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Committee on Ethics

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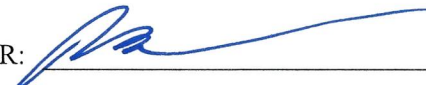
EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM 2017 MAY -8 PM 12:13

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 135 Cannon House Office Building, 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.

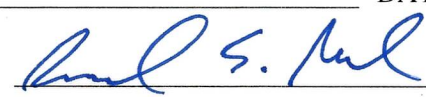
1. Name of Traveler: Brandon Casey
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ *or* None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: April 17 Return: April 22
 b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____ *or* None
4. Departure city: Washington DC Destination: Paris, Brussels, Berlin Return city: Washington DC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Progressive Policy Institute (PPI)
6. Describe meetings and events attended: Met with foreign leaders, NGOs and non-profits to discuss US-EU bilateral trade, economic and strategic relationship. An itinerary attached for further detail.
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 Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
 - c. page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; *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 that statement is true by checking box*):
 b. If not, explain: _____

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

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER:  DATE: 5/8/2017

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Richard E. Neal DATE: 5/8/2017

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: 

**U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics**

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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 on the trip within 10 days of their return.*** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Progressive Policy Institute (PPI)

2. Travel Destination(s): Paris, France; Brussels, Belgium; Berlin, Germany

3. Date of Departure: April 17, 2017 Date of Return: April 22, 2017

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

(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 response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$1350	\$770	\$400	
Accompanying Relative				

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: 

Name: Lindsay Mark Lewis Title: Executive Director

Organization: Progressive Policy Institute (PPI)

I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box):

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email Address: _____

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

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

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TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392, sent or delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth, or e-mailed to 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: Brandon Casey

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: [Handwritten Signature]

Name of signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member or committee: Ways and Means Committee (minority)

Office address: 1137-C

Telephone number: 5-4021

Email address of contact person: brandon.casey@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:

Committee on Ethics
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)
Travel email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Brandon Casey
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): The Progressive Policy Institute (PPI)
3. Travel destination(s): Paris, FR; Brussels, Bd; Berlin, Germany
4. a. Date of departure 4/17/2017 Date of return: 4/22/17
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? Yes No
b. If yes:
(1) Name of accompanying relative: _____
(2) Relationship to traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: Yes No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? Yes No
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: Yes No
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.
It is important to understand and establish relationships in transatlantic trade and
trade rules and to know the impact of the current political landscape
on this relationship
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? Yes No

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.

Date: 3/17/17



Signature of Employing Member

**U.S. House of Representatives
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 Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

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.

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): The Progressive Policy Institute (PPI)

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 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):
Please see attached.

5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? Yes No

6. Date of departure: 4/17/2017 Date of return: 4/22/2017

7. a. City of departure: Dulles, Virginia
b. Destination(s): Paris, France; Brussels, Belgium; Berlin, Germany
c. City of return: Dulles, Virginia

8. I represent that (*check one of the following*):
 - 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 one of the following:
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
 - 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 "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the 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 one:
- 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 that the statement is true by checking box): or
- b. N/A – 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:

This is the fourth year PPI has organized this mission including congressional staff with the intent to inform them about issues related to the US-EU relationship from a European perspective, including ~~competition policy, privacy law, security cooperation, transatlantic trade and tax rules, the impact of our current political landscapes on relations, and other critical concerns.~~

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. I represent that either (check one of the following):
- 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): _____

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

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

Hotel name: Hilton Paris Opera City: Paris Cost per night: \$160

Reason(s) for selecting: Location and cost

Hotel name: Hilton Brussels City: Brussels Cost per night: \$164

Reason(s) for selecting: Location and cost

Hotel name: Hilton Berlin City: Berlin Cost per night: \$139

Reason(s) for selecting: Location and cost

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 box):

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$1350	\$770	\$400
For each accompanying relative			

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$0	
For each accompanying relative		

