute

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

Address: 413 New Jersey Ave SE; Washington, DC 20003

Telephone: 202.785.3634 Email: ALee@CBCInstitute.org

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

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If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____

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

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

6. Date of Departure: August 6, 2026 Date of Return: August 9, 2026

7. a. City of departure: At Members' discretion

b. Destination(s): Tunica, MS

c. City of return: At Members' discretion

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

- a. Mode of travel: Air ☐ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☒ (specify: Airport ground transportation only)
b. Class of travel: Coach ☐ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (specify: n/a)
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.*

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1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____

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

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

Hotel Name: Gold Strike City: Tunica, MS Cost Per Night: \$193 + taxes

Reason(s) for Selecting: Cost and proximity

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

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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	\$40	\$579	\$235
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$40	\$579	\$235

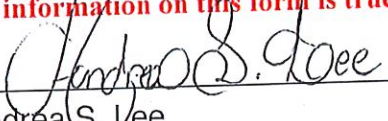
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$550	Waived registration fee
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$550	Waived registration fee

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: May 12, 2026
Name: Andrea S. Lee Title: Executive Director
Organization: Congressional Black Caucus Institute
Address: 413 New Jersey Ave SE; Washington, DC 20003
Email: Alee@cbcinstitute.org Telephone: (202) 785-3634

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

Members of Congress are invited to participate as panelists, moderators, and participants in the Congressional Members Forum and various policy discussions. As leaders of congressional committees and subject matter experts, their perspectives are invaluable in shaping meaningful dialogue on the critical issues facing our nation. Members of the Congressional Black Caucus are invited to participate in recognition of their leadership and membership within the Caucus.

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS INSTITUTE

CBCI Mississippi Policy Conference

August 6-8, 2026

Tunica, MS

Gold Strike Casino Resort

MEMBER TRAVEL: Members of Congress are expected to arrive on Thursday, August 6th late afternoon (3pm-5pm) and depart on Sunday, August 9th morning (6am-11:30am)

Rep. Yvette Clarke will be returning from the trip on August 8th.

MISSION GOALS:

The Mississippi Policy Conference convenes Members of Congress, policy experts, business leaders, educators, nonprofit organizations, and community stakeholders to examine current public policy issues affecting Mississippi, the South, and the nation. Through panel discussions and policy forums, the conference explores topics including economic development, artificial intelligence, education, healthcare, workforce development, voting rights, agriculture, infrastructure, public safety, and other issues of national and regional significance. The conference is designed to facilitate the exchange of information, encourage thoughtful policy dialogue, and provide participants with insights into emerging legislative and public policy challenges.

RELEVANCE TO OFFICIAL DUTIES:

The conference directly supports the official duties of Members of Congress by providing opportunities to engage with subject matter experts, public officials, and community leaders on policy issues that are the subject of federal legislation, congressional oversight, and constituent interest. The discussions are intended to inform Members' legislative responsibilities, oversight activities, and policy deliberations.

LOCATION:

The conference is held in Tunica, Mississippi, to bring together national, regional, and local leaders for substantive policy discussions focused on issues affecting Mississippi and communities throughout the South. The location provides an opportunity for Members of Congress to engage directly with stakeholders and learn from regional perspectives that may inform federal policymaking.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Thursday, August 6, 2026

12:00pm – 7:30pm: Conference Registration

3:30pm-5:30pm: USDA Presentation: Land, Title, and Climate: The Future of Black Farming (Content: USDA discrimination remedies, land loss, credit access, climate-smart agriculture, and opportunities in new federal and state programs. Includes a brief spotlight on a Black farmers cooperative and a Mississippi-based success story)

PANELISTS: Thaddeus Fairley (Executive Director, National Policy Research Center Alcorn State University); others TBD

5:30-6:30pm: free time for attendees

6:30pm – 8:30pm: “Welcome to the Mississippi Delta” Reception and Townhall: Where are we now? An interactive conversation on the state of the nation, current policy challenges, and congressional priorities. This discussion will explore how federal policies are impacting communities and the work underway to address today's most pressing issues.

