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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.

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: Katherine Valle
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: \_\_\_\_\_ or None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 10/25/2018 Return: NA  
 b. Dates at personal expense (if any): I left NYC on 10/27/18 for vacation and flew back to DC on my own on 11/4/18. \_\_\_\_\_ or None
4. Departure city: Washington, DC Destination: NYC Return city: NA
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Association of Community College Trustees
6. Describe meetings and events attended: See agenda attached.

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: 11/5/2018

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: Rep. Robert C. Scott DATE: 11/6/18

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: 

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

**SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM**

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. *A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.* You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Association of Community College Trustees

2. Travel Destination(s): New York City

3. Date of Departure: 10/25/2018 Date of Return: Staffer departed NYC on 10-27 for other travel

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Katherine Valle  
(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	\$ 49	\$ 730.38	60	\$0
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: [Handwritten Signature]  
Name: TANYA HARLEY Title: Finance & Operations Officer  
Organization: ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES

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

Address: 1101 17th STREET NW SUITE 300  
WASHINGTON, DC 20036

Telephone number: 202-775-4460

Email Address: T HARLEY @ ACCCT. 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

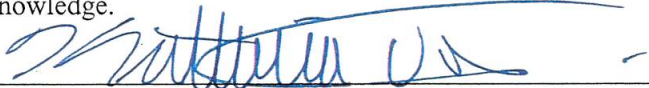
This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee,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

**YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE.** Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.

Name of Traveler: Katherine Valle

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

Signature: 

Name of signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For staff, name of employing Member or committee: House Committee on Education and the Workforce

Office address: 2101 Rayburn House Office Building

Telephone number: Washington DC 20515

Email address of contact person: katherine.valle@mail.house.gov

- Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

**NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.**

**KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM.** Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

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

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Katherine Valle
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Association of Community Colleges Trustees

3. Travel destination(s): New York City

4. a. Date of departure 10/25/2018 Date of return: NA

b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes  No

If yes, dates at personal expense: I'll be leaving NYC on Saturday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> and fly me out of the country. I fly back to DC on Nov 4<sup>th</sup>. I only have a one way ticket from sponsor from DC to NYC

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:

Schedule would require me to either depart DC at 3:10AM on the 26th or depart NYC after 8PM on the 26th if it was limited to 1 night.

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 senior policy advisor for the Dem staff on the Education & Workforce committee, I handle issues in the Higher Education Act

specifically affecting community colleges. I will be attending the conference to learn from the different sessions and participate in a panel to exchange information

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: 9/24/18



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): Association of Community College Trustees
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):  
Katherine Valle, House Committee on Education and the Workforce - To exchange information and ideas regarding the role of community colleges in higher education.
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of departure: 10/25/2018 Date of return: N/A
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC  
b. Destination(s): New York City  
c. City of return: N/A (staff member intends to fly from New York to another destination on 10/27)
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: \_\_\_\_\_

Schedule would require the invitee to either depart DC at 3:10 am on the 26th or depart New York after 8 PM on the 26th if limited to one night.

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 Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) is organizing an educational conference for its membership and interested parties. ACCT is a membership organization and the conference benefits community college governing board members by enhancing their knowledge about issues impacting community colleges and students.

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): \_\_\_\_\_  
\$75

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
New York City is the location of the conference.

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

Hotel name: Night Hotel Theater District City: New York Cost per night: \$365

Reason(s) for selecting: Conference block sold out. Lowest cost comparable hotel nearby.

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):

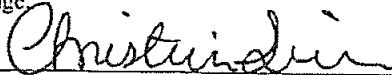
18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<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	\$80	\$730	\$75
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	\$825	conference registration fee waived
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: Christina Sage Simons  
 Title: Director, Educational Event  
 Organization: Association of Community College Trustees  
 Address: 1101 17th Street, NW Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036  
 Telephone number: 202-775-4462  
 Email address: csimons@acct.org

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

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

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October 24, 2018

Ms. Katherine Valle  
Committee on Education and the Workforce  
2176 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Valle:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to New York, New York, scheduled for October 25, 2018, sponsored by the Association of Community College Trustees. We note that you will not accept return transportation from the sponsor.

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,

Handwritten signatures of Susan W. Brooks and Theodore E. Deutch in blue ink.

Susan W. Brooks  
Chairwoman

Theodore E. Deutch  
Ranking Member

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Friday, October 26, 2018  
Agenda for Katherine Valle

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

How a Rural Community College Fundamentally Re-Engineered Itself to Improve Student Success  
Edison/Booth - Fifth Floor

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

Building a Culture of Completion with an Equity Lens: A Catalyst for Institutional Transformation  
Cantor - Ninth Floor

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Congressional Priorities for Reforming Higher Education  
Kathy Valle presents  
Westside Ballroom, Salon 3 - Fifth Floor

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Luncheon – Keynote Speaker – Kevin Mulcahy of Future Workplace

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM

Results from Modeling a One-Time FAFSA Using Institutional Data  
Olmstead - Seventh Floor

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Meeting Basic Needs on Campus: Strategies to Support Low-income Students to Completion  
Duffy/Columbia - Seventh Floor

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Kathy Valle Meeting with Student Trustees