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: Richard Ray Larsen
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Tiia Karlen *OR* ☐ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ■ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 23, 2026 Return: August 28, 2026
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ *OR* ☐ None
4. Departure City: Seattle, WA Destination: Seward and Utqiagvik, AK Return City: Seattle, WA
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: The Aspen Institute Inc. (Congressional Program)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):

   See attached itinerary

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: Rick Larsen

Date: 9/11/2026

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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☒ *Original* ☐ *Amendment*

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

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: Aspen Institute Congressional Program
2. Travel Destination(s): Seward and Utqiagvik, Alaska
3. Date of Departure: August 23, 2026 Date of Return: August 28, 2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rick Larsen and Tiia Karlen

   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	4,089.28	1,153	458	90.33
Accompanying Family Member	4,089.28	---	458	90.33

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: Chl w Dent **Date:** 09/07/26

Name: Charles Dent **Title:** Vice President, Aspen Institut

Organization: Aspen Institute Inc. (Congressional Program)

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

Address: 2300 N Street NW Washington, DC 20037

Telephone: 202-736-5859 **Email:** lisa.jones@aspeninstitute.org

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

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

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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Richard Ray Larsen

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: Seward and Utqiagvik, Alaska

4. a. Date of Departure: August 23, 2026 Date of Return: August 28, 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: Tiia Karlen

   (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.**

   The Aspen Institute conference "Powering America: Affordability and Reliability in a New Energy Era" is connected to Rep. Larsen's official ~~duties representing Washington's Second District. The district is home to thriving energy producers and emerging technology companies which~~ will increasingly rely on reliable power. Understanding increasing energy demands, the future of domestic production and its impact on the ~~affordability crisis will help Rep. Larsen better represent his constituents who rely on energy security. Finally, the conference features~~ discussions about indigenous life and leadership, which will help Rep. Larsen better represent his native constituents.

9. **Yes ☐ No ☒ Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**

10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: _____ **Date:** _____

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: _____

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

   See Appendix

5. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: August 23, 2026 Date of Return: August 28 or 29, 2026
7. a. City of departure: August 28, 2026
   b. Destination(s): Seward and Utqiagvik, Alaska
   c. City of return: Washington, DC or members home 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:
   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): $91
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Alaska is a central locations for scholars and sites on the conference topic

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

Hotel Name	City	Cost Per Night	Reason(s) for Selecting
Windsong Lodge	Seward, Alaska	$284	Facility has required technology and meeting space
Top of the World	Utqiagvik, Alaska	$301	Proximity to sites and meeting space
Hilton Anchorage	Anchorage Alaska	$558	Proximity to Anchorage Airport

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	3,359.5	2,306	$458
For each Accompanying Family Member	3,359.5	---	$458

	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	90.33	AV Equipment, Park Enterence Fee
For each Accompanying Family Member	90.33	AV Equipment, Park Enterence 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: 09/07/26

Name: Charles Dent Title: Vice President, Aspen Insti

Organization: Aspen Institute Inc. (Congressional Program)

Address: 2300 N Street NW Washington, DC 20037

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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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August 20, 2026

The Honorable Rick Larsen
U.S. House of Representatives
2163 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 Seward and Utqiagvik, Alaska, scheduled for August 23 to 28, 2026, sponsored by Aspen Institute, Inc.

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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HOUSE APPENDIX

Aspen Institute Congressional Program

"Powering America: Affordability and Reliability in a New Energy Era"

August 23-28, 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.

