

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

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.

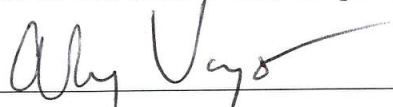
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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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- 1. Name of Traveler: Alex Vargo
- 2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ or None
- b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
- 3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 8-8-2018 Return: 8-9-2018
- b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____ or None
- 4. Departure city: Washington, DC Destination: Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay, Cambridge, MD Return city: Washington, DC
- 5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): The Heritage Foundation
- 6. Describe meetings and events attended: Lunches and discussions on free speech, appropriations, messaging, and executive branch.

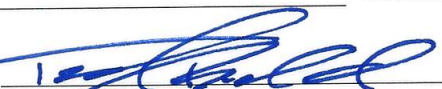
- 7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
 - a. a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
 - b. the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking 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: 8-21-18

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: Ted Budd DATE: 8-21-18

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.

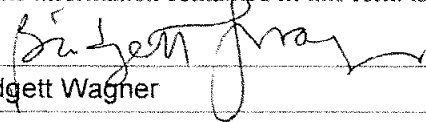
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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): The Heritage Foundation
2. Travel Destination(s): Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay, Cambridge, MD
3. Date of Departure: 08-Aug-2018 Date of Return: 09-Aug-2018
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Garrett Bess, Hunter Hobart, Alex Vargo, Marshall Yates
(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	\$27.89	\$151.20	\$95.85	\$10.00 - notebooks & pens
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: Bridgett Wagner Title: Vice President, Policy Promotion
 Organization: The Heritage Foundation

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

Address: 214 Massachusetts Ave NE
Washington, DC 20002
 Telephone number: 202-608-6054
 Email Address: bridgett.wagner@heritage.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: Alex Vargo
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): The Heritage Foundation
3. Travel destination(s): Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay
4. a. Date of departure August 8, 2018 Date of return: August 9, 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.
As legislative director for Rep. Ted Budd, learning how to further conservative public policies through the Feulner-Weyrich Fellowship is of vital importance to my duties as the Congressman's senior advisor.
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: 6-29-18



Signature of Employing Member

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Committee on Ethics

PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

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

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

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): _____
The Heritage Foundation
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 attached
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of departure: August 8, 2018 Date of return: August 9, 2018
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
b. Destination(s): Cambridge, MD
c. City of return: Washington, DC
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:

The Heritage Foundation is a research and educational institution whose mission is to formulate and promote conservative public policies based on the principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong national defense. Heritage hosting and planning this educational trip is part of its educational mission.

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): _____
8/8 - \$64 ; 8/9 - \$49

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____
Cambridge, MD is easily accessible from DC and is an appropriate distance to ensure the focus on the educational benefits of the trip.

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

Hotel name: Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay City: Cambridge, MD Cost per night: \$144

Reason(s) for selecting: Adequate conference/meeting spaces

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 Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$30.88	\$144.00	\$108.00
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	\$10	notebooks, folders, pencils
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: Bridgett Wagner

Title: Vice President of Policy Promotion

Organization: The Heritage Foundation

Address: 214 Massachusetts Ave NE Washington, DC 20002

Telephone number: 202-546-4400

Email address: bridgett.wagner@heritage.org

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

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(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

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Mr. Alex Vargo
Office of the Honorable Ted Budd
118 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Vargo:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Cambridge, Maryland, scheduled for August 8 to 9, 2018, sponsored by the Heritage 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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Feulner and Weyrich Fellowship Conference

Wednesday, August 8, 2018 – Thursday, August 9, 2018
 Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay | Cambridge, MD

Invitation List

About the List: The following individuals were extended an invitation to The Heritage Foundation's Feulner and Weyrich 2018 Conference due to their interest in conservative policymaking and their status as Feulner and Weyrich fellows.

