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 Karlén *OR* □ None

   b. Relationship to Traveler: ■ Spouse □ Child □ Other (specify): _____

3. a. Dates: Departure: November 4, 2026 Return: November 9, 2026

   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ *OR* □ None

4. Departure City: Seattle, WA Destination: Rome, Italy Return City: Washington, DC

5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center for Global Exchange

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: Richard R Larsen

Date: 11/12/26

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: The Ripon Society and The Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange
2. Travel Destination(s): Rome, Italy
3. Date of Departure: Wednesday, November 4, 2026 Date of Return: Monday, November 9, 2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Congressman Rick Larsen and Mrs. 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	$11,830.13	$ 1988.00	$ 748.00	$1675.00 Mtg/dining rental, security, av
Accompanying Family Member	$11,302.13		$748.00	$1675.00 Mtg/dining rental, security, av

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

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

Signature: James K. Conzelman **Date:** 11/9/2026

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

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

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

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

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TRANSATLANTIC CAPITAL TO CAPITAL EXCHANGE

ROME, ITALY – NOVEMBER 5-9, 2026

Name	Flight Dates	Flights and Departures (all times local)	Arrival Date	Arrival Time
Rep. Andy Barr	Nov 4	DL1173 LEX to ATL at 3:34 pm DL 66 ATL to FCO at 8:00 pm	Nov 5	11:20 am
Rep. Aaron Bean	Nov 4	DL 2923 JAX to ATL at 12:58 pm DL 214 ATL to FCO at 4:55 pm	Nov 5	8:15 am
Rep. Joyce Beatty	Nov 4	UA 6300 CMH to IAD at 3:00 pm UA 884 IAD to FCO at 6:00 pm	Nov 5	8:30 am
Rep. Ami Bera	Nov 4	UA 1742 SMF to IAD at 8:00 am UA 884 IAD to FCO at 6:00 pm	Nov 5	8:30 am
Rep. Stephanie Bice	Nov 4	AA 3419 OKC to DFW at 2:53 pm AA 240 DFW to FCO at 5:30 pm	Nov 5	10:45 am
Rep. Mike Bost	Nov 4	UA 3632 STL to IAD at 1:00 pm UA 884 IAD to FCO at 6:00 pm	Nov 5	8:30 am
Rep. Ed Case	Nov 3 Nov 4	UA 1346 HNL to SFO at 11:30 pm UA 1393 SFO to ORD at 8:20 am UA 970 ORD to FCO at 3:40 pm	Nov 5	7:45 am
Rep. Ben Cline	Nov 4	DL 4649 ROA to ATL at 1:13 pm DL 66 ATL to FCO at 8:00 pm	Nov 5	11:20 am
Rep. Ron Estes	Nov 4	AA 3465 ICT to DFW at 7:03 am AA 2958 DFW to PHL at 1:43 pm AA 718 PHL to FCO at 6:45 pm	Nov 5	9:00 am
Rep. Scott Franklin	Nov 4	AA 2528 TPA to PHL at 3:17 pm AA 718 PHL to FCO at 6:45 pm	Nov 5	9:00 am
Rep. Glenn Ivey	Nov 4 Nov 5	UA 108 IAD to MUC at 5:35 pm UA 9288 MUC to FCO at 9:50 am	Nov 5	11:20 am
Rep. David Kustoff	Nov 4	AA 5277 MEM to PHL at 12:53 pm AA 718 PHL to FCO at 6:35 pm	Nov 5	9:00 am
Rep. Darin LaHood	Nov 4	UA 5504 PIA to ORD at 10:43 am US 970 ORD to FCO at 3:40 pm	Nov 5	7:45 am
Rep. Rick Larsen	Nov 4	UA 672 SEA to IAD at 8:09 am UA 884 IAD to FCO at 6:00 pm	Nov 5	8:30 am
Rep. Frank Lucas	Nov 4	AA 3419 OKC to DFW at 2:53 pm AA 240 DFW to FCO at 5:30 pm	Nov 5	10:45 am

Rep. Carol Miller	Nov 4 Nov 5	AA 5985 HTS to CLT at 12:16 pm AA 748 CLT to MAD at 3:55 pm AA 8635 MAD to FCO at 8:45 am	Nov 5	11:10 am
Rep. Blake Moore	Nov 4	DL 657 SLC to BOS at 9:55 am AF 3637 BOS to FCO at 6:45 pm	Nov 5	8:45 am
Rep. Zach Nunn	Nov 4	UA 5304 DSM to ORD at 11:23 am UA 970 ORD to FCO at 3:40 pm	Nov 5	7:45 am
Rep. Jimmy Panetta	Nov 4	UA 194 SFO to MUC at 1:40 pm UA 9212 MUC to FCO at 11:45 am	Nov 5	1:15 pm
Rep. Linda Sánchez	Nov 4	UA 884 IAD to FCO dept at 6:00 pm	Nov 5	8:30 am
Rep. Pete Sessions	Nov 4	AA 240 DFW to FCO dept at 5:30 pm	Nov 5	10:45 am
Rep. Terri Sewell	Nov 4	UA 884 IAD to FCO at 6:00 pm	Nov 5	8:30 am
Rep. Adrian Smith	Nov 4	UA 5657 OMA to ORD at 1:02 pm UA 970 ORD to FCO at 3:40 pm	Nov 5	7:45 am
Rep. Tom Suozzi	Nov 4	DL 182 JFK to FCO at 5:20 pm	Nov 5	7:45 am
Rep. GT Thompson	Nov 4	UA 884 IAD to FCO at 6:00 pm	Nov 5	8:30 am
John Byers	Nov 4	UA 884 IAD to FCO at 6:00 pm	Nov 5	8:30 am
Lesley Byers	Nov 4	UA 884 IAD to FCO at 6:00 pm	Nov 5	8:30 am

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026

All day — Flights arrive in Rome

7:30 am-2:00 pm — Registration and check-in at hotels – Anantara Palazzo Naiadi Rome & The St. Regis Rome

LUNCH ON OWN

2:00 pm-2:30 pm — Depart hotels in vans for Chamber of Deputies at Palazzo Montecitorio

2:30 pm-4:30 pm — **Members of Congress-only bilateral meeting at Italian Parliament**

The U.S. Members of Congress will meet with their counterparts in the Italian Parliament – the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate of the Republic. They will engage in a dialogue about cooperation between our two countries in a variety of public policy areas.

- **Deputy Giorgio Mulè (FI-Sicily 1)** – Vice President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies
- **Deputy Nazario Pagano (FI-Abruzzo)** – Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs of the Italian Chamber of Deputies
- **Deputy Lorenzo Cesa (UDC-Molise)** – Chair of the Italian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly
- **Deputy Lia Quartapelle (PD-Lombardy 1)** – Vice Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Italian Chamber of Deputies
- **Senator Alberto Losacco (PD-Marche)** – Vice President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly
- **Deputy Andrea Orsini (FI-Lombardy 4)** – Vice Chair of the Italian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly
- Delegation co-leader: **Representative Frank Lucas (R-OK)** – Co-Chair of The Ripon Society's Honorary Congressional Advisory Board
- Delegation co-leader: **Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)** – Co-Chair of the Franklin Center's Congressional Honorary Board

(THURSDAY CONTINUED)

4:30 pm-5:00 pm Depart Parliament via van for Anantara Palazzo Naiadi Rome

5:00 pm-5:15 pm **Members of Congress-only briefing**

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

- **The Honorable Dave Camp** – Chair, the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange
- **Mr. Jim Conzelman** – President & CEO of The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange
- **Mr. Ted Allen** – Head of Security, TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange (C2C), Pinkerton Security

5:30 pm-6:55 pm **Opening reception at Anantara Palazzo Naiadi Rome**

6:55 pm-7:00 pm Walk from Anantara to The St. Regis

7:00 pm-9:00 pm **Opening dinner at The St. Regis Rome**

Friday, November 6, 2026

6:45 am-7:45 am Breakfast at hotels

7:45 am-8:25 am Walk to Roma Eventi Fontana di Trevi for policy panel sessions

8:30 am-9:30 am **Conference opening and In Country Briefing with U.S. Embassy Rome**

Welcoming remarks by the President & CEO of The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center followed by a briefing by the top officials from U.S. Embassy Rome which will focus on issues of importance to U.S.-Italian bilateral relations.