1. Rep. Robert Aderholt - Committee on Agriculture
2. Rep. Pete Aguilar - Committee on Appropriations
3. Rep. Mark Alford - Committee on Appropriations
4. Rep. Gabe Amo - Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
5. Rep. Brian Babin - Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
6. Rep. Jim Baird - Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
7. Rep. Troy Balderson - Committee on Energy and Commerce
8. Rep. Michael Baumgartner - Committee on Education and Workforce
9. Rep. Nick Begich - Committee on Natural Resources
10. Rep. Wesley Bell - Committee on Foreign Affairs
11. Rep. Cliff Bentz - Committee on Natural Resources
12. Rep. Ami Bera - Committee on Foreign Affairs
13. Rep. Donald Beyer - Committee on Ways and Means
14. Rep. Stephanie Bice - Committee on Appropriations
15. Rep. Sheri Biggs - Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
16. Rep. Gus Bilirakis - Committee on Energy and Commerce
17. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici - Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
18. Rep. Mike Bost - Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
19. Rep. Rob Bresnahan - Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
20. Rep. Kat Cammack - Committee on Energy and Commerce
21. Rep. Mike Carey - Committee on Ways and Means
22. Rep. Sean Casten - Committee on Financial Services
23. Rep. Kathy Cator - Committee on Energy and Commerce
24. Rep. Juan Ciscomani - Committee on Appropriations
25. Rep. Ben Cline - Committee on Appropriations
26. Rep. Tom Cole - Committee on Appropriations
27. Rep. Joe Courtney - Committee on Education and Workforce
28. Rep. Jeff Crank - Committee on Natural Resources

29. Rep. Warren Davidson - Committee on Financial Services
30. Rep. Madeline Dean - Committee on Appropriations
31. Rep. Monica De La Cruz - Committee on Agriculture
32. Rep. Rosa DeLauro - Committee on Appropriations
33. Rep. Diana DeGette - Committee on Energy and Commerce
34. Rep. Susan DelBene - Committee on Ways and Means
35. Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart - Committee on Appropriations
36. Rep. Troy Downing - Committee on Natural Resources
37. Rep. Jake Ellzey - Committee on Appropriations
38. Rep. Ron Estes - Committee on Ways and Means
39. Rep. Gabe Evans - Committee on Energy and Commerce
40. Rep. Pat Fallon - Committee on Armed Services
41. Rep. Julie Fedorchak - Committee on Energy and Commerce
42. Rep. Brad Finstad - Committee on Small Business
43. Rep. Michelle Fischbach - Committee on Ways and Means
44. Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick - Committee on Ways and Means
45. Rep. Chuck Fleischmann - Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
46. Rep. Lizzie Fletcher - Committee on Energy and Commerce
47. Rep. Vince Fong - Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
48. Rep. Scott Franklin - Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
49. Rep. Russell Fry - Committee on Energy and Commerce
50. Rep. Russ Fulcher - Committee on Energy and Commerce
51. Rep. John Garamendi - Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
52. Rep. Andrew Garbarino - Committee on Financial Services
53. Rep. Laura Gillen - Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
54. Rep. Craig Goldman - Committee on Energy and Commerce
55. Rep. Lance Gooden - Committee on Armed Services
56. Rep. Morgan Griffith - Committee on Energy and Commerce
57. Rep. Michael Guest - Committee on Appropriations
58. Rep. Brett Guthrie - Committee on Energy and Commerce
59. Rep. Mike Haridopolos - Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
60. Rep. Pat Harrigan- Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
61. Rep. Diana Harshbarger - Committee on Energy and Commerce
62. Rep. Kevin Hern- Committee on Ways and Means
63. Rep. French Hill- Committee on Intelligence
64. Rep. Erin Houchin- Committee on Energy and Commerce
65. Rep. Chrissy Houlahan - Committee on Armed Services
66. Rep. Steven Horsford - Committee on Ways and Means
67. Rep. Richard Hudson - Committee on Energy and Commerce
68. Rep. Jared Huffman - Committee on Natural Resources