Bess	Garrett	Representative Ken Buck	Legislative Director
Burkhalter	Natalie	Senator Rand Paul	Legislative Assistant
Dalrymple	Jeremy	Senate Budget Committee	Professional Staff Member
Ervin	Alaura	Representative Steve Russell	Legislative Assistant
Hailstone	Mitchell	Representative Dave Brat	Communications Director
Hansen	Heath	Senator Mike Lee	Legislative Assistant
Hobart	Hunter	Representative Gary Palmer	Legislative Assistant
Kronzer	Jay	Representative Dave Brat	Legislative Assistant
Oberan	Elizabeth	Senator Mike Lee	Deputy Chief Counsel
Rhyné	Curtis	Representative George Holding	Deputy Chief/ Legislative Director
Vargo	Alex	Representative Ted Budd	Legislative Director
Webb	Jim	Senator Rand Paul	Legislative Assistant
Williamson	Ben	Representative Mark Meadows	Communications Director
Yates	Marshall	Representative Mo Brooks	Legislative Counsel
Yelinski	Chad	Representative Mark Meadows	Legislative Director



The Feulner and Weyrich Fellowship Retreat

Wednesday, August 8, 2018 – Thursday, August 9, 2018

Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay | Cambridge, MD

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018

- 9:00 a.m. *Attendees arrive and board bus* *The Heritage Foundation*
- 9:30 a.m. *Bus departs for the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay*
- 11:30 a.m. *Bus arrives at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay*
- 11:30 – 12:00 p.m. **REGISTRATION**
- 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. **WORKING LUNCHEON – THE FIRST AMENDMENT, FREE SPEECH AND COLLEGE CAMPUSES: WHAT’S AT STAKE?**
- Arthur Milikh**
*Associate Director, B. Kenneth Simon Center for Principles and Politics
The Heritage Foundation*
- 1:30 – 1:45 p.m. **BREAK**
- 1:45 – 3:15 p.m. **SESSION I – WHAT’S LEFT IN THE 115TH CONGRESS?**
A panel discussion on FY 19 appropriations spending, welfare reform and the farm bill, and healthcare reform.
- Paul Winfree**
*Director, Thomas A. Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies
The Heritage Foundation*
- Marie Fishpaw**
*Director, Domestic Policy Studies, Institute for Family, Community, and Opportunity
The Heritage Foundation*
- 3:15 – 3:30 p.m. **BREAK**
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. **SESSION II – MESSAGING AND PUBLIC OPINIONS ON TODAY’S BIGGEST ISSUES**
A look at polling data in the issue areas discussed in Session I, how to read that data, and what the information means from a legislating standpoint.
- Genevieve Wood**
*Senior Communications Advisor and Senior Contributor
The Daily Signal*
- Elizabeth Fender**
*Senior Manager for Marketing, Contributor to the Daily Signal
The Heritage Foundation*

Scott Rasmussen
Pollster

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. **BREAK**
Attendees check-in to their guest rooms

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. **GROUP EXERCISE PREP WORK**
Each year the Feulner-Weyrich fellows conduct a landmark and relevant full-scale live exercise that replicates real life conditions. In the first year, the fellows simulated the first 100 days of a new President. Last year, the fellows simulated a legislative negotiation. This year, the fellowship class will simulate the confirmation process of a Supreme Court Justice.

Background Remarks:
Hans Von Spakovsky
*Senior Legal Fellow, Meese Center for Legal and Judicial Studies
The Heritage Foundation*

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. **BREAK**

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. **DINNER WITH KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018

8:30 a.m. *Attendees leave room keys and luggage at the Heritage luggage check*

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **BREAKFAST SESSION – THE INTERSECTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH**
As laid out in the Constitution the Legislative Branch has an important role to play in the Executive Branch. This session looks at that role through the lens of the recently announced Executive Order on Re-organization.

Paul Teller
*Special Assistant to the President
Office of President Donald Trump*

10:00 – 12:30 p.m. **GROUP EXERCISE: SCOTUS SIMULATION**

12:30 – 12:45 p.m. **CLOSING REMARKS**

Tommy Binion
*Director, Congressional & Executive Branch Relations
The Heritage Foundation*

12:45 p.m. Retreat Concludes

1:00 p.m. *Attendees board the bus with their luggage*

3:00 p.m. *Bus arrives at The Heritage Foundation*