Friday, August 7, 2026

9:00am- 5:00pm: Conference Registration

9:00am – 10:30am: Policy Panel 1(Education Access and the Next Generation) This session will examine federal and state education policies affecting students from early childhood through higher education. Panelists will discuss access to quality education, school funding, higher education affordability, HBCU investments, academic freedom, and the evolving role of federal education policy in supporting student success.

PANELIST: Cedric Wiggins (President of Tougaloo College); Tiffany Williams (Consultant for STRIDE), Dr. Tracy Cooke (President of Alcorn State University)

10:30am-11:00am: Restroom break (room setup for next session)

11:00am – 12:30pm: Policy Panel 2 (H.R. 1 and the Rules of Democracy: Policy Implications for Black Communities)

This session will examine the key provisions of H.R. 1 and its potential implications for voting administration, campaign finance, ethics, and election governance. Panelists will discuss how implementation may affect communities, the role of federal and state governments in carrying out the law, and the legal and administrative considerations surrounding its implementation.

PANELISTS: Michael Curry (President and CEO of the MA League of Community Health Centers), April Verrett (President of SEIU), Sonya Barnes (State Policy Director for Southern Poverty Law Center)

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12:30pm-1pm: Restroom break (line up for luncheon)

1:00pm – 2:30pm: Luncheon Fireside Chat w/ Rep. Jasmine Crockett (Unapologetic Leadership: Governing and Public Service in 2026)

A fireside chat examining the role of principled leadership, effective governance, and public service in addressing today's most pressing policy challenges. The conversation will highlight the responsibilities of congressional leadership and the importance of engaging constituents through the legislative process.

2:30-3pm: Restroom break

3:00pm – 4:30pm: Policy Panel 3 (Maps, Power, and the Black South: Understanding Redistricting) An examination of current congressional and state legislative redistricting, recent developments in Voting Rights Act litigation, and the federal government's role in enforcing voting rights protections. The discussion will explore how redistricting shapes representation and the legal and policy frameworks governing the process.

PANELISTS: Derrick Johnson (President of NAACP), Kristen Clarke (General Counsel of the NAACP), Kareem Crayton (VP of the Brennan Center Washington, DC), Carroll Rhodes (Civil Rights and Voting Rights Attorney in MS), Tracey Rosebud (MS State Representative)

4:30pm-6:30pm: Free time

6:30pm – 8:00pm: Dinner

Saturday, August 8, 2026

9:00am – 12:00pm: Conference Registration

9:00am – 10:30am: Policy Panel 4 (Making the Best Use of AI) This session will examine the opportunities and challenges presented by artificial intelligence, including algorithmic decision making in employment, financial services, healthcare, and public safety. Panelists will discuss emerging federal and state AI policy, civil rights considerations, workforce readiness, and strategies for ensuring that AI innovation expands opportunity for communities across the country. **Feature:** A brief demonstration of practical AI tools highlighting applications for research, business development, education, and community engagement.

PANELIST: Cliff Worley (Sr Director of Portfolio Growth Marketing at Kapor Capital), Joi Harris (DTE Energy Chief Operating Officer), KeShaun Pearson (ED of Memphis Community Against Pollution), others TBD

10:30am-11am: Restroom break (room setup for next session)

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11:00am – 12:30pm: Policy Panel 5 (The Business of Sports: The SEC's Impact on Education, Communities, and Economic Growth) This discussion will explore the role of Southeastern Conference athletics in driving economic development, expanding educational opportunities, strengthening local communities, and shaping the future of college sports. Panelists will examine evolving policies related to student athletes, NIL, workforce development, and the broader economic impact of collegiate athletics.