- **Mr. Jim Conzelman** – President & CEO of The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange
- **Ms. Marta Costanzo Youth** – Deputy Chief of Mission
- **Mr. Gottlieb Duwan** – External Political Unit Chief
- **Mr. Toby Wolf** – Counselor for Economic Affairs
- **Ms. Jennifer Kane** – Senior Commercial Officer
- **Mr. Neil Mikulski** – Regional Agricultural Attaché
- **Ms. Karen Schinnerer** – Minister Counselor for Public Diplomacy

9:30 am-10:30 am **Panel 1 – Tax policy, debt, and government spending**

A panel discussion about the fiscal challenges facing the United States and Italy, two countries that share the distinction of carrying some of the heaviest debt-to-GDP ratios among their peers. The panelists will discuss the difficult balance between promoting economic growth, meeting the needs of citizens, and reining in historically high levels of government spending and debt. The conversation will also examine how these fiscal pressures are shaping tax policy on both sides of the Atlantic, including the unresolved question of how to tax digital services in a global economy. With the OECD's efforts to create a multilateral framework having stalled, some countries – including Italy – have moved forward with their own digital services taxes, raising concerns in the United States about the impact on American companies.

- **Representative Darin LaHood (R-IL)**
- **Representative Ron Estes (R-KS)**
- **Representative Tom Suozzi (D-NY)**
- **Representative Blake Moore (R-UT)**
- Moderator: **The Honorable Dave Camp** – Chair, the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange

10:30 am-10:45 am Break

(FRIDAY CONTINUED)

10:45 am-11:45 am **Panel 2 – U.S.-EU trade**

A panel discussion focusing on the trade priorities of the United States and the European Union and the ways our countries can increase mutually beneficial commerce. While U.S.-Italy trade flows through the EU framework, that bilateral relationship carries its own dynamics, as recent disputes over Italian agricultural exports to the United States have shown. The panelists will discuss the implementation of the new U.S.-EU trade agreement and what it means for businesses and consumers on both sides of the Atlantic. The conversation will also explore the challenges of navigating trade relations during a period of significant uncertainty, including a Supreme Court ruling on tariff authority that has reshaped the legal landscape of U.S. trade policy.

- **Representative Adrian Smith (R-NE)**
- **Representative Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA)**
- **Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL)**
- **Representative Aaron Bean (R-FL)**
- **Mr. Aaron Pugliesi** – Head of Advocacy, Strategy Implementation & Regional Network, American Chamber of Commerce in Italy
- Moderator: **The Honorable Dave Camp** – Chair, the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange

11:45 am-12:15 pm **Keynote speaker – Technology and the transatlantic alliance**

Artificial intelligence, quantum computing and next-generation networks are reshaping both economic competitiveness and national security. In these keynote remarks, a senior Italian diplomat will discuss how the United States and Italy can deepen their cooperation on artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, cybersecurity, and 6G networks. He will also address the computing power and energy infrastructure these technologies require, and the importance of trusted technology partnerships among allies, including initiatives like Pax Silica. He will address Italy's ambition to serve as a technological bridge between the United States and Europe. Finally, he will share how Italy is approaching AI governance through its national AI law and strategy, and how allied nations can encourage innovation while protecting individual rights.

- **Ambassador Armando Varricchio** – Special Envoy for Innovation and New Technologies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Republic of Italy
- Session leader: **Representative Darin LaHood (R-IL)** – Co-Chair of the Franklin Center's Congressional Honorary Board

12:15 pm-1:00 pm **Lunch with policy discussions on the future of U.S.-Italian relations**

Each Member of Congress will lead a small lunch discussion following up on the keynote speaker session they just heard earlier in the day.

1:00 pm-1:30 pm Walk back to hotels

1:30 pm-5:00 pm *Historian-led visits to various locations around Rome – paid for at personal expense*

5:00 pm-6:00 pm Prep for dinner

(FRIDAY CONTINUED)

6:00 pm Depart hotels via bus for dinner at Villa Miani

6:30 pm-9:00 pm **Reception and dinner with Member of Congress-led policy discussions**

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

Rep. Barr – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Lucas – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Bean – Tax policy and debt	Rep. Miller – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Beatty – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Moore – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Bera – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Nunn – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Bice – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Panetta – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Bost – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Sánchez – Tax policy and debt
Rep. Case – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Sessions – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Cline – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Sewell – Tax policy and debt
Rep. Estes – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Smith – Tax policy and debt
Rep. Franklin – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Suozzi – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Ivey – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Thompson – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Kustoff – U.S.-EU trade	John Byers – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. LaHood – U.S.-EU trade	Lesley Byers – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Larsen – U.S.-EU trade	

9:00 pm-9:30 pm Depart dinner via bus for hotels

9:30 pm-11:00 pm After dinner coffee at hotels

Saturday, November 7, 2026

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

8:15 am-9:00 am Depart hotels via buses for Palazzo Brancaccio for policy panel sessions

9:00 am-10:00 am **Panel 3 – Energy and climate change**

A panel discussion on the future of energy production in the United States, Italy, and the European Union. The conversation will examine how both countries are pursuing a more affordable and stable energy mix, including the role of natural gas, renewables, and nuclear power. The panel will also explore how Russia's invasion of Ukraine has reshaped energy security in Europe, where countries like Italy have had to rapidly diversify away from Russian gas – an effort in which growing U.S. energy exports have played an important role. Finally, the panelists will discuss climate change and whether continued technological innovation and cleaner energy sources are sufficient to address these concerns, or whether further government action will be necessary.

- **Representative Rick Larsen (D-WA)**
- **Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)**
- **Professor Francesco Corvaro** – Special Envoy for Climate Change of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Ministry of Environment and Energy Security, Republic of Italy
- Moderator: **Mr. John Byers** – Chief of Staff, Rep. August Pfluger (R-TX)

10:00 am-10:15 am Break

10:15 am-11:00 am **Panel 4 – U.S.-Italy defense cooperation and the future of NATO**

A panel discussion about the military collaboration between the United States and Italy, one of America's most strategically located NATO allies in the Mediterranean. The conversation will explore the state of the bilateral defense relationship and Italy's role in maintaining security in Europe and beyond. The panelists will also discuss the future of the NATO alliance, including how member nations are responding to a new defense spending target that represents a significant increase from the previous benchmark. Finally, the panel will examine what role NATO should play in the world against the backdrop of Russia's ongoing war in Ukraine and other security challenges facing the alliance.

- **Representative Andy Barr (R-KY)**
- **Representative Ed Case (D-HI)**
- **Representative Mike Bost (R-IL)**
- Moderator: **Ms. Lesley Byers –** Strategic Communications Director, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

(SATURDAY CONTINUED)

11:00 am-12:15 pm **Panel 5 – Artificial intelligence: promise, power, and responsibility**

A panel discussion about the growth of artificial intelligence and its impact on society, the economy, and humanity. Earlier this year, Pope Leo XIV released his first encyclical, "Magnifica Humanitas," a sweeping statement on the promise and dangers of AI that called on governments, corporations, and individuals to ensure that technological development remains subject to ethical oversight and serves humanity rather than displacing it. With the conference taking place in Rome, the panelists will explore the societal questions raised by the rapid advance of AI, including its effects on work and the economy. The conversation will also examine how the United States and other nations can foster innovation while developing responsible safeguards for these transformative technologies.

- Opening remarks: **Ambassador Brian Burch** – U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See
- **Representative Ben Cline (R-VA)**
- **Representative Glenn Ivey (D-MD)**
- Moderator: **Representative Ami Bera (D-CA)**

12:15 pm-1:30 pm **Lunch with keynote and Panel 6 – Feeding the world**

A panel discussion about the challenge of feeding a growing global population at a time when hundreds of millions of people face crisis levels of hunger driven by conflict, displacement, and extreme weather. The panelists will discuss the agricultural policy priorities of the United States, including the efforts of Congress to modernize the farm safety net and support American producers through the 2026 Farm Bill. The conversation will also examine the role of agricultural innovation in increasing food production and sustainability, as well as the work of multilateral organizations like the Rome-based World Food Programme and Food and Agriculture Organization in responding to hunger crises around the world. Finally, the panelists will explore how governments like the United States can most effectively partner with these organizations during a period of reexamination of global assistance.

