

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

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EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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.

CLERK OF THE CLERK
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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: Dustin Carmack

2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ or None

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

3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 10/18/17 Return: 10/20/17

b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____ or None

4. Departure city: Washington, DC Destination: Seattle, WA Return city: Washington, DC

5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Information Technology Innovation Foundation

6. Describe meetings and events attended: Met w/ multiple businesses in the information technology field including Microsoft, Amazon,

Facebook as well as commercial space, Blue Origin, to discuss regulatory and tech issues their businesses are facing now and years ahead.

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: Dustin Carmack DATE: 10-26-17

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: Ron DeSantis DATE: 10-26-17

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Ron DeSantis

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**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.

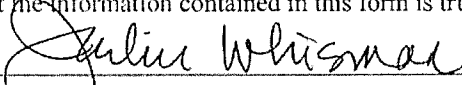
NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Information Technology Innovation Foundation (ITIF)
2. Travel Destination(s): Seattle, Washington
3. Date of Departure: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 Date of Return: Friday, October 20, 2017
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Tiffany Angulo, Coniela Aviles, Dustin Cannack, Natanna Dabrowski, Mike Flynn, Tyler Grimm, Brighton Haslett, Brian Louser, Andrew Mooney, Aaron Wasserman
(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	\$713.47	\$410.00	115.95	
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: Jackie Whisman Title: Director of Development and Outreach
 Organization: Information Technology Innovation Foundation (ITIF)

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

Address: 1101 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
 Telephone number: 202-626-5748
 Email Address: Jwhisman@itif.org

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

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

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Dustin Joseph Carmack
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF)
3. Travel destination(s): Seattle
4. a. Date of departure October 18, 2017 Date of return: October 20, 2017
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.

As COS for the Congressman, I oversee all legislative activities. This includes his work on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and Internet. This agenda will allow me to meet with company whose issues diversity, innovation, issues pertaining to his subcommittee work.

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: 09/15/17


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): _____
Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF) _____
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):
See Attachment 1 _____
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of departure: October 18, 2017 Date of return: October 20, 2017
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.
b. Destination(s): Seattle, Washington
c. City of return: Washington, D.C.
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:
See Attachment 2.

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:
Travel will be coach class on a commercial aircraft.

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): _____
\$65 per day approximately

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____
See Attachment 3.

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

Hotel name: Thompson Seattle City: Seattle Cost per night: \$205

Reason(s) for selecting: Cost, availability, central location.

Hotel name: Thompson Seattle City: Seattle Cost per night: \$205

Reason(s) for selecting: Cost, availability, central location.

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 box):

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$788	\$410	\$205
For each accompanying relative			

	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		
For each accompanying relative		

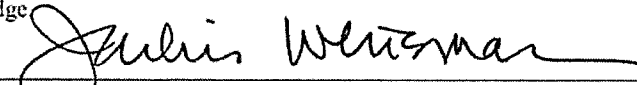
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19. Check one:

- 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: Jackie Whisman

Title: Director of Development and Outreach

Organization: Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

Address: 1101 K Street, NW, Suite 610, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone number: 202-626-5748

Email address: jwhisman@itif.org

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

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October 13, 2017

Mr. Dustin Carmack
Office of the Honorable Ron DeSantis
1524 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Carmack:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Seattle, Washington, scheduled for October 18 to 20, 2017, sponsored by the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation.

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.

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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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM – HOUSE ATTACHMENTS

ITIF Education Series Staff Trip to Seattle, Washington – October 18-20, 2017

ATTACHMENT 1 – Question 4:

We invited staff on committees with jurisdiction over technology and tax issues, and staff from the offices of Members who have demonstrated an interest in those issues.