PANELISTS: TBD

12:30pm-1pm: Restroom break (line up for lunch)

1:00pm – 2:30pm: Policy Luncheon w/ Guest speaker TBD

A fireside chat exploring how thoughtful policymaking can expand economic opportunity, strengthen families, improve education, and support healthier, more resilient communities. The conversation will examine the role of Congress in addressing today's challenges while preparing for the future.

2:30-3:00pm: Restroom break

3:00pm – 5:00pm: The Congressional Members Forum: Where Do We Go From Here? From Tunica to Tomorrow: Advancing Policy Through Partnership

The conference will conclude with reflections on the key policy themes, ideas, and discussions from the forum. Members of Congress, policy leaders, and community partners will highlight opportunities for continued collaboration, knowledge sharing, and engagement on issues affecting communities across the country.

PANELISTS: MEMBERS OF CONGRESS (open to all members in attendance)

5pm-6:30pm: Free time

6:30pm- 8:00pm: Dinner

Tunica Mississippi Policy Conference

August 6-9, 2026

Members of Congress Attendance

- Rep. Wesley Bell
- Rep. Sanford Bishop
- Rep. Shontel Brown
- Rep. Troy Carter
- Rep. Herb Conaway
- Rep. Jasmine Crockett
- Rep. Jonathan Jackson
- Rep. Bobby Scott
- Rep. Nikema Williams
- Rep. Yvette Clarke

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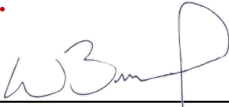
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Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: _____

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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: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address of Contact Person: _____

☐ 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.

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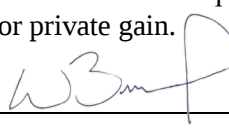
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: _____
4. a. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____
b. Yes ☐ No ☐ Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes ☐ No ☐ Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
 - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
 - (2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other(specify): _____
 - (3) Yes ☐ No ☐ Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes ☐ No ☐ Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes ☐ No ☐ *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**

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.

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Reason(s) for Selecting: Cost and proximity

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

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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	\$40	\$579	\$235
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$40	\$579	\$235

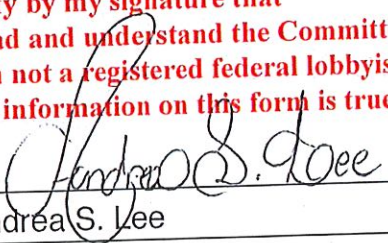
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$550	Waived registration fee
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$550	Waived registration fee

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: May 12, 2026
Name: Andrea S. Lee Title: Executive Director
Organization: Congressional Black Caucus Institute
Address: 413 New Jersey Ave SE; Washington, DC 20003
Email: Alee@cbcinstitute.org Telephone: (202) 785-3634

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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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

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

Members of Congress are invited to participate as panelists, moderators, and participants in the Congressional Members Forum and various policy discussions. As leaders of congressional committees and subject matter experts, their perspectives are invaluable in shaping meaningful dialogue on the critical issues facing our nation. Members of the Congressional Black Caucus are invited to participate in recognition of their leadership and membership within the Caucus.

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS INSTITUTE

CBCI Mississippi Policy Conference

August 6-8, 2026

Tunica, MS

Gold Strike Casino Resort

MEMBER TRAVEL: Members of Congress are expected to arrive on Thursday, August 6th late afternoon (3pm-5pm) and depart on Sunday, August 9th morning (6am-11:30am)

Rep. Yvette Clarke will be returning from the trip on August 8th.

MISSION GOALS:

The Mississippi Policy Conference convenes Members of Congress, policy experts, business leaders, educators, nonprofit organizations, and community stakeholders to examine current public policy issues affecting Mississippi, the South, and the nation. Through panel discussions and policy forums, the conference explores topics including economic development, artificial intelligence, education, healthcare, workforce development, voting rights, agriculture, infrastructure, public safety, and other issues of national and regional significance. The conference is designed to facilitate the exchange of information, encourage thoughtful policy dialogue, and provide participants with insights into emerging legislative and public policy challenges.