69. Rep. Bill Huizenga - Committee on Financial Services
70. Rep. Wesley Hunt - Committee on Natural Resources
71. Rep. Jeff Hurd - Committee on Natural Resources
72. Rep. Glenn Ivey - Committee on Appropriations
73. Rep. Jonathan Jackson - Committee on Agriculture
74. Rep. John Joyce - Committee on Appropriations
75. Rep. Tom Kean - Committee on Energy and Commerce
76. Rep. Mike Kennedy - Committee on Natural Resources
77. Rep. Tim Kennedy - Committee on Homeland Security
78. Rep. Jen Kiggans - Committee on Natural Resources
79. Rep. Brad Knott - Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
80. Rep. David Kustoff - Committee on Ways and Means
81. Rep. Darin LaHood - Committee on Ways and Means
82. Rep. Nick LaLota - Committee on Appropriations
83. Rep. Greg Landsman - Committee on Energy and Commerce
84. Rep. Nick Langworthy - Committee on Energy and Commerce
85. Rep. Rick Larsen - Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
86. Rep. Bob Latta - Committee on Energy and Commerce
87. Rep. Michael Lawler - Committee on Financial Services
88. Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez - Committee on Natural Resources
89. Rep. Laurel Lee - Committee on Energy and Commerce
90. Rep. Mike Levin - Committee on Appropriations
91. Rep. Frank Lucas - Committee on Agriculture
92. Rep. Ryan Mackenzie - Committee on Education and Workforce
93. Rep. Nicole Malliotakis - Committee on Ways and Means
94. Rep. Celeste Maloy - Committee on Natural Resources
95. Rep. Tracey Mann - Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
96. Rep. Lis McClain - Committee on Education and Workforce
97. Rep. Betty McCollum - Committee on Appropriation
98. Rep. Rich McCormick - Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
99. Rep. Rob Menendez - Committee on Energy and Commerce
100. Rep. Mark Messmer - Committee on Agriculture
101. Rep. Dan Meuser - Committee on Financial Services
102. Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks - Committee on Energy and Commerce
103. Rep. John Moolenaar - Committee on Appropriations
104. Rep. Blake Moore - Committee on Ways and Means
105. Rep. Riley Moore - Committee on Appropriations
106. Rep. Nathaniel Moran - Committee on Ways and Means
107. Rep. Frank Mrvan - Committee on Appropriations
108. Rep. Greg Murphy - Committee on Ways and Means

109. Rep. Don Norcross - Committee on Education and Workforce
110. Rep. Zach Nunn - Committee on Agriculture
111. Rep. Jay Obernolte - Committee on Energy and Commerce
112. Rep. Bon Onder - Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
113. Rep. Frank Pallone - Committee on Energy and Commerce
114. Rep. Gary Palmer - Committee on Energy and Commerce
115. Rep. Jimmy Panetta - Committee on Ways and Means
116. Rep. August Pfluger - Committee on Energy and Commerce
117. Rep. Chellie Pingree - Committee on Appropriation
118. Rep. Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen - Committee on Natural Resources
119. Rep. Guy Reschenthaler - Committee on Appropriations
120. Rep. Mike Rogers - Committee on Armed Services
121. Rep. Deborah Ross - Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
122. Rep. David Rouzer - Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
123. Rep. Michael Rulli - Committee on Energy and Commerce
124. Rep. John Rutherford - Committee on Appropriations
125. Rep. Andrea Salinas - Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
126. Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon - Committee on Rules
127. Rep. Kim Schrier - Committee on Energy and Commerce
128. Rep. Austin Scott - Committee on Agriculture
129. Rep. Pete Sessions - Committee on Financial Services
130. Rep. Jefferson Shreve - Committee on Appropriations
131. Rep. Mike Simpson - Committee on Appropriations
132. Rep. Adrian Smith - Committee on Ways and Means
133. Rep. Lloyd Smucker - Committee on Ways and Means
134. Rep. Greg Stanton - Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
135. Rep. Pete Stauber - Committee on Natural Resources
136. Rep. Bryan Steil - Committee on Financial Services
137. Rep. Dale Strong - Committee on Appropriations
138. Rep. Tom Suozzi - Committee on Ways and Means
139. Rep. Emilia Skyes - Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
140. Rep. Claudia Tenney - Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
141. Rep. David Valadao - Committee on Agriculture
142. Rep. Ann Wagner - Committee on Financial Services
143. Rep. James Walkinshaw - Committee on Homeland Security
144. Rep. Randy Weber - Committee on Energy and Commerce
145. Rep. Bruce Westerman - Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
146. Rep. George Whitesides - Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
147. Rep. Tony Wied - Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
148. Rep. Joe Wilson - Committee on Education and Workforce