- Keynote remarks: **The Honorable Luke J. Lindberg** – Executive Director, World Food Programme
- **Representative Frank Lucas (R-OK)**
- **Representative Glenn "GT" Thompson (R-PA)**
- **Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)**
- **Representative Scott Franklin (R-FL)**
- **Ms. Beth Bechdol** – Deputy Director-General at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Moderator: **Representative Ed Case (D-HI)**

1:30 pm-2:00 pm Return by bus to hotels

2:00 pm-5:00 pm *Historian-led visits to various locations around Rome – paid for at personal expense*

5:00 pm-6:00 pm Prep for dinner

(SATURDAY CONTINUED)

6:00 pm-6:30 pm Depart on foot for dinner at Comodo Mercato Trevi

6:30 pm-9:00 pm **Dinner with Member of Congress-led policy discussions**

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

Rep. Barr – Artificial intelligence	Rep. Lucas – Artificial intelligence
Rep. Bean – Artificial intelligence	Rep. Miller – Artificial intelligence
Rep. Beatty – Artificial intelligence	Rep. Moore – Artificial intelligence
Rep. Bera – Artificial intelligence	Rep. Nunn – U.S.-Italy defense cooperation
Rep. Bice – Artificial intelligence	Rep. Panetta – U.S.-Italy defense cooperation
Rep. Bost – Artificial intelligence	Rep. Sánchez – Artificial intelligence
Rep. Case – Artificial intelligence	Rep. Sessions – Artificial intelligence
Rep. Cline – U.S.-Italy defense cooperation	Rep. Sewell – Artificial intelligence
Rep. Estes – Artificial intelligence	Rep. Smith – Artificial intelligence
Rep. Franklin – Artificial intelligence	Rep. Suozzi – Artificial intelligence
Rep. Ivey – U.S.-Italy defense cooperation	Rep. Thompson – Energy and climate change
Rep. Kustoff – Artificial intelligence	John Byers – Artificial intelligence
Rep. LaHood – Artificial intelligence	Lesley Byers – Artificial intelligence
Rep. Larsen – U.S.-Italy defense cooperation	

9:00 pm-9:30 pm Walk back to hotels

9:30 pm-11:30 pm After dinner coffee at hotels

Sunday, November 8, 2026

7:00 am-8:30 am Breakfast at hotels

8:30 am-9:00 am Walk to The Space Cinema – Moderno Roma for policy panel sessions

9:00 am-10:15 am **Panel 7 – Important issues for future consideration**

A panel discussion on the agenda of the 120th Congress. Specifically, the panelists will examine the looming fiscal challenges awaiting Congress in 2027 including funding the government and our nation's growing debt and deficit.

- **Representative Frank Lucas (R-OK)**
- **Representative Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA)**
- **Representative Darin LaHood (R-IL)**
- **Representative Tom Suozzi (D-NY)**
- Moderator: **The Honorable Dave Camp** – Chair, the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange

10:15 am-10:30 am Break

10:30 am-11:30 am **Panel 8 – Financial markets, banking, and fiscal policy**

A panel discussion about the challenges and opportunities being faced by banking, insurance, and other financial service industries around the world. The panelists will discuss the role governments and central banks play in maintaining healthy markets during a period of geopolitical uncertainty and shifting monetary policy on each side of the Atlantic. The conversation will also examine how public debt and government budgets shape investor confidence, borrowing costs, and the health of the banking system and the broader economy. Finally, the panel will explore how countries like the United States and Italy can strengthen their financial systems and deepen their capital markets to better channel investment and support economic growth.

- **Representative Pete Sessions (R-TX)**
- **Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)**
- **Representative Zach Nunn (R-IA)**
- **Mr. Renato Loiero** – Economic Advisor, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni
- Moderator: **Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL)**

11:30 am-12:00 pm **Keynote speaker – The order we built: renewing the transatlantic partnership for a new era**

Nearly eight decades ago, the United States and its European allies helped build the institutions that have underpinned peace and prosperity on both sides of the Atlantic. These range from NATO, founded in 1949 with the United States and Italy among its twelve charter members, to the European Economic Community, the forerunner of today's European Union, created by the Treaties of Rome signed in this city in 1957. One of Europe's foremost foreign policy thinkers will share her perspective on what that transatlantic partnership should look like in a new era. She will discuss how a series of national elections across Europe in the coming year could shape the continent's direction, and how European nations are responding to calls to take on greater responsibility for their own defense. She will take questions on the future of U.S.-European cooperation and what each side of the Atlantic needs from the other.

- **Dr. Nathalie Tocci** – Professor of the Practice, Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) Europe; Senior Fellow at Bocconi University's Institute for European Policy-Making; former Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)
- Session leader: **Representative Tom Suozzi (D-NY)**

(Sunday continued)

12:00 pm-1:00 pm **Panel 9 – Health care and pharmaceuticals**

A panel discussion about what the U.S. and Italian governments can do to encourage better patient care and health care outcomes while maintaining or lowering costs for consumers. The panelists will explore the different approaches each country takes to delivering care and discuss what they can learn from one another. The conversation will also examine solutions to the high cost of pharmaceuticals while ensuring that substantial private sector investment in research and innovation continues.

- **Representative Ami Bera, M.D. (D-CA)**
- **Representative David Kustoff (R-TN)**
- **Representative Carol Miller (R-WV)**
- **Professor Pierpaolo Sileri, M.D., PhD** – Full Professor of General Surgery at Vita-Salute San Raffaele University; former Italian Senator (IpF-Lazio)
- Moderator: **Representative Adrian Smith (R-NE)**

1:00 pm-5:30 pm Lunch on your own, time to pack, rest, visit Rome and prep for dinner – *any expenses during this time will be paid for at the Member's personal expense.*

5:30 pm Depart via bus for Salone delle Fontane for closing dinner

6:00 pm-10:00 pm **Closing dinner with Member of Congress-led policy discussions**

Each Member of Congress will lead a small dinner discussion with their final reflections about the future of relations and cooperation between the United States, Italy, and the EU:

Rep. Bean – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Lucas – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Beatty – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Miller – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Bera – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Moore – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Bice – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Nunn – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Bost – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Panetta – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Case – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Sánchez – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Cline – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Sessions – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Estes – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Sewell – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Franklin – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Smith – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Ivey – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Suozzi – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Kustoff – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Thompson – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. LaHood – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	John Byers – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Larsen – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Lesley Byers – Future of U.S.-Italian relations

