

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE CENTER

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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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.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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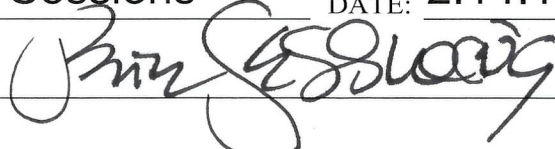
1. Name of Traveler: Ryan Ethington
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: n/a or None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 2.13.18 Return: 2.14.18
 b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____ or None
4. Departure city: Washington DC Destination: Ottawa Return city: Washington DC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Macdonald-Laurier Institute
6. Describe meetings and events attended: Speech and panel discussion focusing on NAFTA and trade policy
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: 2.4.18

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: Pete Sessions DATE: 2.14.18

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: 

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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): Macdonald - Laurier Institute
2. Travel Destination(s): Ottawa, ON, Canada
3. Date of Departure: Feb 13, 2018 Date of Return: Feb 14, 2018
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Pete Sessions and Ryan Ethington
(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	\$1134 USD Flights	N/A Stayed at Ambassador's Residence	N/A	\$160 USD event ticket (includes dinner) \$162 USD ground transportation
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: David Watson Title: Managing Editor and Communications Director

Organization: Macdonald-Laurier Institute

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

Address: 323 Chapel St, Suite 300, Ottawa, ON, Canada, K1N 7Z2

Telephone number: (613) 482-8327 ext 103

Email Address: david.watson@macdonaldlaurier.ca

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: Ryan Ethington
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Macdonald-Laurier Institute
3. Travel destination(s): Ottawa, Canada
4. a. Date of departure 2/13/18 Date of return: 2/14/18
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.
Invited participation on this trip is applicable given the staffer's role as Legislative Director and the Congressman's advisor on foreign affairs and trade issues, including NAFTA.
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

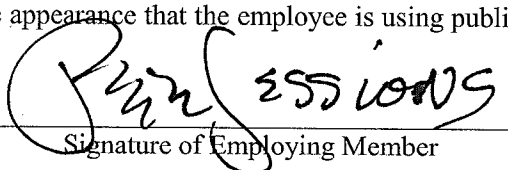
10. **FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:**

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: 1/11/2018



Signature of Employing Member

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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 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): _____

Macdonald - Laurier Institute

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):

Pete Sessions, Congressman - looking for someone to speak on panel on the future of Canada-US relations. Ryan Ethington, Legislative Director - To provide support.

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

6. Date of departure: Feb 13, 2018 Date of return: Feb 14, 2018

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC, USA

b. Destination(s): Ottawa, ON, Canada

c. City of return: Washington, DC, USA

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:

MLI is a federal public policy think tank interested in
furthering public discussion of issues of national importance
MLI is organizing a dinner and panel discussion in
February on "The Future of Canada-US Relations." MLI is
the organizer of the event and its program.

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: Albert at Bay City: Ottawa, ON Cost per night: \$250 CAD

Reason(s) for selecting: Close to event venue

Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____

Reason(s) for selecting: _____

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 <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	\$ 800 CAD	\$ 300 CAD	\$ 50 CAD
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	\$195 CAD \$100 CAD	Event ticket (includes dinner) Ground transportation
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: David Watson

Title: Managing Editor and Communications Director

Organization: Macdonald-Laurier Institute

Address: 323 Chapel St, Suite 300, Ottawa, ON, K1N 7Z2

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Email address: david.watson@macdonaldlaurier.ca

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

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Mr. Ryan Ethington
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Dear Mr. Ethington:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Canada, scheduled for February 13 to 14, 2018, sponsored by the Macdonald-Laurier 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.

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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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THE MACDONALD-LAURIER INSTITUTE



True North in Canadian Public Policy

› Sir Antony Fisher Award for excellence in think tank publications, 2011

› One of the top 3 new think tanks in the world: University of Pennsylvania, 2013

› Templeton Award winner for outstanding achievement by a young think tank, 2012

Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, February 13

Time	Description	Additional details
12:30 pm	Depart Dulles International Airport, Washington, DC for Ottawa, ON, Canada	Air Canada Flight 2545
1:58 pm	Arrive at Ottawa International Airport in Ottawa, ON, Canada	Air Canada Flight 2545
2 – 3 pm	Airport security screening, collecting bags, etc.	
3 – 4 pm	Travel to hotel, check-in, drop-off bags, etc.	
4 – 5 pm	Prepare to leave for MLI's Dinner on the Future of Canada-U.S. Relations	
5 – 7 pm	Depart for the Canadian War Museum for MLI's Dinner on the Future of Canada-U.S. Relations, sign in with MLI staff, attend pre-dinner reception	
7 – 7:30 pm	Dinner	
7:30 – 9 pm	Main program begins	<p><i>Program detail</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An introductory address by Brian Lee Crowley about MLI and the significance of the event and theme. • A short introduction, 5 min., by Ambassador Craft for Congressman Sessions • Remarks by Sessions around 15 min. • Introduction of the panel and moderator Frank McKenna by Brian Lee Crowley • Introduction of the panelists by Frank McKenna

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 45 minute panel discussion led by Frank McKenna <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pete Sessions (US Congressman) • Kelly Craft (US Ambassador to Canada) • Frank Buckley (George Mason) • Laura Dawson (Canada Institute) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing remarks by Brian Lee Crowley
9 – 10 pm	Return to hotel	

Wednesday, February 13

Time	Description	Additional details
9:10 am	Depart Ottawa International Airport in Ottawa, ON, Canada for Washington, DC	United Airlines Flight 8486
10:51 am	Arrive at Reagan National Airport in Washington, DC	United Airlines Flight 8486