149. Rep. Rob. Wittman - Committee on Natural Resources
150. Rep. Steve Womack - Committee on Appropriations
151. Rep. Rudy Yakym - Committee on Ways and Means

Question 12:

Aspen Institute's Congressional Program provides nonpartisan educational forums for members of Congress on public policy issues and organizes the conferences along with selecting members. This conference will discuss a range of pressing topics: the forces driving electricity costs higher and strategies to address them for households and businesses; the infrastructure investments and regulatory reforms required to ensure grid reliability amid severe weather and rapid demand growth; the evolving role of natural gas and LNG in domestic affordability and global energy security; how federal and state policymakers can better coordinate to accelerate energy infrastructure deployment; and the particular challenges facing rural, remote, and Arctic communities where affordability and reliability carry direct consequences for daily life. Members will also learn how energy challenges manifest uniquely in Alaska, a state whose economy and communities are deeply intertwined with energy production and consumption. The Aspen Institute has a special interest in Energy Policy as signified by having an Energy and Environment Program within the Institute. Aspen Institute Congressional Program is paying for airfare, ground transportation, other transportation, meals and incidentals, and lodging.

Question 18: Total expenses for each participant:

Conference Room Rental Fee, AV Equipment, & Security

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM
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Powering America:

Affordability and Reliability in a New Energy Era

Seward and Utqiagvik, Alaska | August 23-28, 2026

AGENDA

SUNDAY, August 23

U.S. participants arrive in Anchorage, AK throughout the day.

Name	Departs US	Arrives in Anchorage, AK
Rep. Dean	August 23 departs Philadelphia, PA at 8:00 AM	August 23 arrives at 3:10 PM
Rep. Fletcher	August 23 departs Houston, TX at 8:30 AM	August 23 arrives at 3:10 PM
Rep. Gillen	August 23 departs New York, NY at 7:01 AM	August 23 arrives at 1:27 PM
Rep. Kennedy	August 23 departs Buffalo, NY at 6:55 AM	August 23 arrives at 1:04 PM
Rep. Knott	August 23 departs Raleigh, NC at 6:34 AM	August 23 arrives at 2:13 PM
Rep. Larsen	August 23 departs Seattle, WA at 12:12 PM	August 23 arrives at 3:05 PM
Rep. Mann	August 23 departs Wichita, KS at 9:37 AM	August 23 arrives at 3:10 PM
Rep. Norcross	August 23 departs Philadelphia, PA at 8:00 AM	August 23 arrives at at 3:10 PM
Rep. Pallone	August 20 departs Newark, NJ at 3:22 PM	August 20 arrives at 7:11 PM
Rep. Ross	August 23 departs Raleigh, NC at 6:33 AM	August 23 arrives at 1:19 PM
Rep. Suozzi	August 23 departs New York, NY at 6:00 AM	August 23 arrives at 11:39 AM
Rep. Stanton	August 23 departs Phoenix, AZ at 7:02 AM	August 23 arrives at 1:23 PM

3:30 – 5:30 PM: Travel from Anchorage to Seward (Approx. Two Hour Drive)

6 – 7:30 PM: Pre-Dinner Remarks
Indigenous Life and Leadership in Alaska

Alaska Native peoples have inhabited this land for thousands of years and today play a central role in the state's economy, governance, and decisions about land and resources. This conversation will introduce Members to the perspectives and priorities of Alaska Native leadership, including the role of Alaska Native corporations, tribal governance, subsistence traditions, and the partnerships between indigenous communities and federal, state, and private actors in shaping Alaska's future.

Speaker: Willie Hensley, *former AK State Legislator*

7:30 – 9 PM: **Working Dinner**
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.

MONDAY, August 24

Overnight at Windsong Lodge - Seward

8 – 8:45 AM: Breakfast

9 – 9:15 AM: Introduction and Framework of the Conference
This conference is organized into roundtable conversations, working lunches, site visits, 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.