10:00 pm-10:30 pm Bus back to hotels

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

Monday, November 9, 2026

6:00 am-8:30 am Breakfast at hotels

Morning Departure flights from Rome to Washington, DC

Name	Flight Dates	Flights and Departures (all times local)	Arrival Date	Arrival Time
Rep. Andy Barr	Nov 8	DL 8292 FCO to CDG at 10:20 am DL 8710 CDG to IAD at 1:40 pm	Nov 8	4:30 pm
Rep. Aaron Bean	Nov 9	DL 9518 FCO to AMS at 6:10 am DL 9394 AMS to IAD at 1:20 pm	Nov 9	3:55 pm
Rep. Joyce Beatty	Nov 9	UA 885 FCO to IAD at 11:00 am	Nov 9	3:05 pm
Rep. Ami Bera	Nov 9	UA 8805 FCO to FRA at 7:05 am UA 988 FRA to IAD at 11:30 am	Nov 9	2:35 pm
Rep. Stephanie Bice	Nov 9	UA 885 FCO to IAD at 11:00 am	Nov 9	3:05 pm
Rep. Mike Bost	Nov 9	UA 885 FCO to IAD at 11:00 am	Nov 9	3:05 pm
Rep. Ed Case	Nov 9	UA 7754 FCO to ZRH at 8:30 am UA 53 ZRH to IAD at 11:45 am	Nov 9	3:30 pm
Rep. Ben Cline	Nov 9	DL 9518 FCO to AMS at 6:10 am DL 9384 AMS to IAD at 1:20 pm	Nov 9	3:55 pm
Rep. Ron Estes	Nov 9	AA 6781 FCO to LHR at 7:50 am AA 6968 LHR to IAD at 12:15 pm	Nov 9	3:40 pm
Rep. Scott Franklin	Nov 9	AA 6781 FCO to LHR at 7:50 am AA 6968 LHR to IAD at 12:15 pm	Nov 9	3:40 pm
Rep. Glenn Ivey	Nov 9	UA 7738 FCO to BRU at 8:35 am UA 951 BRU to IAD at 11:55 am	Nov 9	2:30 pm
Rep. David Kustoff	Nov 9	AA 6781 FCO to LHR at 7:50 am AA 6968 LHR to IAD at 12:15 pm	Nov 9	3:40 pm
Rep. Darin LaHood	Nov 9	UA 885 FCO to IAD at 11:00 am	Nov 9	3:05 pm
Rep. Rick Larsen	Nov 9	UA 8805 FCO to FRA at 7:05 am UA 988 FRA to IAD at 11:30 am	Nov 9	2:35 pm
Rep. Frank Lucas	Nov 9	UA 885 FCO to IAD at 11:00 am	Nov 9	3:05 pm
Rep. Carol Miller	Nov 9	AA 6781FCO to LHR at 7:50am AA 6968 LHR to IAD at 12:15 pm	Nov 9	3:40 pm
Rep. Blake Moore	Nov 9	DL 9518 FCO to AMS at 6:10 am DL 9384 AMS to IAD at 1:20 pm	Nov 9	3:55 pm
Rep. Zach Nunn	Nov 9	UA 8805 FCO to FRA at 7:05 am UA 988 FRA to IAD at 11:30 am	Nov 9	2:35 pm
Rep. Jimmy Panetta	Nov 9	UA 885 FCO to IAD at 11:00 am	Nov 9	3:05 pm
Rep. Linda Sánchez	Nov 9	UA 885 FCO to IAD at 11:00 am	Nov 9	3:05 pm
Rep. Pete Sessions	Nov 9	BA 563 FCO to LHR at 7:50 am BA 217 LHR to IAD at 12:15 pm	Nov 9	3:40 pm
Rep. Terri Sewell	Nov 9	LH 231 FCO to FRA at 9:55 am LH 418 FRA to IAD at 1:00 pm	Nov 9	3:55 pm
Rep. Adrian Smith	Nov 9	UA 7738 FCO to BRU at 8:35 am UA 951 BRU to IAD at 11:55 am	Nov 9	2:30 pm
Rep. Tom Suozzi	Nov 9	DL 8292 FCO to CDG at 10:20 am DL 8710 CDG to IAD at 1:40 pm	Nov 9	4:30 pm
Rep. GT Thompson	Nov 9	UA 7754 FCO to ZRH at 8:30 am UA 53 ZRH to IAD at 11:45 am	Nov 9	3:30 pm
John Byers	Nov 9	UA 885 FCO- IAD at 11:00 am	Nov 9	3:05 pm
Lesley Byers	Nov 9	UA 885 FCO- IAD at 11:00 am	Nov 9	3:05 pm

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TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

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

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

Name of Traveler: Rep. Rick Larsen

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

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

Signature: Rick Larsen

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): _____

Office Address: 2163 Rayburn House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-2605

Email Address of Contact Person: libby.otto@mail.house.gov

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

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

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

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

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Congressman Rick Larsen

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

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Rome, Italy

4. a. Date of Departure: November 4, 2026 Date of Return: November 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: Tiia Karlén

   (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 Ripon Society TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange policy conference is connected to Rep. Larsen's official duties representing Washington's Second District. The district is home to a diverse agricultural economy, important national security assets and thriving traditional and emerging energy industries. Gaining a deeper understanding of the bilateral relationship of the US, Italy and the EU on these issues will help Rep. Larsen better serve his constituents. In addition, Rep. Larsen serves as a Special Rapporteur to NATO PA and co-chair of the US-China Working Group. This trip will inform and support his efforts on great power competition, cooperation with partners and allies, U.S. global leadership and regional security challenges.

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

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

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

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

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

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

   The Ripon Society

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

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

   If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: The Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange

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

   See Attachment A

5. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026 Date of Return: Mon. Nov 9, 2026
7. a. City of departure: Member's District
   b. Destination(s): Rome, Italy
   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:

   The Ripon Society hosts international policy conferences to build better relations between the U.S. and other countries such as Italy. The Franklin Center promotes enlightened, balanced and unbiased policy discussions by jointly hosting these conferences. Both The Ripon Society and Franklin Center organize and manage all aspects of the conference.

13. *Answer parts a and b.* ***Answer part c if necessary***:
   a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☒ Car ☐ Other ☐ (specify:_____)
   b. Class of travel: Coach ☐ Business ☒ First ☐ Charter ☒ Other ☐ (specify:_____)
   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): $187
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: the US and Italy work together thru Int'l organizations such as the UN, NATO,OECD, OSCE,IMF,G20 and G7. Italy ranks as the US' 15th top trading partner.
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

   Hotel Name: St. Regis City: Rome Cost Per Night: $489
   Reason(s) for Selecting: location, security, facilities, rates - group will be in both hotels
   Hotel Name: Anantara Palazzo Naidi City: Rome Cost Per Night: $489
   Reason(s) for Selecting: location, security,facilities,rates - group will be in both hotels
   Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
   Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

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

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

☐ Actual Amounts ☑ Good Faith Estimates	Total **Transportation** Expenses per Participant	Total **Lodging** Expenses per Participant	Total **Meal** Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	$11,000	$1,956	$ 748
For each Accompanying Family Member	$11,000		$ 748

	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	$ 1675	meeting/dining room rental,security,av
For each Accompanying Family Member	$ 1675	meeting/dining room rental,security,av

19. ***Check only one:***
    a. ☑ I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
    b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**
    a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
    b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
    c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: James K. Conzelman Date: 9/8/2026

Name: James K. Conzelman Title: President and CEO

Organization: The Ripon Society

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

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

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ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. **Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.**

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: The Ripon Society
2. Name of your organization: The Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange
3. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes ☒ No ☐ Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization? The Embassy of Japan is a member of the Franklin Center but does not participate in this conference.
5. ***Check one.*** I certify that my organization:
   a. ☐ Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
   b. ☒ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to Destination: Rome, Italy on Date: November 4-9, 2026 that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
   c. ☐ Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (*e.g.*, meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. ***Check only one:***
   a. ☒ My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
   b. ☐ My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
7. **I certify by my signature that**
   a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
   b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent;
   c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
   d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: James K. Conzelman Date: 9/9/2026

Name: James K. Conzelman Title: President and CEO

Organization: The Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange

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

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Attachment A

Further answers to Primary Trip Sponsor Form questions

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

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

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

Panel discussions

Member of Congress	Policy panel discussion topic
Representative Andy Barr (R-KY)	Financial markets and banking
Representative Aaron Bean (R-FL)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)	Financial markets and banking
Representative Ami Bera (D-CA)	Health care and pharmaceuticals
Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)	Energy and climate change
Representative Mike Bost (R-IL)	U.S.-Italy defense cooperation and the future of NATO
Representative Mike Carey (R-OH)	Energy and climate change
Representative Ed Case (D-HI)	U.S.-Italy defense cooperation and the future of NATO
Representative Ben Cline (R-VA)	Artificial intelligence: promise, power, and responsibility
Representative Jake Ellzey (R-TX)	U.S.-Italy defense cooperation and the future of NATO
Representative Ron Estes (R-KS)	Tax policy, debt, and government spending
Representative Scott Franklin (R-FL)	Feeding the world
Representative Erin Houchin (R-IN)	Artificial intelligence: promise, power, and responsibility
Representative Jeff Hurd (R-CO)	Energy and climate change
Representative Glenn Ivey (D-MD)	Artificial intelligence: promise, power, and responsibility
Representative David Kustoff (R-TN)	Health care and pharmaceuticals
Representative Darin LaHood (R-IL)	Tax policy, debt, and government spending
Representative Rick Larsen (D-WA)	Energy and climate change
Representative Frank Lucas (R-OK)	Feeding the world
Representative Carol Miller (R-WV)	Health care and pharmaceuticals
Representative Blake Moore (R-UT)	Tax policy, debt, and government spending
Representative Greg Murphy (R-NC)	Health care and pharmaceuticals
Representative Zach Nunn (R-IA)	Financial markets and banking
Representative Jay Obernolte (R-CA)	Artificial intelligence: promise, power, and responsibility
Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)	Feeding the world
Representative August Pfluger (R-TX)	U.S.-Italy defense cooperation and the future of NATO
Representative Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Pete Sessions (R-TX)	Financial markets and banking
Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Adrian Smith (R-NE)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Tom Suozzi (D-NY)	Tax policy, debt, and government spending
Representative G.T. Thompson (R-PA)	Feeding the world
John Byers, Chief of Staff, Rep. August Pfluger	Moderator, Health Care and Pharmaceuticals
Lesley Byers, Strategic Communications Director, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence	Moderator, U.S.-Italy defense cooperation and the future of NATO