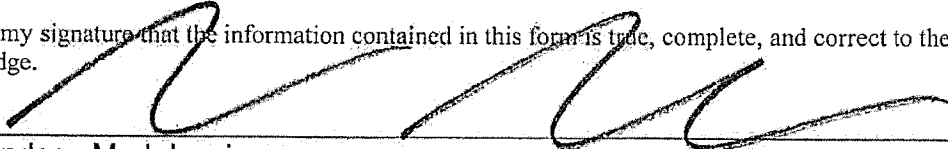
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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. *or*
 b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

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

Signature: 
 Name: Lindsay Mark Lewis
 Title: Executive Director
 Organization: Progressive Policy Institute (PPI)
 Address: 1200 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Suite 575 Washington, D.C. 20036
 Telephone number: 202-617-4042
 Email address: llewis@ppionline.org

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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 U.S. House of Representatives
 1015 Longworth House Office Building
 Washington, DC 20515
 (202) 225-7103 (phone)
 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)

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Mr. Brandon Casey
Committee on Ways and Means
1139-C Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Casey:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to France, Belgium, and Germany, scheduled for April 17 to 22, 2017, sponsored by the Progressive Policy Institute.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) 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. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 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 employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$390] 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 filed with the Committee, and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

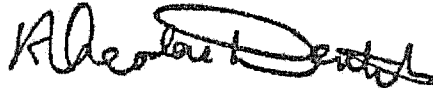
Mr. Brandon Casey
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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Susan W. Brooks
Chairwoman



Theodore E. Deutch
Ranking Member

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2017 PPI Mission to Europe Agenda

Monday, April 17

4:15PM Arrive at Washington Dulles International Airport
1 Saarinen Cir, Dulles, VA 20166

6:15PM Flight Departs for Paris-Charles de Gaulle

Tuesday, April 18

7:45AM Arrive at Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport
95700 Roissy-en-France

8:15AM Airport Shuttle Pickup for Arriving Guests
Jana Plat will be waiting – 805-207-5741

9:45AM Arrive at Hotel
Hilton Paris Opera
108 Rue Saint-Lazare, 75008 Paris

11:45AM Meet in Hotel Lobby, Depart for Meeting

12PM-2PM Lunch Meeting with Terra Nova, Google, Facebook, Apple, Cisco, &
Tech In France
Discussion on the state of the French economy and its impact on US-France trade relationship and US business operating in France
Google
8 Rue de Londres, 75009 Paris

2PM-3:30PM Meeting with Quai d'Orsay Policy Planning Team
Discussion on policy priorities of current French government and its effects on US economic and security cooperation
Number 37 Quai d'Orsay, 75007 Paris

4:15PM-5:15PM Meeting with the U.S. Embassy
Discussion on US-France foreign relations and US priorities
2 Avenue Gabriel, 75008 Paris, France

6:30PM-10PM Dinner with Laurence Haim, Spokesperson for International Affairs
for Emmanuel Macron, Candidate for the French Presidency
Discussion on the French presidential election, the rise of Western populism, and what it means for the future of US-France foreign relations
Lapérouse
51 Quai des Grands Augustins, 75006 Paris

Wednesday, April 19

7:00AM-8:00AM	Breakfast at Hotel
8:15AM	Meet in Hotel Lobby, Depart for Meeting <i>Bring luggage to the lobby</i>
9AM-11AM	Meetings with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) <i>Workshop discussions on Base-Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) tax principles, cybersecurity, & terrorism financing. The US is a member country of the OECD.</i> OECD, 2, rue André Pascal 75775 Paris Cedex 16
12:10PM	Arrive at Paris Gare du Nord Train Station <i>Lunch</i> 18 Rue de Dunkerque, 75010 Paris
12:25PM	Train Departs Paris Gare du Nord 18 Rue de Dunkerque, 75010 Paris
1:50PM	Train Arrives at Brussels South Railway Station Avenue Fonsny 47B, 1060 Brussels
2:15PM	Arrive at Hotel Hilton Brussels City Place Charles Rogier 20, 1210 Brussels
2:50PM	Meet in Hotel Lobby, Depart for Meeting
3:15PM-4:00PM	Meeting with Hiddo Houben, Head of Division at European Commission <i>Discussion on the future of the European Union and how it may alter US foreign policy in Europe</i> Le Charlemagne, 1000 Brussels
4:30PM-5:30PM	Meeting with European Parliament Leaders <i>Discussion on transatlantic cooperation, EU government structure, and how it compares to the US legislative process and policy priorities in Congress</i> Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Brussels
5:30PM-7PM	Reception with European Parliament Staff <i>Networking with EU staff counterparts</i> Quartier Leopold Brasserie-Bar-Restaurant 9, Place du Luxembourg 1050 Brussels
7:30PM-10PM	Dinner with POLITICO EU Ryan Heath, Senior EU Correspondent, and Bennet Richardson, Executive Director of Advertising & Business Development