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

9:15 – 10:45 AM: **Roundtable Discussion**
The Rising Stakes — Demand, Competition, and the New Energy Build-Out

For the first time in decades, U.S. electricity demand is growing — and growing fast. Data centers, manufacturing reshoring, federal incentives for domestic production, and

the electrification of transport and buildings are converging to create load growth that the system was not planned for. But this is not just an infrastructure challenge. The countries that can deliver abundant, affordable, reliable power will attract the industries that define the next economic era — AI, advanced manufacturing, semiconductors. The question of who becomes an "electrostate" is as consequential as the question of who controlled oil in the 20th century, and the United States faces serious competition from China on multiple fronts: grid buildout speed, clean energy manufacturing, critical mineral supply chains, and the willingness to deploy industrial policy at scale.
This session lays out what is at stake — the scale and geography of new demand, the competitive landscape, and the gap between what the U.S. energy system is being asked to do and what it can currently deliver.

Speakers:
Amos Hochstein, *Former United States Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Resources & Managing Partner, TWG Global*
Sec. Ernest Moniz*, Former US Secretary of Energy,Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Energy Futures Initiative*
Gretchen Watkins*, former President, Shell USA*

10:45 – 11 AM: **Break**

11 AM – 12:30 PM: Roundtable Discussion
Future of U.S. Energy Security: Natural Gas, Oil, LNG, and Emerging Technologies

Natural gas remains central to the U.S. energy system, providing affordable baseload electricity at home and serving as a significant export commodity abroad. Oil continues to play a defining role in the American economy and in global markets. Speakers will address the future of domestic production and infrastructure, the role of LNG in global markets and geopolitical strategy, and the policy considerations surrounding continued development of domestic supply.

Speakers:
Jason Bordoff, *Founding Director, Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University*
Bob McNally*, Founder & President, Rapidan Energy*

12:30 – 1:15 PM: Working Lunch
Discussion continues between members of Congress and scholars on U.S. Energy Security. Seating will be arranged to create conversation centered around Amos

Hochstein, Sec. Ernest Moniz, Gretchen Watkins, Jason Bordoff, and Bob McNally to dive deeper into conversations discussed at the roundtables earlier.

2 – 3:30 PM: Exit Glacier Tour
As one of the most accessible glaciers in Alaska, Exit Glacier has been retreating over the past century due to rising global temperatures. Along the trail, signs mark where the glacier was located in previous years, making it easy to observe how much it has changed over time. This helps visitors understand the long-term impact of environmental changes on glaciers and ecosystems.

4:45 – 5:40 PM: Pre-Dinner Remarks
Natural Resources in Alaska

Alaska's identity, economy, and place in the national energy conversation are inseparable from the scale of its natural resources. This conversation will introduce Members to Alaska's energy and mineral landscape — oil, natural gas, hydropower, timber, fisheries, and critical minerals — and the role these resources have played, and continue to play, in the life of the state and in broader American energy and economic security.

Speakers:
Dr. Gwen Holdmann, *Chief Scientist, ACEP*
Melissa Roberts*, Executive Director, American Flood Coalition*

6 – 7:45 PM: Working Dinner
Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Discussions will focus on energy and natural resources.

TUESDAY, August 25

Overnight at Windsong Lodge

8 – 8:45 AM: Breakfast

9 – 11 AM: Roundtable Discussion
The Grid of the Future — Modernization, Interconnection, and Permitting Reform
The U.S. power system is being asked to absorb unprecedented demand growth at the very moment it confronts aging infrastructure, severe weather, and a shifting generation

mix. Meeting this moment requires action on multiple fronts simultaneously: modernizing the grid with advanced technologies, clearing the interconnection queue that has become a bottleneck for new generation, reforming transmission planning and siting to enable interregional buildout, and overhauling permitting processes that add years to project timelines. This session addresses the investments, technologies, and regulatory reforms needed to build the grid the country needs — covering grid-enhancing technologies, interconnection and queue reform, transmission siting, natural gas pipeline permitting, and the federal-state dynamic in energy infrastructure governance.