RELEVANCE TO OFFICIAL DUTIES:

The conference directly supports the official duties of Members of Congress by providing opportunities to engage with subject matter experts, public officials, and community leaders on policy issues that are the subject of federal legislation, congressional oversight, and constituent interest. The discussions are intended to inform Members' legislative responsibilities, oversight activities, and policy deliberations.

LOCATION:

The conference is held in Tunica, Mississippi, to bring together national, regional, and local leaders for substantive policy discussions focused on issues affecting Mississippi and communities throughout the South. The location provides an opportunity for Members of Congress to engage directly with stakeholders and learn from regional perspectives that may inform federal policymaking.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Thursday, August 6, 2026

12:00pm – 7:30pm: Conference Registration

3:30pm-5:30pm: USDA Presentation: Land, Title, and Climate: The Future of Black Farming (Content: USDA discrimination remedies, land loss, credit access, climate-smart agriculture, and opportunities in new federal and state programs. Includes a brief spotlight on a Black farmers cooperative and a Mississippi-based success story)

PANELISTS: Thaddeus Fairley (Executive Director, National Policy Research Center Alcorn State University); others TBD

5:30-6:30pm: free time for attendees

6:30pm – 8:30pm: “Welcome to the Mississippi Delta” Reception and Townhall: Where are we now? An interactive conversation on the state of the nation, current policy challenges, and congressional priorities. This discussion will explore how federal policies are impacting communities and the work underway to address today's most pressing issues.

Friday, August 7, 2026

9:00am- 5:00pm: Conference Registration

9:00am – 10:30am: Policy Panel 1(Education Access and the Next Generation) This session will examine federal and state education policies affecting students from early childhood through higher education. Panelists will discuss access to quality education, school funding, higher education affordability, HBCU investments, academic freedom, and the evolving role of federal education policy in supporting student success.

PANELIST: Cedric Wiggins (President of Tougaloo College); Tiffany Williams (Consultant for STRIDE), Dr. Tracy Cooke (President of Alcorn State University)

10:30am-11:00am: Restroom break (room setup for next session)

11:00am – 12:30pm: Policy Panel 2 (H.R. 1 and the Rules of Democracy: Policy Implications for Black Communities)

This session will examine the key provisions of H.R. 1 and its potential implications for voting administration, campaign finance, ethics, and election governance. Panelists will discuss how implementation may affect communities, the role of federal and state governments in carrying out the law, and the legal and administrative considerations surrounding its implementation.

PANELISTS: Michael Curry (President and CEO of the MA League of Community Health Centers), April Verrett (President of SEIU), Sonya Barnes (State Policy Director for Southern Poverty Law Center)

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12:30pm-1pm: Restroom break (line up for luncheon)

1:00pm – 2:30pm: Luncheon Fireside Chat w/ Rep. Jasmine Crockett (Unapologetic Leadership: Governing and Public Service in 2026)

A fireside chat examining the role of principled leadership, effective governance, and public service in addressing today's most pressing policy challenges. The conversation will highlight the responsibilities of congressional leadership and the importance of engaging constituents through the legislative process.

2:30-3pm: Restroom break

3:00pm – 4:30pm: Policy Panel 3 (Maps, Power, and the Black South: Understanding Redistricting) An examination of current congressional and state legislative redistricting, recent developments in Voting Rights Act litigation, and the federal government's role in enforcing voting rights protections. The discussion will explore how redistricting shapes representation and the legal and policy frameworks governing the process.