Friday night dinner policy discussions

Member of Congress	Friday dinner topic
Representative Andy Barr (R-KY)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Aaron Bean (R-FL)	Tax policy and debt
Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Ami Bera (D-CA)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Mike Bost (R-IL)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Mike Carey (R-OH)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Ed Case (D-HI)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Ben Cline (R-VA)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Jake Ellzey (R-TX)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Ron Estes (R-KS)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Scott Franklin (R-FL)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Erin Houchin (R-IN)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Jeff Hurd (R-CO)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Glenn Ivey (D-MD)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative David Kustoff (R-TN)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Darin LaHood (R-IL)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Rick Larsen (D-WA)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Frank Lucas (R-OK)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Carol Miller (R-WV)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Blake Moore (R-UT)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Greg Murphy (R-NC)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Zach Nunn (R-IA)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Jay Obernolte (R-CA)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative August Pfluger (R-TX)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA)	Tax policy and debt
Representative Pete Sessions (R-TX)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL)	Tax policy and debt
Representative Adrian Smith (R-NE)	Tax policy and debt
Representative Tom Suozzi (D-NY)	U.S.-EU trade
Representative G.T. Thompson (R-PA)	U.S.-EU trade
John Byers	U.S.-EU trade
Lesley Byers	U.S -EU trade

Saturday night dinner policy discussions

Member of Congress	Saturday dinner topic
Representative Andy Barr (R-KY)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Aaron Bean (R-FL)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Ami Bera (D-CA)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Mike Bost (R-IL)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Mike Carey (R-OH)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Ed Case (D-HI)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Ben Cline (R-VA)	U.S.-Italy defense cooperation
Representative Jake Ellzey (R-TX)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Ron Estes (R-KS)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Scott Franklin (R-FL)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Erin Houchin (R-IN)	Energy and climate change
Representative Jeff Hurd (R-CO)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Glenn Ivey (D-MD)	U.S.-Italy defense cooperation
Representative David Kustoff (R-TN)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Darin LaHood (R-IL)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Rick Larsen (D-WA)	U.S.-Italy defense cooperation
Representative Frank Lucas (R-OK)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Carol Miller (R-WV)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Blake Moore (R-UT)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Greg Murphy (R-NC)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Zach Nunn (R-IA)	U.S.-Italy defense cooperation
Representative Jay Obernolte (R-CA)	Energy and climate change
Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)	U.S.-Italy defense cooperation
Representative August Pfluger (R-TX)	Energy and climate change
Representative Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Pete Sessions (R-TX)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Adrian Smith (R-NE)	Artificial intelligence
Representative Tom Suozzi (D-NY)	Artificial intelligence
Representative G.T. Thompson (R-PA)	Energy and climate change
John Byers	Artificial Intelligence
Lesley Byers	Artificial Intelligence

Sunday night dinner policy discussions

Member of Congress	Sunday dinner topic
Representative Andy Barr (R-KY)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Aaron Bean (R-FL)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Ami Bera (D-CA)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Mike Bost (R-IL)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Mike Carey (R-OH)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Ed Case (D-HI)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Ben Cline (R-VA)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Jake Ellzey (R-TX)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Ron Estes (R-KS)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Scott Franklin (R-FL)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Erin Houchin (R-IN)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Jeff Hurd (R-CO)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Glenn Ivey (D-MD)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative David Kustoff (R-TN)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Darin LaHood (R-IL)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Rick Larsen (D-WA)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Frank Lucas (R-OK)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Carol Miller (R-WV)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Blake Moore (R-UT)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Greg Murphy (R-NC)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Zach Nunn (R-IA)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Jay Obernolte (R-CA)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative August Pfluger (R-TX)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Pete Sessions (R-TX)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Adrian Smith (R-NE)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Representative Tom Suozzi (D-NY)	Future of U.S.-Italian relations
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Lesley Byers	Future of U.S.-Italian relations

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ROME, ITALY – NOVEMBER 5-9, 2026

January 20, 2026

The Honorable Rick Larsen
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Larsen:

You and Tiia are invited to participate in the 40th Annual TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange (C2C) policy conference that The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center are holding in Rome, Italy, November 5-9, 2026. You will depart from your district on Wednesday, November 4 to arrive in Rome on Thursday, November 5 and return to Washington, DC. on Monday, November 9.

For four decades now, our TransAtlantic Capital to Capital Exchange conference has been held in capital cities around the world. The purpose of our 2026 C2C in Rome is to examine some of the key issues impacting the U.S.- Italy relationship. The conference will include a bipartisan delegation of Members of the U.S House of Representatives, as well as members of our two organizations.

During the conference the delegation will conduct meetings, attend keynote addresses, and participate in panel discussions with members of the Italian government, and other public and private sector leaders and experts based in Italy. Additionally, we anticipate diplomats from the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See and the U.S. Embassy in Rome to participate.

These bipartisan discussion forums are designed to further encourage cooperation and understanding across many public policy areas. The topics will include trade, taxation, energy security, financial services and banking, health care, defense, China, and AI technology, among others.

Moreover, the agenda is constructed carefully with counsel from the congressional ethics committee in alignment with their standards. Travel expenses, including airfare, meals, lodging, security and venue costs, will be paid by the Ripon Society and the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange for you and Tiia.

Enclosed is more information about The Ripon Society and the Franklin Center, a preliminary outline of our agenda, and a summary of our 2025 conference in Geneva, Switzerland.

By accepting this invitation, you are committing to being with us for the entirety of the conference. To maintain the integrity of our program, we will be unable to accommodate early departures, except for family emergencies. If the 2026 conference dates do not work with your schedule, we hope you will be able to join us in August 2027.

We can accommodate a 30 - 35 bipartisan Member delegation, along with our other guests. **Kindly RSVP by February 3, 2026. Acceptances will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.**

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

Sincerely,



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







TRANSATLANTIC CAPITAL TO CAPITAL EXCHANGE

ROME, ITALY – NOVEMBER 5-9, 2026

PRELIMINARY DRAFT AGENDA

TOPICS AND TIMING SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Name	Flight Dates	Flights and Departures (all times local)	Arrival Date	Arrival Time
Rep. Andy Barr	Nov 4	DL1173 LEX to ATL at 3:34 pm DL 66 ATL to FCO at 8:00 pm	Nov 5	11:20 am
Rep. Aaron Bean	Nov 4	DL 2923 JAX to ATL at 12:58 pm DL 214 ATL to FCO at 4:55 pm	Nov 5	8:15 am
Rep. Joyce Beatty	Nov 4	UA 3428 CMH to IAD at 3:00 pm UA 884 IAD to FCO at 6:00 pm	Nov 5	8:30 am
Rep. Ami Bera	Nov 4	UA 1742 SMF to IAD at 8:00 am UA 884 IAD to FCO at 6:00 pm	Nov 5	8:30 am
Rep. Stephanie Bice	Nov 4	AA 3419 OKC to DFW at 2:53 pm AA 240 DFW to FCO at 5:30 pm	Nov 5	10:45 am
Rep. Mike Bost	Nov 4	UA 4454 STL to IAD at 1:00 pm UA 884 IAD to FCO at 6:00 pm	Nov 5	8:30 am
Rep. Mike Carey	Nov 4	UA 622 CMH to ORD at 10:59 am UA 970 ORD to FCO at 3:40 pm	Nov 5	7:45 am
Rep. Ed Case	Nov 3 Nov 4	UA 1346 HNL to SFO at 11:30 pm UA 1393 SFO to ORD at 8:20 am UA 970 ORD to FCO at 3:40 pm	Nov 5	7:45 am
Rep. Ben Cline	Nov 4	DL 4649 ROA to ATL at 1:13 pm DL 66 ATL to FCO at 8:00 pm	Nov 5	11:20 am
Rep. Jake Ellzey	Nov 4	AA 240 DFW to FCO at 5:30 pm	Nov 5	10:45 am
Rep. Ron Estes	Nov 4	AA 3465 ICT to DFW at 7:03 am AA 2958 DFW to PHL at 1:43 pm AA 718 PHL to FCO at 6:45 pm	Nov 5	9:00 am
Rep. Scott Franklin	Nov 4	AA 2528 TPA to PHL at 2:20 pm AA 718 PHL to FCO at 6:45 pm	Nov 5	9:00 am
Rep. Erin Houchin	Nov 4	UA 5471 SDF to ORD at 2:10 UA 970 ORD to FCO at 3:40 pm	Nov 5	7:45 am
Rep. Jeff Hurd	Nov 4	AA 3385 GJT to DFW at 10:36 am AA 240 DFW to FCO at 5:30 pm	Nov 5	10:45 am