Speakers:
Doug Arent, *Global Fellow, Columbia University Center on Global Energy Policy*
Rob Gramlich, *President, Grid Strategies*
Vilas Dhar, *President, McGovern Foundation*

11 – 11:15 AM: Break

11:15 – 1 PM: Roundtable Discussion
The Decline of Globalization & The Rise of Security in Supply Chains

The United States is an energy superpower in production but faces serious vulnerabilities in the supply chains that underpin its energy system — critical minerals, battery manufacturing, solar components, enriched uranium, and the industrial inputs required for grid buildout. China dominates many of these supply chains, and the question of how to reduce that dependence has become one of the most consequential policy debates in Washington. This session examines the supply chain landscape, the competitive dynamics with China, and the industrial policy toolkit: why, where, and how should the United States use targeted intervention to bolster certain supply chains over others? Discussion will consider what has worked (CHIPS Act), what has struggled (battery supply chains), the FORGE framework for allied mineral coordination, and the tradeoffs between speed, cost, and strategic autonomy.

Speakers:
Sec. Dave Turk, *Former US Deputy Secretary of Energy*
Robin Millican, *Director of Research Programs and Strategic Partnerships, Columbia University*

1 – 2 PM: Working Lunch
Discussion continues between members of Congress and scholars on globalization and supply chains. Seating will be arranged to create conversation centered around Sec. Dave Turk, Robin Millican, Doug Arent, Rob Gramlich, and Vilas Dhar to dive deeper

into conversations discussed at the roundtables earlier.

2 – 4 PM: Discussions with Scholars
Scholars will meet with members of Congress for in-depth discussion of ideas raised in the morning sessions, including Doug Arent, Vilas Dhar, Rob Gramlich, Robin Millican, and Dave Turk.

4 – 5 PM: Pre-Dinner Remarks
The Economics of Energy — Affordability, Cost Allocation, and Who Pays

Americans are paying more for electricity, and the pressures behind those increases are multiplying — aging infrastructure, tight supply chains, higher capacity prices, and the challenge of allocating costs when a hyperscaler or chip fab lands in a utility's territory. This fireside examines the federal and state policy tools that can keep energy affordable for households and businesses: rate design, cost allocation for new interconnection, utility incentive structures that may favor capital investment over grid optimization, tax policy, and demand flexibility. The conversation will also drill into Alaska's specific affordability challenges — the cost of serving remote communities and the fiscal tradeoffs that come with energy-dependent public finances.

Speakers:
Alex Flint, *Executive Officer, Alliance for Market Solutions*
Clay Koplin, *Chief Executive Officer,Cordova Electric Cooperative*

5 – 9 PM: Working Dinner
Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Discussions will focus on energy affordability.

WEDNESDAY, August 26

Overnight at Windsong Lodge

8 – 9:30 AM: Working Breakfast
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.

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM: Travel from Seward to Anchorage Airport

2:02 – 4 PM: Flight from Anchorage to Utqiagvik, Alaska

4:30 – 6 PM: Welcome Remarks with Local Community Leaders
Visitors will hear from local community leaders in Utqiagvik, AK about daily challenges and what life is like on the Arctic.

6:00-7:00 PM: Arctic Circle Site Visit
Tundra Tour with Northern Voices
Visitors can see evidence of thawing permafrost, changes in vegetation, altered drainage patterns, and coastal erosion. These observations help explain how rising temperatures affect Arctic ecosystems and contribute to global environmental changes.

7 – 9 PM: Working Dinner
Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Discussions will focus on Arctic security.

THURSDAY, August 27

Overnight at Top of the World Hotel

7:30 – 8:30AM: Breakfast

9 – 11 AM: Roundtable Discussion
The Arctic: Energy, Climate, and Geopolitics

The Arctic is rising in strategic importance. Retreating ice is opening new shipping routes and access to energy and mineral resources, drawing sustained attention from the United States, its allies, and its competitors. This session examines how energy policy, environmental change, and national security intersect in the Arctic, including the roles of the United States, Russia, China, and Arctic allies; the implications for energy infrastructure and resource development; and the opportunities for American leadership in a region whose importance to global affairs continues to grow.
Speakers:
Amb. Mike Sfraga (ret.), Ph.D., *University of Alaska Fairbanks*
Heather A. Conley*, Nonresident Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute*

11 – 11:15 AM: Break

11:15 AM – 12:45 PM: Roundtable Discussion

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.

