

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE CENTER

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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.

OFFICE 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: DAVID ETHAN ABNER
- 2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ *or* None
- b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
- 3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 8/9/18 Return: 8/11/18
- b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____ *or* None
- 4. Departure city: Washington Destination: Las Vegas Return city: Washington
- 5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
- 6. Describe meetings and events attended: See attached Itinerary

- 7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
 - a. a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
 - b. the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and 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: 8/16/18

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: THOMAS J. ROONEY DATE: 8/16/18

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: _____

(Handwritten signature of Thomas J. Rooney)

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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE CENTER
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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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- Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
- Travel Destination(s): Las Vegas, Nevada
- Date of Departure: August 9, 2018 Date of Return: August 11, 2018
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): See attached list
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
- 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	See attached	See attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	See attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	See attached
Accompanying Relative	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

- 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: Michael Forster Title: Chief Operating Officer

Organization: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

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

Address: One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20004

Telephone number: 202-691-4366

Email Address: michael.forster@wilsoncenter.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: David Ethan Abner
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
3. Travel destination(s): Las Vegas, Nevada
4. a. Date of departure August 9th, 2018 Date of return: August 11th, 2018
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.
I AM THE MILITARY LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT FOR CONGRESSMAN T. BOONET, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEES NSA AND CYBERSECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE. I WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT CYBERSECURITY FROM GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY EXPERTS.
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: 6/19/2018


Signature of Employing Member

**U.S. House of Representatives
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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): _____
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
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: _____
William and Flora Hewlett Foundation (see included Grantmaking Sponsor Form)
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 attached list. All alumni of the Wilson Center Congressional Cybersecurity Lab were invited to participate.
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of departure: August 9th, 2018 Date of return: August 11th, 2018
7. a. City of departure: August 11th, 2018
b. Destination(s): Las Vegas, NV
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 attached response.

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:
We will rent a passenger van for travel to and from meeting sites on location.
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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): _____
\$64 or less per day in Las Vegas

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

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

Hotel name: Treasure Island Hotel and Casino City: Las Vegas Cost per night: \$106

Reason(s) for selecting: Hotel was within the government per diem range set by GSA and centrally located to meetings and events

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	\$597.20	\$212 per person (see attached for detail)	\$192 per person or less (See attached for detail)
For each accompanying relative	N/A	N/A	N/A

	<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	\$392	\$112 - Lodging taxes and resort fees \$280 - Conference Admission Fee
For each accompanying relative		N/A

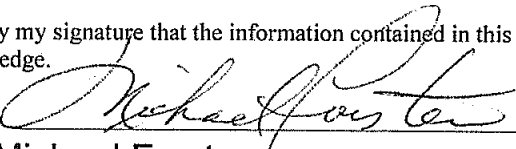
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19. Check one:

- 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: Michael Forster

Title: Chief Operating Officer, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Organization: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Address: 1300 Pennsylvania, Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20004

Telephone number: 202-691-4366

Email address: michael.forster@wilsoncenter.org

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

Committee on Ethics
 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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GRANTMAKING TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by a public charity or private foundation (both as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) that provides a grant of funds to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

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

1. I certify that (name of your organization): William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.
 Yes No
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
3. I certify that my organization (complete a or b):
 - a. Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. or
 - b. Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to (destination) _____ on (date) _____ that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4. Check one:
 - a. My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent or
 - b. My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
6. 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: Elizabeth Peters

Title: General Counsel

Organization: The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

Address: 221 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025

Telephone number: 650-234-4878

Email: epeters@hewlett.org

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

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Mr. David E. Abner
Office of the Honorable Thomas J. Rooney
2160 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515


Dear Mr. Abner:


Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, scheduled for August 9 to 11, 2018, sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, with financial support from the Williams and Flora Hewlett 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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Actual Expenses:	Transportation Expenses:	Lodging Expenses:	Meal Expenses:	Other Expenses:
Traveler:	\$ 527.20 airfare in coach	\$212	\$174.50	\$53.70 - Charter Bus \$280 - Conference Pass \$146.01 - Lodging taxes and resort fees
Accompanying Relative:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Digital Futures Project Congressional Cybersecurity Lab Alumni Study Trip

Wilson Center Contacts:

Meg King: (202) 856-8070

Jacob Rosen: (202) 257-2496

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9TH

- 8:15AM **UNITED FLIGHT 796 FROM WASHINGTON DULLES (IAD) TO LAS VEGAS (LAS) (F43YX6)**
- 10:27AM **ARRIVE IN LAS VEGAS AND TRANSFER TO HOTEL**
- 11:30-12:00PM **ARRIVE AT HOTEL; CHECK-IN**
LOCATION: *TREASURE ISLAND HOTEL & CASINO; 3300 S LAS VEGAS BLVD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89109*
- 12:00-1:00PM **WORKING LUNCH AND INTRODUCTORY BRIEFING WITH WILSON CENTER SHERPAS**
TOPIC: EXPECTATIONS AND OPERATIONAL SECURITY
LOCATION: *TREASURE ISLAND HOTEL & CASINO; 3300 S LAS VEGAS BLVD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89109*
- DESCRIPTION: DURING THIS WORKING LUNCH WE WILL DISCUSS OPERATIONAL SECURITY FOR DATA PROTECTION, INCLUDING BEST PRACTICES, FUNDAMENTALS, AND COUNTERMEASURES.
- 1:30-4:00PM **ARIA CYBER HQ TOUR**
WITH SCOTT HOWITT, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF SECURITY INFORMATION OFFICER
LOCATION: *ARIA RESORT & CASINO, 3730 S LAS VEGAS BLVD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89158*
- DESCRIPTION: CASINOS ARE KNOWN TARGETS OF INTERNATIONAL CYBER OPERATIONS. IN 2014 IRANIAN HACKERS LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ON SANDS LAS VEGAS CORPORATION IN LAS VEGAS, COSTING THE COMPANY MORE THAN \$40 MILLION. CASINOS HAS BEEN FORCED TO BOLSTER THEIR OPERATIONAL SECURITY AND CONSTANTLY MONITOR FOR INTERNATIONAL THREATS. TOURING THE MGM CYBER HEADQUARTERS WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE A PRIVATE SECTOR GLOBAL CYBER OPERATIONS CENTER AND UNDERSTAND THE ROLE THE PRIVATE SECTOR PLAYS AS A FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE.
- 4:30 PM-5:00 PM **TRAVEL TO HOTEL**
- 5:00-6:00PM **REST TIME AT HOTEL (NO OFFICIAL PROGRAMMING)**
- 6:00-6:30PM **TRAVEL TO DINNER**
- 6:30-8:30PM **WORKING DINNER WITH BRYSON BORT (FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN, GRIMM INC.)**
TOPIC: DO BUG BOUNTY PROGRAMS WORK?
LOCATION: 3890 EAST PATRICK LANE, LAS VEGAS, NV 89120
- DESCRIPTION: BUG BOUNTY PROGRAMS, IN WHICH ENTITIES COMPENSATE INDIVIDUALS FOR DISCOVERING SECURITY VULNERABILITIES IN THEIR OWN NETWORKS OR SOFTWARE PRODUCTS, REPRESENT THE MOST TYPICAL AVENUE OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN ETHICAL HACKERS AND PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ENTITIES. DURING THIS WORKING DINNER WE WILL EXPLORE THE HISTORY OF SUCH PROGRAMS AND DISCUSS THEIR RELEVANCE AND IMPORTANCE IN TODAY'S SECURITY

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

CLIMATE. DO THEY WORK? WHAT ARE THE SHORTCOMINGS? DO THERE EXIST OTHER WAYS FOR HACKERS AND STAKEHOLDERS TO WORK IN TANDEM?

8:30 PM-9:00 PM **TRAVEL TO HOTEL**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10TH

8:00-9:30AM **WORKING BREAKFAST WITH SYNACK**
TOPIC: VULNERABILITIES DISCLOSURE AND BUG BOUNTIES Pt. 2
LOCATION: CAESARS PALACE, 3570 S LAS VEGAS BLVD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89109

DESCRIPTION: BUILDING ON OUR DISCUSSION FROM THE PREVIOUS NIGHT, WE WILL HAVE A WORKING BREAKFAST WITH SYNACK, THE CHIEF ORGANIZERS OF THE INFAMOUS “HACK THE PENTAGON” PROGRAM. WE’LL LEARN ABOUT THEIR PERSPECTIVE ON THE EFFICACY OF BUG BOUNTY PROGRAMS AND THEIR EFFORTS TO BUILD BRIDGES BETWEEN GOVERNMENT, THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND THE HACKING COMMUNITY.