Jon	Abdnor	Senator John Thune
Austin	Agrella	Rep. Will Hurd
Tiffany	Angulo	Rep. Jim Jordan
Danielle	Aviles	Office of the Minority Whip, Steny Hoyer Leadership Office
Brendan	Belair	Rep. Doug Collins
Nick	Bush	Rep. Steve Stivers
Dustin	Carmack	Rep. Ron DeSantis
Brandon	Casey	House Committee on Ways and Means
Kevin	Casey	Rep. Joe Crowley
Steve	Chartan	Senator Ted Cruz
Drew	Colliatie	House Science Space and Technology Committee
Katelyn	Conner	Senator Mitch McConnell
Chris	Cooper	Rep. Dave Joyce
Ryan	Dattilo	House Judiciary Committee
Matt	Dickerson	House Republican Study Committee
Brendan	Dorgan	Senator Heidi Heitkamp
Stephen	Dwyer	Office of the Minority Whip, Steny Hoyer Leadership Office
Kevin	Eichinger	House Oversight and Government Reform Committee
Richard	England	Rep. Pete Olson
Peter	Feldman	Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee
Mike	Flynn	House Oversight and Government Reform Committee
Andrew	Ginsburg	Rep. Eric Swalwell
Rebecca	Glover	Senator Richard Burr
Tyler	Grimm	Rep. Darrell Issa
Graham	Haile	Rep. Mark Meadows
Megan	Harrington	Senator Rob Portman
Brighton	Haslett	House Energy and Commerce Committee
Jennifer	Humphrey	Senator John Boozman
Matt	Jensen	Senator Orrin Hatch
Narda	Jones	Senator Maria Cantwell
Aruna	Kalyanam	House Ways and Means Committee, Tax Policy Subcommittee
Michael	Kirlin	Rep. Patrick Meehan
Grace	Koh	The White House
Adam	Lachman	Senator Angus King
Jennifer	Lackey	House Financial Services Committee

Brian	Looser	Rep. John Shimkus
Sam	Love	Senator Cory Gardner
Rafi	Martina	Senator Mark Warner
Andrew	Mooney	Rep. Randy Hultgren
Phil	Murphy	Rep. Mike Doyle
Jessi	Nalepa	FEMA
Douglas	Petersen	Senate Finance Committee
Ashok	Pinto	Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee
John	Porter	Rep. Kevin Brady
Flynn	Rico-Johnson	Senator Amy Klobuchar
Joe	Russo	House Judiciary Committee
Chris	Schloesser	Rep. Ro Khanna
David	Smentek	House Republican Conference
Jon	Stahler	Senator Chris Coons
John	Tanner	Senator Orrin Hatch
Kara	Van Stralen	Senator Maggie Hassan
Austin	Walton	Rep. Rob Wittman
Aaron	Wasserman	Rep. Derek Kilmer
Greg	Watson	Office of the Majority Whip, Rep. Steve Scalise
Brian	Winseck	Senator Chris Coons
Landon	Zinda	Rep. Tom Emmer

ATTACHMENT 2 – Question 12:

ITIF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2006 whose mission is to formulate and promote public policies to advance technological innovation and productivity. Recognizing the vital role of technology in ensuring American prosperity, ITIF focuses on innovation, productivity and digital economy issues. Our interest in the trip is to help staff better understand how new technologies and technology applications are developing and what the trends are likely to be in the future, so that they can better understand and respond to the technological challenges facing our nation.

ITIF is co-chaired by former members of Congress Vic Fazio and Phil English, and governed by a board of distinguished IT and innovation policy leaders and experts. Senators Chris Coons and Orrin Hatch are the Foundation’s Honorary Senate Co-Chairs, and Congresswoman Anna Eshoo and Congressman Darrell Issa are the Foundation’s Honorary House Co-Chairs.

This trip is part of the “ITIF Education Series” – a set of regular trips with Members of Congress and/or senior House and Senate staff to high-tech and innovation hubs around the country to hear from company leaders about new developments and issues, and to participate in educational forums on IT and innovation policy issues.

ITIF is the sole sponsor, and is organizing and executing all aspects of this trip.

ATTACHMENT 3 – Question 15:

ITIF has selected Seattle, Washington for this trip because the city plays a very important role in innovation and technology in the United States. This trip will give staff the opportunity to see actual technology demonstrations and presentations by top technology leaders in the region.