Rep. Glenn Ivey	Nov 4 Nov 5	UA 108 IAD to MUC at 5:35 pm UA 9288 MUC to FCO at 9:50 am	Nov 5	11:20 am
Rep. David Kustoff	Nov 4	AA 5277 MEM to PHL at 12:53 pm AA 718 PHL to FCO at 6:35 pm	Nov 5	9:00 am
Rep. Darin LaHood	Nov 4	UA 5504 PIA to ORD at 10:43 am US 970 ORD to FCO at 3:40 pm	Nov 5	7:45 am
Rep. Rick Larsen	Nov 4	UA 672 SEA to IAD at 8:09 am UA 884 IAD to FCO at 6:00 pm	Nov 5	8:30 am
Rep. Frank Lucas	Nov 4	AA 3419 OKC to DFW at 2:53 pm AA 240 DFW to FCO at 5:30 pm	Nov 5	10:45 am
Rep. Carol Miller	Nov 4 Nov 5	AA 5985 HTS to CLT at 12:16 pm AA 748 CLT to MAD at 3:55 pm AA 8635 MAD to FCO at 8:45 am	Nov 5	11:10 am
Rep. Blake Moore	Nov 4	DL 657 SLC to BOS at 9:55 am AF 3637 BOS to FCO at 6:45 pm	Nov 5	8:45 am
Rep. Greg Murphy	Nov 4	AA 5116 RDU to PHL at 3:58 pm AA 718 PHL to FCO at 6:45 pm	Nov 5	9:00 am
Rep. Zach Nunn	Nov 4	UA 5304 DSM to ORD at 11:23 am UA 970 ORD to FCO at 3:40 pm	Nov 5	7:45 am
Rep. Jay Obernolte	Nov 4	UA 932 IAD to FRA depts at 10:00 pm UA 8802 FRA to FCO depts at 3:55 pm	Nov 5	5:45 pm
Rep. Jimmy Panetta	Nov 4	UA 194 SFO to MUC at 1:40 pm UA 9212 MUC to FCO at 11:45 am	Nov 5	1:15 pm
Rep. August Pfluger	Nov 4	AA 4925 SJT to DFW at 11:30 am AA 240 DFW to FCO at 5:30 pm	Nov 5	10:45 am
Rep. Linda Sánchez	Nov 4	UA 884 IAD to FCO dept at 6:00 pm	Nov 5	8:30 am
Rep. Pete Sessions	Nov 4	AA 240 DFW to FCO dept at 5:30 pm	Nov 5	10:45 am
Rep. Terri Sewell	Nov 4	UA 884 IAD to FCO at 6:00 pm	Nov 5	8:30 am
Rep. Adrian Smith	Nov 4	UA 1335 OMA to ORD at 1:02 pm UA 970 ORD to FCO at 3:40 pm	Nov 5	7:45 am
Rep. Tom Suozzi	Nov 4	DL 182 JFK to FCO at 5:20 pm	Nov 5	7:45 am
Rep. GT Thompson	Nov 4	UA 884 IAD to FCO at 6:00 pm	Nov 5	8:30 am
John Byers	Nov 4	UA 884 IAD to FCO at 6:00 pm	Nov 5	8:30 am
Lesley Byers	Nov 4	UA 884 IAD to FCO at 6:00 pm	Nov 5	8:30 am

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026 (TRAVEL DAY)

All day — Flights arrive in Rome

9:00 am-3:30 pm — Registration and check-in at the hotel

LUNCH ON OWN

1:15 pm — Depart hotel for Prime Minister's office at Chigi Palace

1:30 pm-2:15 pm — **Member of Congress-only meeting with Prime Minister *(invited)***
The Members of Congress will visit Chigi Palace to meet with the Prime Minister of Italy, Giorgia Meloni, in order to discuss current state of U.S.-Italian relations

2:15 pm — Walk to Chamber of Deputies at Palazzo Montecitorio

(THURSDAY CONTINUED)

2:30 pm-4:30 pm **Member of Congress-only bilateral meeting at Italian Parliament *(to be confirmed)***

The U.S. Members of Congress will meet with their counterparts in the Italian Parliament – the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate of the Republic. They will engage in a dialogue about cooperation between our two countries in a variety of public policy areas.

4:30 pm Depart Parliament for hotel

5:00 pm-5:15 pm **Members of Congress-only briefing**

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

5:30 pm-7:00 pm **Opening reception**

7:15 pm-9:00 pm **Opening dinner**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026

7:00 am-8:00 am Breakfast

8:00 am Walk to panel location

8:30 am-8:45 am **Conference opening**

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

8:45 am-9:45 am **In Country Briefing with U.S. Embassy Rome**

A briefing by the top officials from U.S. Embassy Rome which will focus on issues of importance to U.S.-Italian bilateral relations.

9:45 am-10:35 am **Panel 1 – U.S.-EU trade**

A panel discussion focusing on the trade priorities of the United States and the European Union and the ways our countries can increase mutually beneficial commerce. While U.S.-Italy trade flows through the EU framework, that bilateral relationship carries its own dynamics, as recent disputes over Italian agricultural exports to the United States have shown. The panelists will discuss the implementation of the new U.S.-EU trade agreement and what it means for businesses and consumers on both sides of the Atlantic. The conversation will also explore the challenges of navigating trade relations during a period of significant uncertainty, including a Supreme Court ruling on tariff authority that has reshaped the legal landscape of U.S. trade policy.

- **The Honorable Adrian Smith (R-NE)**
- **The Honorable Linda T. Sánchez (D-CA)**
- **The Honorable Terri Sewell (D-AL)**
- **The Honorable Aaron Bean (R-FL)**
- ***Senior official from the Italian government***
- ***Private sector leader from Italy***

10:35 am-10:50 am Break

10:50 am-11:40 am **Panel 2 – Tax policy, debt, and government spending**

A panel discussion about the fiscal challenges facing the United States and Italy, two countries that share the distinction of carrying some of the heaviest debt-to-GDP ratios among their peers. The panelists will discuss the difficult balance between promoting economic growth, meeting the needs of citizens, and reining in historically high levels of government spending and debt. The conversation will also examine how these fiscal pressures are shaping tax policy on both sides of the Atlantic, including the unresolved question of how to tax digital services in a global economy. With the OECD's efforts to create a multilateral framework having stalled, some countries – including Italy – have moved forward with their own digital services taxes, raising concerns in the United States about the impact on American companies.

- **Representative Darin LaHood (R-IL)**
- **Representative Ron Estes (R-KS)**
- **Representative Tom Suozzi (D-NY)**
- **Representative Blake Moore (R-UT)**
- ***Senior official from the Italian government***
- ***Private sector leader from Italy***

(FRIDAY CONTINUED)

11:40 am-12:20 pm **Keynote speaker – Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister**

Italy's foreign minister and deputy prime minister will share his thoughts on the future of relations between the United States and Italy at this consequential moment for the global order. He will offer the delegation his perspective on the strength of the transatlantic partnership, the shared economic and security priorities of our two governments, and his vision for where this essential friendship is headed in the years ahead. He will also share his perspective on Italy's role within the EU and on the world stage.