9:30-10:00AM **TRAVEL TIME**

10:00AM- 11:00 AM **INDUSTRIAL CONTROL SYSTEMS VILLAGE AT DEFCON**
LOCATION: FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS, 3555 S LAS VEGAS BLVD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89109

DESCRIPTION: AN ATTACK ON OUR NATION’S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE BY CYBER MEANS, BE IT THE POWER GRID OR NUCLEAR FACILITIES OR WATER TREATMENT PLANTS, CREATES THE MOST VISCERAL FEAR IN THE MINDS OF MANY WHEN THEY ENVISION CONFLICTS OF THE FUTURE. BUT ARE THESE FEARS FOUNDED? WHAT IS THE STATE OF AMERICA’S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEFENSES? WHO ARE THE MAIN THREAT ACTORS? THE ICS VILLAGE AT DEFCON WILL OFFER AN IN-DEPTH EXAMINATION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE CYBER DEFENSES, HIGHLIGHTING EXISTING WEAKNESSES AND VULNERABILITIES AND WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO SECURE THESE MOST IMPORTANT SYSTEMS.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM **CAR HACKING VILLAGE AT DEFCON**
LOCATION: FLAMINGO LAS VEGAS, 3555 S LAS VEGAS BLVD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89109

DESCRIPTION: TODAY OUR CARS HAVE EFFECTIVELY BECOME COMPUTERS ON WHEELS—CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET AND PROGRAMMED WITH MILLIONS OF LINES OF CODE. AND, THE AGE OF AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES IS QUICKLY APPROACHING. WHAT DO THESE DEVELOPMENTS SPELL FOR THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR NATION’S AUTOMOBILES? IS SECURITY BEING PROPERLY CONSIDERED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE VEHICLES? IN TOURING THE CAR HACKING VILLAGE WE WILL GET TO SEE UP CLOSE SOME OF THE VULNERABILITIES AFFLICING TODAY’S VEHICLES. WE’LL HEAR ABOUT WHAT THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY IS DOING TO SECURE ITS FLEETS AND LEARN ABOUT WHAT IS NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT THE VEHICLES OF TOMORROW ARE SAFE FOR AMERICA’S ROADS.

12:00PM-1:00PM **LUNCH BREAK**

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM **CONVERSATION WITH ROB JOYCE**
LOCATION: CAESARS PALACE, 3570 S LAS VEGAS BLVD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89109
DESCRIPTION: ROB JOYCE, THE SENIOR ADVISOR FOR CYBERSECURITY STRATEGY AT NSA WILL DISCUSS WITH US THE CRITICAL ROLE THAT NSA PLAYS IN TODAY’S GLOBAL CYBER THREAT ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING A DISCUSSION OF US OFFENSIVE CYBER OPERATIONS.

2:30 PM-4:00PM

SOCIAL ENGINEERING VILLAGE AT DEFCON

LOCATION: CAESARS PALACE, 3570 S LAS VEGAS BLVD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89109

DESCRIPTION: IT IS A WELL-KNOWN TRUISM IN THE SECURITY INDUSTRY THAT HUMANS REPRESENT ONE OF THE GREATEST LIABILITIES TOWARD SECURING SYSTEMS, NETWORKS, AND DEVICES. WHILE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS HAVE AUTOMATED MANY DEFENSE PROCESSES, SO LONG AS HUMANS CONTINUE TO INTERACT DIRECTLY WITH THEIR TECHNOLOGIES, HUMAN-BASED VULNERABILITIES WILL PERSIST. HACKERS CONTINUE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE INHERENT HUMAN FLAWS, A PROCESS KNOWN AS SOCIAL ENGINEERING. THE SOCIAL ENGINEERING VILLAGE AT DEFCON WILL HIGHLIGHT CURRENT TRENDS IN SOCIAL ENGINEERING ATTACKS AND DISCUSS BEST DEFENSIVE PRACTICES TO THWART WOULD-BE INVADERS.

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

ROOTZ ASYLUM VILLAGE AT DEFCON

LOCATION: CAESARS PALACE, 3570 S LAS VEGAS BLVD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89109

DESCRIPTION: THE Rootz Asylum is DEFCON's Child-focused educational hacking program that seeks to instill young hackers with the skills and know-how to become the next generation of innovators in this space. Participants learned about DEFCON's continuing efforts to foster a cyber-talent pool, encourage gender parity, and give these young hackers the proper ethical backing to be a source for good.