Discussion on the similarities and differences of the media's impact on government in the EU and US
La Maison du Cygne
Grand Place 9, 1000 Brussels

Thursday, April 20

- 7AM-8:00AM Breakfast at Hotel
- 8:00AM Meet in Hotel Lobby, Depart for Meeting
Bring luggage to the lobby
- 8:30AM-9:45AM Meeting with Tax Attachés to the EU from Ireland, Luxembourg & Netherlands
Discussion on EU State-Aid cases, tax ruling practices of Member States and how they impact the US Treasury
Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
Avenue de Cortenbergh 4-10, 1000 Brussels
- 10AM-11AM Meeting with the Directorate General for Trade of the European Commission (DG Trade)
Discussion on the status and future of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP), the major US-EU trade agreement
Christian Burgsmuller, Member of Cabinet
European Commission
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200 1049 Brussels
- 11AM-12PM Meeting with the Directorate General for Competition (DG Competition)
Carles Esteva Mosso, Deputy-Director General
Discussion on EU competition and anti-trust policy, the current investigations of US technology companies and their impact on the US economy
European Commission
Place Madou 1, 1210 Saint-Josse-ten-Noode Brussels
- 12:15PM-2PM Lunch with European External Action Service
Anna Carin Krokst de, Chair, Council Working Party on Transatlantic Relations (COTRA), Deputy Head of Division, United States and Canada Division
Discussion on transatlantic relations and US foreign policy initiatives in Europe
Parkside Brasserie, Avenue de la Joyeuse Entree 24, 1040 Brussels
- 2PM Depart for Brussels Airport
Leopoldlaan, 1930 Zaventem
- 4:20PM Flight Departs Brussels
- 6PM Flight Arrives in Berlin-Tegel Airport

13405 Berlin

- 6:30PM Arrive at Hotel
Hilton Berlin
Mohrenstraße 30, 10117 Berlin
- 7:15PM Meet in Hotel Lobby, Depart for Dinner
- 7:30PM-10PM Dinner with Torsten Riecke, International Correspondent, *Handlesblatt*; Dr. Philipp Steinberg (Head of Department for Economic Policy, Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy); Ole Funke (Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sigmar Gabriel); and Ralf Bammerlin (Head of Planning Unit of the SPD Parliamentary Group)
Discussion on geopolitical implications of the upcoming German elections, migration, and rise of western populism. What the new German & American governments will mean for US-Germany foreign and economic relations.
Borchardt
Französische Straße 47, 10117 Berlin

Friday, April 21

- 8AM-8:45AM Breakfast at Hotel
- 8:45AM Meet in Hotel Lobby, Depart for Meeting
- 9AM-10:30AM Press Briefing with German Journalists
Discussion on US-German relations in the Trump era
Das Progressive Zentrum (DPZ)
Werftstraße 3, 10557 Berlin
- 10:45AM-12:00PM Guided tour of the German Bundestag (Reichstag Building), Brandenburg Gate, & Holocaust Memorial
Lesson on German government structure, how its history impacts today's political environment, and how its process compares to Congress and US federal government
Platz der Republik 1, 11011 Berlin
- 12:15PM-2PM Lunch Meeting with Omid Nouripour, MP (Spokesperson for Foreign Policy of the Parliamentary Group of Bündnis 90 / Die Grünen)
Discussion on German-EU affairs and relations with the US
Axel Springer Haus, Journalisten Club, Axel-Springer-Straße 65, 10888 Berlin
- 2:15PM-3:15PM Meeting with the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy
Dr. Thorsten Kaseberg, Head of Unit – Legal framework for digital services, media industry
Discussions on differences in US-German regulatory approaches to digital platforms and combatting fake news

Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy, Hannoversche Str.
28-30, 10115 Berlin

4PM-7:15PM

Farewell Reception with PPI & DPZ

*Trip debrief and wrap-up discussion on what impact European and
Member State policymaking will have on Congressional policy
priorities*

Das Progressive Zentrum
Werftstraße 3, 10557 Berlin

Saturday, April 22

7:55AM

Arrive at Berlin-Tegel Airport
13405 Berlin

9:55AM

Flight Departs for Washington, D.C.

3:45PM

Flight Arrives at Washington Dulles International Airport
1 Saarinen Cir, Dulles, VA 20166

House Staff Travelers

Brandon Casey
Chief of Staff, Office of House Committee on Ways and Means
Legislative Director; Tax Counsel, Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA)

Peter Freeman
Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director
Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA)

Mark Henson
Chief of Staff
Rep. Jim Himes (D-CT)

Virgil Miller
Chief of Staff
Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-LA)

Nell Reilly
Chief of Staff
Rep. Kathleen Rice (D-NY)

Shashrina Thomas
Chief of Staff
Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL)

Austin Weatherford
Chief of Staff
Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL)

2017 PPI EU Mission Agenda

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Google
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Discussion on policy priorities of President Francois Hollande
Number 37 Quai d'Orsay, 75007 Paris

4PM-5:30PM Meeting with the National Front
Discussion on the French presidential election
Hilton Paris Opera
108 Rue Saint-Lazare, 75008 Paris

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Andy Wycoff, American Head of Science, Tech, Innovation Directorate, and
Pascal Saint-Amans, Director of Centre for Tax Policy and Administration
*Discussion on Base-Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) tax principles,
cybersecurity, terrorism financing*
OECD, 2, rue André Pascal 75775 Paris Cedex 16
- 12:30PM-2PM Lunch
- 2:25PM Train Departs Paris Gare du Nord
18 Rue de Dunkerque, 75010 Paris
- 3:40PM Train Arrives at Brussels South Railway Station
Avenue Fonsny 47B, 1060 Brussels
- 4PM Arrive at Hotel
Hilton Brussels City
Place Charles Rogier 20, 1210 Brussels
- 4:30PM-6PM Meeting with European Parliament with Parliament Leaders
Discussion on EU government and political parties
Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Brussels
- 6PM-7PM Reception with European Parliament Staff
Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Brussels
- 7:30PM-10PM Dinner with POLITICO EU
Ryan Heath, Senior EU Correspondent, and Bennet Richardson, Executive
Director of Advertising & Business Development
European politics and media
La Maison du Cygne
Grand Place 9, 1000 Brussels

Thursday, April 20

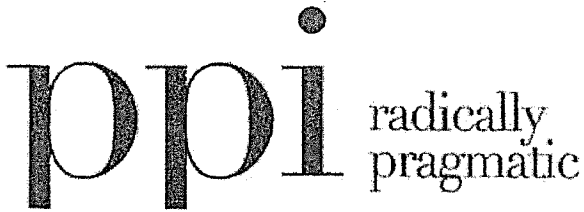
- 7AM-8:15AM Breakfast at Hotel
- 8:15AM Meet in Hotel Lobby, Depart for Meeting