- **Minister Antonio Tajani –** Deputy Prime Minister of Italy and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation *(invited)*

12:20 pm-1:00 pm **Lunch with policy discussions on the future of U.S.-Italian relations**

Each Member of Congress will lead a small lunch discussion with non-Hill participants following up the keynote speaker session they just heard from Italy's Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister

1:00 pm Walk back to hotel

1:30 pm-4:30 pm Historian-led visits to various locations around Rome – Members will pay personally for these historian-led visits.

6:30 pm-9:00 pm **Dinner with Member of Congress-led policy discussions**

Each Member of Congress will lead a small dinner discussion with non-Hill participants following up on one of the panel discussions topics from earlier during the conference:

Rep. Barr – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Larsen – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Bean – Tax policy and debt	Rep. Lucas – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Beatty – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Miller – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Bera – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Moore – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Bice – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Murphy – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Bost – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Nunn – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Carey – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Obernolte – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Case – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Panetta – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Cline – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Pfluger – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Ellzey – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Sánchez – Tax policy and debt
Rep. Estes – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Sessions – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Franklin – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Sewell – Tax policy and debt
Rep. Houchin – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Smith – Tax policy and debt
Rep. Hurd – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Suozzi – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Ivey – U.S.-EU trade	Rep. Thompson – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. Kustoff – U.S.-EU trade	John Byers – U.S.-EU trade
Rep. LaHood – U.S.-EU trade	Lesley Byers – U.S.-EU trade

9:30 pm-11:00 pm After dinner coffee

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026

7:00 am-8:30 am Breakfast

9:00 am-10:00 am **Panel 3 – Energy and climate change**

A panel discussion on the future of energy production in the United States, Italy, and the European Union. The conversation will examine how both countries are pursuing a more affordable and stable energy mix, including the role of natural gas, renewables, and nuclear power. The panel will also explore how Russia's invasion of Ukraine has reshaped energy security in Europe, where countries like Italy have had to rapidly diversify away from Russian gas — an effort in which growing U.S. energy exports have played an important role. Finally, the panelists will discuss climate change and whether continued technological innovation and cleaner energy sources are sufficient to address these concerns, or whether further government action will be necessary.

- **Representative Rick Larsen (D-WA)**
- **Representative Stephanie Bice (R-OK)**
- **Representative Mike Carey (R-OH)**
- **Representative Jeff Hurd (R-CO)**
- ***Senior official from the Italian government***
- ***Private sector leader from Italy***

10:00 am-10:15 am Break

10:15 am-11:15 am **Panel 4 – U.S.-Italy defense cooperation and the future of NATO**

A panel discussion about the military collaboration between the United States and Italy, one of America's most strategically located NATO allies in the Mediterranean. The conversation will explore the state of the bilateral defense relationship and Italy's role in maintaining security in Europe and beyond. The panelists will also discuss the future of the NATO alliance, including how member nations are responding to a new defense spending target that represents a significant increase from the previous benchmark. Finally, the panel will examine what role NATO should play in the world against the backdrop of Russia's ongoing war in Ukraine and other security challenges facing the alliance.

- **Representative Ed Case (D-HI)**
- **Representative Mike Bost (R-IL)**
- **Representative August Pfluger (R-TX)**
- **Representative Jake Ellzey (R-TX)**
- ***Senior official from the Italian government***
- ***Senior official from NATO Defense College***
- Moderator: **Lesley Byers –** Strategic Communications Director, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

(SATURDAY CONTINUED)

11:15 am-12:15 pm **Panel 5 – Artificial intelligence: promise, power, and responsibility**

A panel discussion about the growth of artificial intelligence and its impact on society, the economy, and humanity. Earlier this year, Pope Leo XIV released his first encyclical, "Magnifica Humanitas," a sweeping statement on the promise and dangers of AI that called on governments, corporations, and individuals to ensure that technological development remains subject to ethical oversight and serves humanity rather than displacing it. With the conference taking place in Rome, the panelists will explore the societal questions raised by the rapid advance of AI, including its effects on work and the economy. The conversation will also examine how the United States and other nations can foster innovation while developing responsible safeguards for these transformative technologies.

- **Representative Ben Cline (R-VA)**
- **Representative Jay Obernolte (R-CA)**
- **Representative Erin Houchin (R-IN)**
- **Representative Glenn Ivey (D-MD)**
- ***Senior official from U.S. Mission to the Holy See***
- ***Senior expert from the Vatican***

12:15 pm-1:30 pm **Lunch with Keynote and Panel 6 – Feeding the World**

A panel discussion about the challenge of feeding a growing global population at a time when hundreds of millions of people face crisis levels of hunger driven by conflict, displacement, and extreme weather. The panelists will discuss the agricultural policy priorities of the United States, including the efforts of Congress to modernize the farm safety net and support American producers through the 2026 Farm Bill. The conversation will also examine the role of agricultural innovation in increasing food production and sustainability, as well as the work of multilateral organizations like the Rome-based World Food Programme and Food and Agriculture Organization in responding to hunger crises around the world. Finally, the panelists will explore how governments like the United States can most effectively partner with these organizations during a period of reexamination of global assistance.

- ***Keynote remarks: Senior official from the World Food Programme***
- **Representative Frank Lucas (R-OK)**
- **Representative G.T. Thompson (R-PA)**
- **Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)**
- **Representative Scott Franklin (R-FL)**
- ***Senior official from the Food and Agriculture Organization***

2:00 pm-5:00 pm Historian-led visits to various locations around Rome – Members will pay personally for these historian-led visits.

(SATURDAY CONTINUED)

6:30 pm-9:00 pm **Dinner with Member of Congress-led policy discussions**

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

Rep. Barr – Artificial intelligence	Rep. Larsen – U.S.-Italy defense cooperation
Rep. Bean – Artificial intelligence	Rep. Lucas – Artificial intelligence
Rep. Beatty – Artificial intelligence	Rep. Miller – Artificial intelligence
Rep. Bera – Artificial intelligence	Rep. Moore – Artificial intelligence
Rep. Bice – Artificial intelligence	Rep. Murphy – Artificial intelligence
Rep. Bost – Artificial intelligence	Rep. Nunn – U.S.-Italy defense cooperation
Rep. Carey – Artificial intelligence	Rep. Obernolte – Energy and climate change
Rep. Case – Artificial intelligence	Rep. Panetta – U.S.-Italy defense cooperation
Rep. Cline – U.S.-Italy defense cooperation	Rep. Pfluger – Energy and climate change
Rep. Ellzey – Artificial intelligence	Rep. Sánchez – Artificial intelligence
Rep. Estes – Artificial intelligence	Rep. Sessions – Artificial intelligence
Rep. Franklin – Artificial intelligence	Rep. Sewell – Artificial intelligence
Rep. Houchin – Energy and climate change	Rep. Smith – Artificial intelligence
Rep. Hurd – Artificial intelligence	Rep. Suozzi – Artificial intelligence
Rep. Ivey – U.S.-Italy defense cooperation	Rep. Thompson – Energy and climate change
Rep. Kustoff – Artificial intelligence	John Byers – Artificial intelligence
Rep. LaHood – Artificial intelligence	Lesley Byers – Artificial intelligence

9:30 pm-11:30 pm After dinner coffee

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026

7:00 am-8:30 am Breakfast

9:00 am-10:30 am **Panel 7 – Important issues for future consideration**

A panel discussion on the agenda of the 120th Congress. Specifically, the panelists will examine the looming fiscal challenges awaiting Congress in 2027 including funding the government and our nation's growing debt and deficit.

- **Representative Andy Barr (R-KY)**
- **Representative Ami Bera (D-CA)**
- **Representative Darin LaHood (R-IL)**
- **Representative Tom Suozzi (D-NY)**

10:30 am Break

10:45 am-11:45 am **Panel 8 – Financial markets and banking**

A panel discussion about the challenges and opportunities being faced by banking, insurance, and other financial service industries around the world. The panelists will discuss the role governments and central banks play in maintaining healthy markets during a period of geopolitical uncertainty and diverging monetary policy on each side of the Atlantic. The conversation will also explore how countries like the United States and Italy can strengthen their financial systems and deepen their capital markets to better channel investment and support economic growth.