Education Series Staff Trip to Seattle, Washington

Wednesday, October 18 – Friday, October 20, 2017

Wednesday, October 18

- 8:00 AM EDT **Alaska Airlines Flight #1 Departs Washington, DC (DCA)**
- 11:05 AM PDT **Alaska Flight #1 Arrives Seattle, WA (SEA)**
- 11:30 AM **Buses Depart SEA** *(Boxed Lunch Paid for by ITIF)*
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM **Nintendo, 4600 150th Avenue NE, Redmond WA**
Participants will hear from the leadership team at the video game publisher Nintendo, who will provide an overview of the company and the policy challenges faced by the video game industry, including content regulation, intellectual property protections and the enforcement of copyright laws on the federal level, and how state and local legislators can help cultivate welcoming environments for computer and video game companies.
- 2:00 – 3:30 PM **Facebook, 1101 Dexter Avenue N, Seattle**
Staffers will participate in a tour of Facebook's Seattle engineering office, and they will participate in a discussion with Facebook employees about the company's work in network infrastructure, design, and machine learning.
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM **Amazon, Downtown Seattle**
Staffers will take a brief tour of Amazon's Seattle headquarters, followed by a panel discussion focused on Amazon's work on consumer electronics and cloud services. Amazon will outline their four customer sets and policy issues related to each.
- 5:00 – 6:30 PM **Dinner Discussion**
Dinner discussion will include a fireside chat between ITIF President Rob Atkinson and a senior Amazon executive. The conversation will cover telecom policy, cybersecurity issues, and transportation modernization, among other themes.

(Dinner Paid for by ITIF)
- RON **Thompson Hotel, 110 Stewart Street, Seattle**

Thursday, October 19

- 8:30 AM **Buses Depart Thompson Hotel, 110 Stewart Street, Seattle**
- 9:00 – 10:30 AM **Celgene, 1616 Eastlake Avenue E, Seattle**

Staff will visit Celgene's Immuno-Oncology Thematic Center of Excellence. This facility in Seattle is on the leading edge of translational scientific research in immuno-oncology, including cutting edge CAR-T research programs. There are laboratories for cellular immunology, molecular biology, protein chemistry, flow cytometry and other areas that will deal with pre-clinical work with human primary cells and tissues. The staff will take a brief tour of the research lab followed by a presentation by senior researchers on the scientific promise and challenges of immuno-oncology, with a specific focus on CAR-T therapies.

- 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM **T-Mobile, 1012 Bellevue Square, Bellevue**
T-Mobile executives will discuss key telecommunications policies influencing their business, including broadband deployment, spectrum management and sharing, usage and network innovation.
- 1:00 – 2:30 PM **Expedia, 333 108th Avenue NE, Bellevue**
Staffers will tour the user lab and hear from Expedia's technologists on how they are using virtual reality to enhance the user experience, followed by a discussion with Expedia executives on the Seattle innovation ecosystem.
- 3:00 – 4:30 PM **Microsoft, One Microsoft Way, Redmond**
Staffers will participate in an interactive demonstration of Microsoft's HoloLens technology, followed by a discussion of Microsoft's initiatives to expand rural broadband access.
- 5:00 – 6:30 PM **Dinner Discussion, One Microsoft Way, Redmond**
Roundtable discussion of cross border data flows and lawful access/digital privacy issues featuring Microsoft and other Seattle-based company executives.

(Dinner Paid for by ITIF)
- RON **Thompson Hotel, 110 Stewart Street, Seattle**
- Friday, October 20**
- 9:00 AM **Buses Depart Thompson Hotel, 110 Stewart Street, Seattle**
- 9:30 – 11:00 AM **University of Washington, Seattle**
University of Washington will lead a series of presentations featuring UW researchers and professors.
- 12:00 PM **Airport Check In**
- 1:35 PM **Alaska Airlines Flight #2 Departs SEA**
- 9:41 PM EDT **Alaska Flight #2 Arrives DCA**



To: ITIF Education Series Staff Trip Participants
From: Jackie Whisman and Kaya Singleton, ITIF
Re: Briefing Materials: ITIF Education Series Staff Trip to Seattle, WA October 18 – 20, 2017
Date: October 16, 2017

We are delighted you will be joining us for the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation's Educational Series Staff trip to Seattle, Washington Wednesday, October 18 – Friday, October 20. This memo contains background information about the trip and an updated agenda for reference.

ITIF STAFF CONTACTS

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TRANSPORTATION

Those traveling on the group reservation will depart Reagan National Airport (DCA) on Wednesday, October 18 at 8:00 AM EDT on Alaska Airlines Flight #1 and land at Seattle-Tacoma Airport (SEA) at 11:05 AM PDT. Our return flight, Alaska Airlines Flight #2, departs SEA at 1:35 PM on Friday, October 20 and lands at DCA at 9:41 PM. Please see page two for your Alaska confirmation code. **As our schedule is very tight, we strongly advise that you do not check a bag.**

Unfortunately, due to the nature of Alaska's group reservations, you may not be able to print your boarding pass in advance and may need to do so in person at the airport. Should you have any trouble, please contact Andrea Mietus at the number above.