- 8:30AM-9:45AM Meeting with Tax Attachés to the EU from Ireland, Luxembourg & Netherlands
Discussion on EU State-Aid and tax ruling practices of Member States
Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
Avenue de Cortenbergh 4-10, 1000 Brussels
- 10AM-11AM Meeting with the Directorate General for Trade of the European Commission
(DG Trade)
*Discussion on the status and future of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment
Partnership (T-TIP)*
Christian Burgsmuller, Member of Cabinet
European Commission
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200 1049 Brussels
- 11AM-12PM Meeting with the Directorate General for Competition (DG Competition)
Carles Esteva Mosso, Deputy-Director General
Discussion on EU competition and anti-trust policy
European Commission
Place Madou 1, 1210 Saint-Josse-ten-Noode Brussels
- 12:15PM-2PM Lunch with European External Action Service
Discussion on US-EU relations
EEAS Building, 9A Rond Point Schuman 1046 Brussels
- 2PM Depart for Brussels Airport
Leopoldlaan, 1930 Zaventem
- 4:20PM Flight Departs Brussels
- 6PM Flight Arrives in Berlin-Tegel Airport
13405 Berlin
- 6:30PM Arrive at Hotel
Hilton Berlin
Mohrenstraße 30, 10117 Berlin
- 7PM Meet in Hotel Lobby, Depart for Dinner
- 7:30PM-10PM Dinner with Torsten Riecke, International Correspondent, *Handlesblatt*
Discussion on upcoming German elections, migration and the rise of populism
Borchardt
Französische Straße 47, 10117 Berlin
- Friday, April 21**
- 8AM-8:45AM Breakfast at Hotel

- 8:45AM Meet in Hotel Lobby, Depart for Meeting
- 9AM-10:30AM Press Briefing with German Journalists
Discussion on transatlantic relations and NATO's future in the Trump era
Das Progressive Zentrum (DPZ)
Werftstraße 3, 10557 Berlin
- 10:45AM-12:15PM Guided tour of the German Bundestag (Reichstag Building)
Platz der Republik 1, 11011 Berlin
- 12:30PM-2PM Lunch Meeting with German MPs
Green, Social Democrat, and Conservative Parties
Discussion on German foreign affairs
German Bundestag
Platz der Republik 1, 11011 Berlin
- 2:15PM-3:15PM Private Breakout Discussions with MPs, Government Ministry Representatives,
Think Tank Scholars, and Industry Representatives
German Bundestag
Platz der Republik 1, 11011 Berlin
- 4:30PM-6PM Public Event: "Fake News and Its Impact on the German Election"
Location TBA
- 6:15PM-7:15PM Farewell Reception with PPI & DPZ
Das Progressive Zentrum
Werftstraße 3, 10557 Berlin

Saturday, April 22

- 7:55AM Arrive at Berlin-Tegel Airport
13405 Berlin
- 9:55AM Flight Departs for Washington, D.C.
- 3:45PM Flight Arrives at Washington Dulles International Airport
1 Saarinen Cir, Dulles, VA 20166



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House Invitees

Brandon Casey, Chief of Staff, Office of House Committee on Ways and Means; Legislative Director; Tax Counsel, Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA)

As Chief of Staff and Tax Counsel for Rep. Richard Neal, Ranking Member of the House Ways & Means Committee, Mr. Casey provides the Congressman with essential policy information and analysis on international tax and trade matters that will be explored on this mission.

Shashrina Thomas, Chief of Staff, Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL)

Shashrina Thomas is Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Terri Sewell, who serves on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. With a focus on homeland security and defense policy, Ms. Thomas provides the Congresswoman with vital analysis of international security issues that will be explored on this mission.

Mark Henson, Chief of Staff, Rep. Jim Himes (D-CT)

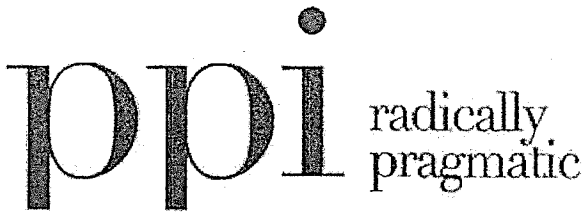
Mark Henson serves as the Chief of Staff to Congressman Jim Himes, overseeing all staff and supporting his work on the Intelligence and Financial Services Committees. This mission will focus on issues related to the Congressman's committee work, including international tax rules and US-EU security cooperation.