12:45 – 1:15 PM: Working Lunch
Discussion continues between members of Congress and scholars on Arctic policy. Seating will be arranged to create conversation centered around Amb. Mike Sfraga and Heather Conley to dive deeper into conversations discussed at the roundtables earlier.

1:30 – 3:30 PM: Educational Site Visits on Native Communities in Utqiagvik

Visiting community facilities and local energy infrastructure for participants to learn how energy is generated, delivered, and used in a community where fuel must often be transported over long distances. This highlights the high cost of energy in remote Arctic communities and the importance of energy efficiency in reducing household expenses and improving quality of life.

10:30 PM – 12:22 AM: Flight from Utqiagvik to Anchorage, Alaska

FRIDAY, August 28

1:29 AM : Participants begin to depart for home districts

Name	Departs Anchorage, AK	Arrives in US
Rep. Dean	August 28 departs at 8:59 AM	August 28 arrives in Philadelphia, PA at 11:50 PM
Rep. Fletcher	August 28 departs at 8:59 AM	August 28 arrives in Houston, TX at 9:27 PM
Rep. Gillen	August 28 departs at 1:29 AM	August 28 arrives in New York, NY at 3:29 PM
Rep. Kennedy	August 28 departs at 6:00 AM	August 28 arrives in Buffalo, NY at 6:23 PM
Rep. Knott	August 28 departs at 2:35 PM	August 29 arrives in Raleigh, NC at 5:41 AM
Rep. LaHood	August 28 departs at 9:00 AM	August 28 arrives in Peoria, IL at 8:50 PM
Rep. Larsen	August 28 departs at 1:29 AM	August 28 arrives in Seattle, WA at 6:00 AM
Rep. Malliotakis	August 28 departs at 8:39 PM	August 29 arrives in Newark, NJ at 7:24 AM

Rep. Mann	August 28 departs at 1:59 AM	August 28 arrives in Wichita, KS at 2:28 PM
Rep. Norcross	August 28 departs at 1:29 AM	August 28 arrives in Philadelphia, PA at 5:56 PM
Rep. Pallone	August 28 departs at 10:29 PM	August 29 arrives in Newark, NJ at 4:13 PM
Rep. Ross	August 28 departs at 9:15 PM	August 29 arrives in Raleigh, NC at 11:23 AM
Rep. Suozzi	August 28 departs at 1:32 AM	August 28 arrives in Chicago, IL at 1:23 PM
Rep. Stanton	August 28 departs at 1:29 AM	August 28 arrives in Phoenix, AZ at 10:24 AM

The Honorable Rick Larsen

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

Dear Representative Larsen,

I would like to invite you and Tiia to our bipartisan, bicameral congressional conference on ***Powering America: Affordability and Reliability in a New Energy Era*** **in Seward and Utqiagvik (Barrow), Alaska, August 23-28, 2026**, including travel dates. Please get back to us with interest to attend the conference **by COB Friday, May 22, 2026**. These conference spots fill up quickly due to heavy interest, 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.

Through roundtable sessions, site visits, and a visit to the North Slope in the Arctic, Members of Congress will discuss a range of pressing topics: the forces driving electricity costs higher and strategies to address them for households and businesses; the infrastructure investments and regulatory reforms required to ensure grid reliability amid severe weather and rapid demand growth; the evolving role of natural gas and LNG in domestic affordability and global energy security; how federal and state policymakers can better coordinate to accelerate energy infrastructure deployment; and the particular challenges facing rural, remote, and Arctic communities where affordability and reliability carry direct consequences for daily life. Members will also learn how energy challenges manifest uniquely in Alaska, a state whose economy and communities are deeply intertwined with energy production and consumption,

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We hope you can join us for this important conference.

Sincerely,

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