Shuttles have been arranged to transport all guests to and from site visits during our time in Seattle. If you have any concerns about transportation or any special needs we should be aware of, please get in touch with us as soon as possible.

LODGING

We have arranged for a room block at the Thompson Hotel at 110 Stewart Street in downtown Seattle. We will be on hand to assist with the check-in process, which will require you to present a photo ID and credit card for any incidentals.

ATTIRE

We suggest business casual attire for the trip (no ties). Closed toed shoes are required on both days, and you must bring a photo ID to check in at some locations.

ABOUT ITIF

Founded in 2006, The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, nonpartisan research and educational institute in Washington, D.C.—a think tank—focusing on a host of critical issues at the intersection of technological innovation and public policy—including in the areas of innovation and competitiveness; information technology and data; telecommunications; trade and globalization; and life sciences, agricultural biotechnology, and energy.

Ongoing research programs and educational activities include:

- Setting the policy agenda on technology, innovation, and global competition issues by producing original research reports and analytical commentary;
- Shaping public debate by hosting events, giving speeches and presentations, providing official testimony, and serving as expert issue analysts in the news media; and
- Advising policymakers through direct interaction in Washington, DC and other state, national and regional capitals around the world.

On the strength and influence of this work, the University of Pennsylvania has ranked ITIF as the top science and technology think tank in the United States.

This trip is part of the “ITIF Education Series” – a set of regular trips with Members of Congress and/or senior House and Senate staff to high-tech and innovation hubs around the country to hear from company leaders about new developments and issues, and to participate in educational forums on IT and innovation policy issues.

RELEVANT BACKGROUND READING

- [Robots, Automation, and Jobs: A Primer for Policymakers](#)
- [Everything the U.S. Government Is Doing to Help the Private Sector Build the Internet of Things](#)
- [Unlocking Encryption: Information Security and the Rule of Law](#)
- [A Policymaker's Guide to Rural Broadband Infrastructure](#)
- [Why Expanding the R&D Tax Credit Is Key to Successful Corporate Tax Reform](#)

PARTICIPANTS

House and Senate Staff (+ Alaska Airlines Record Locator; Group ID: ZVJMVX)

Tiffany Angulo, Legislative Assistant, Congressman David Schweikert (AZ) -- VJTMVX
Danielle Aviles, Deputy Floor Director, House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer – VJTMVX
Dustin Carmack, Chief of Staff, Congressman Ron DeSantis (FL) – VJTMVX
Natasha Dabrowski, Communications Director, House New Democrat Coalition – VJTMVX
Mike Flynn, Counsel, House Oversight and Government Reform – VJTMVX
Tyler Grimm, Legislative Director, Congressman Darrell Issa (CA) – VJTMVX
Brighton Haslett, Counsel, House Energy and Commerce – VJTMVX
Adam Lachman, Director of Innovation and Economic Development, Senator Angus King (ME) – VJTMVX
Brian Looser, Legislative Director, Congressman John Shimkus (IL) – VJTMVX
Andrew Mooney, Senior Legislative Assistant, Congressman Randy Hultgren (IL) – VJTMVX
Aaron Wasserman, Legislative Director, Congressman Derek Kilmer (WA) – VJTMVX

Corporate Hosts and Guests

Hayley Alexander, Biotechnology Industry Organization
Zoya Awan, Microsoft
Sara Decker, Walmart
Pete Filon, Comcast
Kevin O’Hanlon, Entertainment Software Association
Lee Friedman, NCTA
Mike McMahon, Microsoft
Nika Nour, Entertainment Software Association
Jason Park, Expedia
Matt Schumaker, Celgene

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Jackie Whisman, Director of Development and Outreach