Virgil Miller, Chief of Staff, Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-LA)

Virgil Miller serves as Chief of Staff for Congressman Cedric Richmond, a member of the House Committees on Homeland Security and the Judiciary. This mission will explore US-EU policy contrasts in security and defense policy, as well as competition, privacy, and data policy, pertinent to the Congressman's committee work.

Nell Reilly, Chief of Staff, Rep. Kathleen Rice (D-NY)

As Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Kathleen Rice, Nell Reilly provides vital policy information and recommendations to the Congresswoman and assists with her work on the House Homeland Security Committee. This mission will provide Nell with valuable insight on US-EU security cooperation.



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Oliver Schwab, Chief of Staff, Rep. David Schweikert (R-AZ)

Oliver Schwab serves as Chief of Staff to U.S. Congressman David Schweikert, a member of the Ways and Means Committee and Joint Economic Committee. This mission will in part explore how to reboot transatlantic trade negotiations and how to better harmonize US-EU tax rules relevant to the Congressman's work.

Thomas Van Flein, Chief of Staff/Chief Legal Counsel, Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ)

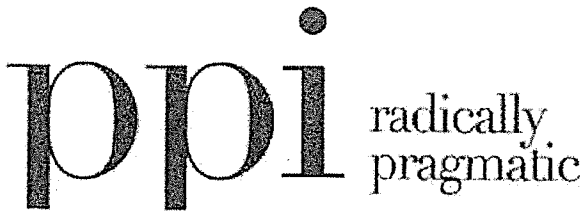
Thomas Van Flein serves as Chief of Staff for Rep. Gosar, a member of the House Oversight & Government Reform. This mission will inform Thomas on the inner-workings and functions of foreign governments and will help explore and evaluate how innovative solutions have been approached elsewhere that could apply in Washington, D.C.

Peter Freeman, Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director, Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA)

Peter Freeman is Deputy Chief of Staff for Congressman Ed Royce (R-CA). In this role, Peter serves as a top aide to the Congressman on financial services and trade issues. Rep. Royce is a senior member of the House Financial Services Committee and Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, where Peter also serves as a Senior Adviser.

Austin Weatherford, Chief of Staff, Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL)

Austin Weatherford is Chief of Staff for Rep. Kinzinger, a member of the House Energy & Commerce and Foreign Affairs Committees. This mission will explore European tax, competition, and trade policies and their impact on the US-EU relationship, which is related to the Senator's work.



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On behalf of the Progressive Policy Institute (PPI), I'd like to invite you to join us for a transatlantic dialogue in Paris, Brussels and Berlin from Monday, April 17 to Saturday, April 22, 2017. This bipartisan mission is designed for Chiefs of Staff and other senior congressional staff.

This will be PPI's fourth consecutive year taking top-level congressional staff to Europe. However, with a new White House and ever changing political dynamics across Europe, this will be our most consequential trip to date. The desire from key players in Europe to meet and talk with key players from Congress is at a significantly heightened level, and we think it is important, as American policy professionals, to experience and learn about the current European view not represented in press reports.

Our delegation will engage European regulators, political leaders, journalists, and industry professionals on issues related to:

- Ongoing competition investigations targeting US multi-nationals, including State Aid cases
- The impact of European privacy laws and encryption proposals on digital trade and data flows
- How the EU and European member states could respond to a US border adjustment tax
- The U.S. commitment to NATO and its future
- How to reboot transatlantic trade talks and preventing a shift to China by the EU
- The political landscape across Europe and its impact on the future of the European Union
- The effect of Brexit on the EU and US when it occurs in 2018

PPI is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming on current policy issues. As such, this mission will comply with House and Senate ethics rules. PPI was part of the founding and push for the "Third Way" movement in the 1990s and has continued this work since then by maintaining relationships in Europe and producing informative and thought provoking transatlantic missions.

I hope that you will be able to join us in what promises to be an insightful and educational mission to Europe. Space is limited; please contact Cody Tucker at 202-775-0106 or ctucker@ppionline.org if you have questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

Lindsay M. Lewis
Executive Director