PANELISTS: Derrick Johnson (President of NAACP), Kristen Clarke (General Counsel of the NAACP), Kareem Crayton (VP of the Brennan Center Washington, DC), Carroll Rhodes (Civil Rights and Voting Rights Attorney in MS), Tracey Rosebud (MS State Representative)

4:30pm-6:30pm: Free time

6:30pm – 8:00pm: Dinner

Saturday, August 8, 2026

9:00am – 12:00pm: Conference Registration

9:00am – 10:30am: Policy Panel 4 (Making the Best Use of AI) This session will examine the opportunities and challenges presented by artificial intelligence, including algorithmic decision making in employment, financial services, healthcare, and public safety. Panelists will discuss emerging federal and state AI policy, civil rights considerations, workforce readiness, and strategies for ensuring that AI innovation expands opportunity for communities across the country. **Feature:** A brief demonstration of practical AI tools highlighting applications for research, business development, education, and community engagement.

PANELIST: Cliff Worley (Sr Director of Portfolio Growth Marketing at Kapor Capital), Joi Harris (DTE Energy Chief Operating Officer), KeShaun Pearson (ED of Memphis Community Against Pollution), others TBD

10:30am-11am: Restroom break (room setup for next session)

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11:00am – 12:30pm: Policy Panel 5 (The Business of Sports: The SEC's Impact on Education, Communities, and Economic Growth) This discussion will explore the role of Southeastern Conference athletics in driving economic development, expanding educational opportunities, strengthening local communities, and shaping the future of college sports. Panelists will examine evolving policies related to student athletes, NIL, workforce development, and the broader economic impact of collegiate athletics.

PANELISTS: TBD

12:30pm-1pm: Restroom break (line up for lunch)

1:00pm – 2:30pm: Policy Luncheon w/ Guest speaker TBD

A fireside chat exploring how thoughtful policymaking can expand economic opportunity, strengthen families, improve education, and support healthier, more resilient communities. The conversation will examine the role of Congress in addressing today's challenges while preparing for the future.

2:30-3:00pm: Restroom break

3:00pm – 5:00pm: The Congressional Members Forum: Where Do We Go From Here? From Tunica to Tomorrow: Advancing Policy Through Partnership

The conference will conclude with reflections on the key policy themes, ideas, and discussions from the forum. Members of Congress, policy leaders, and community partners will highlight opportunities for continued collaboration, knowledge sharing, and engagement on issues affecting communities across the country.

PANELISTS: MEMBERS OF CONGRESS (open to all members in attendance)

5pm-6:30pm: Free time

6:30pm- 8:00pm: Dinner

Tunica Mississippi Policy Conference

August 6-9, 2026

Members of Congress Attendance

- Rep. Wesley Bell
- Rep. Sanford Bishop
- Rep. Shontel Brown
- Rep. Troy Carter
- Rep. Herb Conaway
- Rep. Jasmine Crockett
- Rep. Jonathan Jackson
- Rep. Bobby Scott
- Rep. Nikema Williams
- Rep. Yvette Clarke

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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: Wesley Bell
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** ☒ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 08/06/2026 Return: 08/09/2026
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** ☒ None
4. Departure City: St. Louis, MO Destination: Tunica, MS Return City: St. Louis, MO
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Congressional Black Caucus Institute
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Final itinerary attached to Post Travel Form.

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: 08/20/2026

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TRAVELER FORM

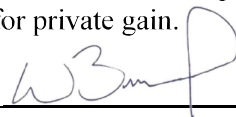
1. Name of Traveler: Wesley Bell
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Congressional Black Caucus Institute (CBCI)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Tunica, Mississippi
4. a. Date of Departure: August 6, 2026 Date of Return: August 9, 2026
b. Yes ☐ 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: _____
(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.**
Participation in this trip relates to my official duties by increasing my understanding of public policy issues impacting communities around the country and in my district. I will have the opportunity to participate in policy panels on public health, public safety, and economic mobility.
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: 7/1/2026

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August 3, 2026

The Honorable Wesley Bell
U.S. House of Representatives
1429 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Tunica, Mississippi, scheduled for August 6 to 9, 2026, sponsored by Congressional Black Caucus Institute.

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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