AGENDA

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- 8:00 AM EDT **Alaska Airlines Flight #1 Departs Washington, DC (DCA)**
- 11:05 AM PDT **Alaska Flight #1 Arrives Seattle, WA (SEA)**
- 11:30 AM **Bus Departs SEA** (Boxed Lunch Paid for by ITIF)
- 12:00 – 1:30 PM **Visit Blue Origin, 21218 76TH Avenue S, Kent, WA**
Staffers will tour manufacturing floor of the “New Shepherd” sub-orbital launch vehicle and BE4 Engine, followed by a discussion of current regulatory and policy challenges facing the company and industry as a whole.
- 2:00 – 3:30 PM **Facebook, 1101 Dexter Avenue N, Seattle**
Staffers will participate in a tour of Facebook’s Seattle engineering office, and they will participate in a discussion with Facebook employees about the company’s work in network infrastructure, design, and machine learning.
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM **Amazon, 2120 6th Avenue, Seattle**
Panel discussion focused on Amazon’s work on consumer electronics and cloud computing. Speakers include: Dr. Matt Wood, Director, Product Management, AWS Deep Learning; Heather Zorn, Director, Engagement Products, Alexa Experience and Devices; and Kintan Brahmabhatt, Director, Product Management, Amazon Music* (*Tentative)
- 5:00 – 6:30 PM **Dinner Discussion, 2031 7th Avenue, Seattle**
Dinner discussion will include a fireside chat between ITIF President Rob Atkinson and Peter Faircy, Vice President for Amazon Marketplace.

(Dinner Paid for by ITIF)
- RON **Thompson Hotel, 110 Stewart Street, Seattle**

Thursday, October 19

7:00 – 8:30 AM **Breakfast Available at Thompson Hotel Restaurant, “Scout”**

(Breakfast Voucher Paid for by ITIF)

8:30 AM **Bus Departs Thompson Hotel, 110 Stewart Street, Seattle**

9:00 – 10:30 AM **Celgene, 1616 Eastlake Avenue E, Seattle**

Staff will visit Celgene’s Immuno-Oncology Thematic Center of Excellence. This facility in Seattle is on the leading edge of translational scientific research in immuno-oncology, including cutting edge CAR-T research programs. There are laboratories for cellular immunology, molecular biology, protein chemistry, flow cytometry and other areas that will deal with pre-clinical work with human primary cells and tissues. The staff will take a brief tour of the research lab followed by a presentation by senior researchers on the scientific promise and challenges of immuno-oncology, with a specific focus on CAR-T therapies.

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM **Expedia, 333 108th Avenue NE, Bellevue**

Staffers will tour the user lab and hear from Expedia’s technologists on how they are using virtual reality to enhance the user experience, followed by a discussion with Expedia executives on the Seattle innovation ecosystem.

(Boxed Lunch Paid for by ITIF)

1:00 – 2:30 PM **Nintendo, 4600 150th Avenue NE, Redmond**

Staffers will tour the Nintendo museum, review circumvention devices and the policy implications, and demonstrate the Nintendo switch technology.

3:00 – 4:30 PM **Microsoft, One Microsoft Way, Redmond**

Staffers will participate in an interactive demonstration of Microsoft’s Hololens technology, followed by a discussion of Microsoft’s initiatives to expand rural broadband access.

Microsoft Participants:

Mike McMahon- Sr. Director of Industry Affairs

John Sampson- Sr. Director Congressional Affairs

Zoya Awan- Federal Government Affairs Project Coordinator

Stacey Kim- Public Policy Associate

Stanton Burke- Public Policy Associate

Sidney Roberts-Tech Manager MS Airband Initiative (Speaker)

Lucas Joppa- Chief Environmental Scientist (Speaker)

Hasan Ali- Senior Attorney (Speaker)

5:00 – 6:30 PM **Dinner Discussion, Building 92, One Microsoft Way, Redmond**

Roundtable discussion of cross border data flows and lawful access/digital privacy issues featuring Microsoft and other Seattle-based company executives.

(Dinner Paid for by ITIF)

RON **Thompson Hotel, 110 Stewart Street, Seattle**

Friday, October 20

8:00 – 9:00 AM **Breakfast Available at Thompson Hotel Restaurant, “Scout”**

(Breakfast Voucher Paid for by ITIF)

9:00 AM **Buses Depart Thompson Hotel, 110 Stewart Street, Seattle**

9:30 – 11:00 AM **University of Washington, Fluke Hall, Seattle**

University of Washington staff will lead a discussion about UW’s tech transfer unit and incubator, called CoMotion, and the services they offer for university entrepreneurs (at both UW and Washington State University) from the idea stage through company stage. They will also offer a tour of their maker space and provide an update on the policy challenges they encounter as a result of these initiatives.

(Boxed Lunch Paid for by ITIF)

12:00 PM **Airport Check In**

1:35 PM **Alaska Airlines Flight #2 Departs SEA**

9:41 PM EDT **Alaska Flight #2 Arrives DCA**