5:00 PM-5:30 PM

TRAVEL TO HOTEL

5:30PM – 7:00PM

REST TIME AT HOTEL

7:00 PM – 7:30 PM

TRAVEL TO DINNER

7:30 PM- 9:00PM

WORKING DINNER WITH MICROSOFT

TOPIC: ELECTION SECURITY

LOCATION: *MAGGIANO'S; 3200 LAS VEGAS BLVD SOUTH, LAS VEGAS, NV 89109*

DESCRIPTION: WE'LL BE JOINED BY SOME OF THE LEADERS AT MICROSOFT WHO ARE ON THE FRONTLINES IN THE ONGOING EFFORTS TO SECURE OUR ELECTION SYSTEMS. WE'LL DISCUSS WHAT THEY'VE BEEN SEEING AND WHAT THEIR STRATEGIES ARE MOVING FORWARD.

9:00 PM-9:30 PM

TRAVEL TO HOTEL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH

7:00AM-7:30AM

CHECK-OUT OF HOTEL; TRAVEL TO BREAKFAST

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

BREAKFAST WITH CROWDSTRIKE

TOPIC: IMPROVING PERSONAL CYBERSECURITY: HOW TO NAVIGATE IN HIGH-THREAT ENVIRONMENTS

LOCATION: CAESARS PALACE, 3570 S LAS VEGAS BLVD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89109

DESCRIPTION: BY VIRTUE OF THEIR JOBS, CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS OPERATE IN A HIGHER THREAT ENVIRONMENT THAN THE TYPICAL INTERNET USER. PROPERLY UNDERSTANDING THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF THESE THREATS, AND LEARNING HOW TO BEST DEFEND ONESELF FROM THEM, ARE CRITICAL IN TODAY'S WORLD. CISCO & ALL CLEAR ID ARE INDUSTRY EXPERTS IN SECURING SENSITIVE AND PERSONAL INFORMATION. THIS WORKING BREAKFAST WILL PROVIDE

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OUR DELEGATION WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT BEST PRACTICES FOR INSTITUTIONAL AND PERSONAL SECURITY.

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM **DISCUSSION WITH DR. MAUGHAN, HEAD OF DHS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH DIRECTORATE, CYBERSECURITY DIVISION**
DESCRIPTION: THE CYBERSECURITY DIVISION'S MISSION IS TO CONTRIBUTE TO ENHANCING THE SECURITY AND RESILIENCE OF THE NATION'S CRITICAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE INTERNET BY (1) DEVELOPING AND DELIVERING NEW TECHNOLOGIES, TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES TO ENABLE DHS AND THE U.S. TO DEFEND, MITIGATE AND SECURE CURRENT AND FUTURE SYSTEMS, NETWORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE AGAINST CYBERATTACKS; (2) CONDUCT AND SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY TRANSITION AND (3) LEAD AND COORDINATE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D) AMONG THE R&D COMMUNITY WHICH INCLUDES DEPARTMENT CUSTOMERS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS.

WE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEAK WITH DR. MAUGHAN, HEAD OF THE CYBERSECURITY DIVISION TO LEARN ABOUT SOME OF THE TECHNOLOGIES AND TECHNIQUES DHS IS DEVELOPING IN ORDER TO COMBAT THREATS AND PROTECT OUR NATION'S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM **VOTING VILLAGE AT DEFCON**
LOCATION: CAESARS PALACE, 3570 S LAS VEGAS BLVD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89109
DESCRIPTION: IN LIGHT OF EVENTS DURING THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, AND DUE TO THE SUPREME IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY OF OUR FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS, ELECTION SECURITY HAS RIGHTLY EMERGED AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SECURITY ISSUES OF OUR DAY. AT THE DEFCON VOTING VILLAGE, WE WILL WITNESS FIRST-HAND AS VULNERABILITIES ARE DISCOVERED AND EXPOSED IN LEGACY VOTING SYSTEMS. THE VOTING VILLAGE WILL HELP TO ILLUSTRATE THE PERVASIVENESS OF AND NATURE OF VOTING SYSTEM VULNERABILITIES, AS WELL AS FACILITATE A DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT CAN BE DONE ON THE TECHNICAL LEVEL TO SECURE THESE CRITICAL SYSTEMS.

12:00–1:30 PM **TRIP DEBRIEF AND TRANSFER TO AIRPORT**

1:30 PM **UNITED FLIGHT 487 FROM LAS VEGAS (LAS) TO WASHINGTON DULLES (IAD)**

8:52PM **ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON DC**



**Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
Digital Futures Project Congressional Cybersecurity Lab
Primary Trip Sponsor Form – Additional Responses**

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor’s interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

The Wilson Center is the sole organizer of the trip. The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation funds the Congressional Cybersecurity Lab but plays no role in choosing participants, selecting the destination, or designing the itinerary.