- **Representative Pete Sessions (R-TX)**
- **Representative Andy Barr (R-KY)**
- **Representative Joyce Beatty (D-OH)**
- **Representative Zach Nunn (R-IA)**
- ***Private sector leader from Italy***

11:45 am-1:00 pm **Panel 9 – Health care and pharmaceuticals**

A panel discussion about what the U.S. and Italian governments can do to encourage better patient care and health care outcomes while maintaining or lowering costs for consumers. The panelists will explore the different approaches each country takes to delivering care and discuss what they can learn from one another. The conversation will also examine solutions to the high cost of pharmaceuticals while ensuring that substantial private sector investment in research and innovation continues.

- **Representative Ami Bera (D-CA)**
- **Representative David Kustoff (R-TN)**
- **Representative Carol Miller (R-WV)**
- **Representative Greg Murphy (R-NC)**
- ***Private sector leader from Italy***
- Moderator: **John Byers** – Chief of Staff, Representative August Pfluger (R-TX)

1:00 pm-5:00 pm Lunch on your own, time to pack, rest, visit Rome and prep for dinner

6:00 pm Depart for closing dinner

(SUNDAY CONTINUED)

6:30 pm-10:00 pm **Closing dinner with Member of Congress-led policy discussions**

Each Member of Congress will lead a small dinner discussion with non-Hill participants with their final reflections about the future of relations and cooperation between the United States, Italy, and the EU:

Rep. Barr – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Larsen – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Bean – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Lucas – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Beatty – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Miller – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Bera – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Moore – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Bice – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Murphy – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Bost – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Nunn – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Carey – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Obernolte – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Case – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Panetta – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Cline – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Pfluger – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Ellzey – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Sánchez – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Estes – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Sessions – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Franklin – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Sewell – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Houchin – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Smith – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Hurd – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Suozzi – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Ivey – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Rep. Thompson – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. Kustoff – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	John Byers – Future of U.S.-Italian relations
Rep. LaHood – Future of U.S.-Italian relations	Lesley Byers – Future of U.S.-Italian relations

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026

6:00 am-8:30 am Breakfast

Morning Departure flights from Rome to Washington, DC

Name	Flight Dates	Flights and Departures (all times local)	Arrival Date	Arrival Time
Rep. Andy Barr	Nov 9	UA 885 FCO to IAD at 11:00 am	Nov 9	3:05 pm
Rep. Aaron Bean	Nov 9	DL 9518 FCO to AMS at 6:10 am DL 8394 AMS to IAD at 1:20 pm	Nov 9	3:55 pm
Rep. Joyce Beatty	Nov 9	UA 885 FCO to IAD at 11:00 am	Nov 9	3:25 pm
Rep. Ami Bera	Nov 9	UA 8805 FCO to FRA at 7:05 am UA 988 FRA to IAD at 11:30 am	Nov 9	2:35 pm
Rep. Stephanie Bice	Nov 9	UA 885 FCO to IAD at 11:00 am	Nov 9	3:05 pm
Rep. Mike Bost	Nov 9	UA 885 FCO to IAD at 11:00 am	Nov 9	3:05 pm
Rep. Mike Carey	Nov 9	UA 7738 FCO to BRU at 8:35 am UA 951 BRU to IAD at 11:55 am	Nov 9	2:30 pm
Rep. Ed Case	Nov 9	UA 7754 FCO to ZRH at 8:30 am UA 53 ZCH to IAD at 11:45 am	Nov 9	3:30 pm
Rep. Ben Cline	Nov 9	DL 69518 FCO to AMS at 6:10 am DL 9384 AMS to IAD at 1:20 pm	Nov 9	3:55 pm
Rep. John Ellzey	Nov 9	AA 6781 FCO to LHR at 7:50 am AA 6968 LHR to IAD at 12:15 pm	Nov 9	3:40 pm
Rep. Ron Estes	Nov 9	AA 6781 FCO to LHR at 7:50 am AA 6968 LHR to IAD at 12:15 pm	Nov 9	3:40 pm
Rep. Scott Franklin	Nov 9	AA 6781 FCO to LHR at 7:50 am AA 6968 LHR to IAD at 12:15 pm	Nov 9	3:40 pm
Rep. Erin Houchin	Nov 9	UA 8805 FCO to FRA at 7:05 am UA 988 FRA to IAD at 11:30 am	Nov 9	2:35 pm
Rep. Jeff Hurd	Nov 9	AA 6781 FCO to LHR at 7:50 am AA 6968 LHR to IAD at 12:15 pm	Nov 9	3:40 pm
Rep. Glenn Ivey	Nov 9	UA 7738 FCO to BRU at 8:35 am UA 951 BRU to IAD at 11:55 am	Nov 9	2:30 pm
Rep. David Kustoff	Nov 9	AA 6781 FCO to LHR at 7:50 am AA 6968 LHR to IAD at 12:15 pm	Nov 9	3:40 pm
Rep. Darin LaHood	Nov 9	UA 885 FCO to IAD at 11:00 am	Nov 9	3:05 pm
Rep. Rick Larsen	Nov 9	UA 8805 FCO to FRA at 7:05 am UA 988 FRA to IAD dept at 11:30 am	Nov 9	2:35 pm
Rep. Frank Lucas	Nov 9	UA 885 FCO to IAD at 11:00 am	Nov 9	3:05 pm
Rep. Carol Miller	Nov 9	AA 6781FCO to LHR at 7:50am AA 6968 LHR to IAD at 12:15 pm	Nov 9	3:40 pm
Rep. Blake Moore	Nov 9	DL 9518 FCO to AMS at 6:10 am DL 9384 AMS to IAD at 1:20 pm	Nov 9	3:55 pm
Rep. Greg Murphy	Nov 9	UA 885 FCO to IAD at 11:00 am	Nov 9	3:05 pm
Rep. Zach Nunn	Nov 9	UA 8805 FCO to FRA at 7:05 am UA 988 FRA to IAD at 11:30 am	Nov 9	2:35 pm
Rep. Jay Obernolte	Nov 9	UA 7741 FCO to FRA at 8:35 am UA 8827 FRA to IAD at 1:00 pm	Nov 9	3:55 pm

Rep. Jimmy Panetta	Nov 9	UA 885 FCO to IAD at 11:00 am	Nov 9	3:05 pm
Rep. August Pfluger	Nov 9	UA 885 FCO to IAD at 11:00 am	Nov 9	3:05 pm
Rep. Linda Sánchez	Nov 9	UA 509 FCO to EWR at 12:55 pm UA 2218 EWR to IAD at 7:59 pm	Nov 9	9:27 pm
Rep. Pete Sessions	Nov 9	BA 563 FCO to LHR at 7:50 am BA 217 LHR to IAD at 12:15 pm	Nov 9	3:40 pm
Rep. Terri Sewell	Nov 9	LH 231 FCO to FRA at 9:55 am LH 418 FRA to IAD at 1:00 pm	Nov 9	3:55 pm
Rep. Adrian Smith	Nov 9	UA 7738 FCO to BRU at 8:35 am UA 951 BRU to IAD at 11:55 am	Nov 9	2:30 pm
Rep. Tom Suozzi	Nov 9	DL 8292 FCO to CDG at 10:20 am DL 8710 CDG to IAD at 1:40 pm	Nov 9	4:30 pm
Rep. GT Thompson	Nov 9	UA 7754 FCO to ZRH at 8:30 am UA 53 ZRH to IAD at 11:45 am	Nov 9	3:30 pm
John Byers	Nov 9	UA 885 FCO- IAD at 11:00 am	Nov 9	3:05 pm
Lesley Byers	Nov 9	UA 885 FCO- IAD at 11:00 am	Nov 9	3:05 pm

Michael Guest, Mississippi
Chairman
Mark DeSaulnier, California
Ranking Member

Andrew R. Garbarino, New York
Ashley Hinson, Iowa
Nathaniel Moran, Texas
Brad Knott, North Carolina

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Glenn F. Ivey, Maryland
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The Honorable Rick Larsen
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Italy,[1] scheduled for November 4 to 9, 2026, sponsored by the Ripon Society and the Franklin Center for Global Policy Exchange.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than $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.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently $525] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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

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

Sincerely,





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