The Congressional Cybersecurity Lab aims to educate Congressional staffers on technology policy issues critical to U.S. national security, as well as to foster bipartisan working relationships. The trip supplements the work of the program's six-week seminar series, providing fellows with an opportunity to gain first-hand understanding of some of the technology and policy questions discussed in the seminars. The mission of this trip will be to help initiate better dialogue and trust between federal stakeholders and the “hacking community”, as well as to educate the congressional delegation on the nature and scope of vulnerabilities and threats to critical cyber networks and infrastructure. Ethical hackers can play an instrumental role in fortifying cybersecurity infrastructure (networks, hardware, etc.), in both the public and private sectors, through the use of sanctioned hacking initiatives and bug-bounty programs. During the trip we will visit with private sector experts operating in the technology and cybersecurity space, such as Microsoft, Cisco, Grimm, Cylance, Booz-Allen Hamilton, and CrowdStrike.

Our goal is to promote a first-hand understanding of policy issues on the legislative agenda through exposure to the perspectives of key stakeholders. The goal of the cybersecurity lab is deeply rooted in the Wilson Center’s mission to “...unite the world of ideas to the world of policy by supporting preeminent scholarship and linking that scholarship to issues of concern to officials in Washington.”

15b (2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip.

Las Vegas was selected as hosts the DEFCON conference, the nation’s preeminent hacking conference. The conference will provide us with an unrivaled opportunity to gain a better understanding of the “hacking community” and learn how to better integrate them into our nation’s cybersecurity apparatus. There we will meet with representatives from across the tech/cyber industry, including both private-sector stakeholders, as well as “white hat” hackers engaged in ethical hacking,



**List of Participants Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
Congressional Cybersecurity Lab Alumni Study Trip
Las Vegas August 9th to August 11th, 2018
House of Representatives**

Name: Ethan Abner

Title: Military Legislative Assistant, Office of Representative Thomas J. Rooney

Name: Jessica Hagens-Jordan

Title: Legislative Fellow, Office of Representative James Himes

Name: Elliott Phaup

Title: Policy Advisor, Office of Representative Charles Albert 'Dutch' Ruppertsberger

Name: Ashley Gutwein

Title: Senior Counsel, Office of Representative Luke Messer

Name: Cesar Ybarra

Title: Legislative Assistant, Office of Representative Andy Biggs

Name: Nishith Pandya

Title: Senior Legislative Assistant, Office of Representative Bobby Rush

Name: Thomas Rice

Title: Legislative Assistant, Office of Representative Michael McCaul

Replacement Invitees:

Name: Hanna Allred

Title: Communications Director, Office of Representative Roger Williams



The Honorable Susan Brooks, Chairman
Committee on Ethics
U.S. House of Representatives
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April 30, 2018

Re: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Congressional Study Trip on August 9-11 to Las Vegas

Dear Chairman Brooks,

This letter is submitted in connection with the Congressional Cybersecurity Lab study trip to Las Vegas, sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars to which congressional staff have been invited. We understand that the Committee on Ethics, which is charged with reviewing and approving privately-funded, officially-connected travel by Members and staff of the House, may consider the Foundation to be a "source" of funds associated with the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars study trip that must be identified under House rules.

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation (the "Foundation"), a non-profit foundation established in 1967, made a grant to the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars to support its Congressional Cybersecurity Lab. The Foundation's grant funds educational activities regarding cyber issues, including study trips for Members and staff, to introduce cyber fundamentals to a non-expert, policymaking audience. Please note that the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation is aware of the study trip, the participants, and its agenda. However, there is no agreement, written or oral, between the Foundation and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars whereby the Foundation may direct the activities of the Congressional Cybersecurity Lab, including the conduct of the study trip, or cause the selection of any invited congressional participant. The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars exercises control over that selection process and makes the selection completely independent from the Foundation.

Furthermore, please note that the Foundation is not a registrant under the Federal Lobbying Disclosure Act ("LDA"), does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist to lobby on its behalf, and has not received funds from any lobbyist or LDA registrant. Moreover, the Foundation has not accepted any source funds earmarked for the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Congressional Cybersecurity Lab or any congressional travel.

If we can provide any additional information, please contact me at 650-234-4878 or epeters@hewlett.org.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Peters
General Counsel