



# U.S. House of Representatives COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form

Original  Amendment

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, B-81 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: Robert B. Parmiter
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: Wed., August 21, 2019 Return: Fri., August 23, 2019  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington DC Destination: Boston MA Return City: Wash., DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: The Software Education Foundation d/b/a Software.org: The BSA Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Meetings and Events with various companies and other entities in the artificial intelligence/machine learning fields, to learn about and discuss technological progress in those areas.
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** the *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 statement is true by checking the box:**   
 b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE CENTER  
2019 SEP -9 PM 12:50  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 09/09/2019

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. Doug Collins Date: 09/09/2019

Signature of Supervising Member:



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## Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form

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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 ten days of their return*. You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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

- Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: The Software Education Foundation d.b.a. Software.org: the BSA Foundation ("Software.org")
- Travel Destination(s): Boston, Massachusetts
- Date of Departure: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 Date of Return: Friday, August 23, 2019
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): Sarah Moxley, Robert Parmiter, Dahlia Sokolov, Jennifer Wickre  
*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 Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$426.67	\$378.00	\$151.45	
Accompanying Family Member				

- 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:  Date: August 28, 2019

Name: Chris Hopfensperger Title: Executive Director

Organization: The Software Education Foundation d.b.a. Software.org: the BSA Foundation

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box:

Address: 20 F Street, NW Suite 800, Washington, DC 20001

Telephone: 202-530-5135 Email: chris@software.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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## 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 website ([ethics.house.gov](http://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 Software Education Foundation d.b.a. Software.org: the BSA Foundation ("Software.org")
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box:
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip:  OR
  - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds:  OR
  - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.   
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): See Attachment 1
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of Departure: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 Date of Return: Friday, August 23, 2019
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.  
b. Destination(s): Boston, Massachusetts  
c. City of return: Washington, D.C.
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - 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 only 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 you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities 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 only one of the following:**

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. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education:

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

See Attachment 2

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**

a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

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. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

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): The cost of meals per day is not expected to exceed the per diem percent allowed: \$53.25 August 21, \$71.00 August 22, \$53.25 August 23

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

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

Hotel Name: The Aloft Boston Seaport District City: Boston, MA Cost Per Night: \$189.00

Reason(s) for Selecting: We selected the Aloft because the cost was within the per diem rate for Boston.

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:*



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**18. Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$587.93	\$378.00	\$177.50
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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**19. Check only one:**

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below:  OR
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip 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: Chris Hopfensperger

Date: 7/10/19

Title: Executive Director

Organization: The Software Education Foundation d.b.a. Software.org: the BSA Foundation

Address: 20 F Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20001

Telephone: (202) 530-5135

Email: chris@software.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, D.C. 20515

Phone: 202-225-7103 General Fax: 202-225-7392



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## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Robert B. Parmiter
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: The Software Education Foundation (d.b.a. Software.org; the BSA Foundation ("Software.org"))
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Boston, MA
4. a. Date of Departure: Wednesday, 8/21/19 Date of Return: Friday, 8/23/19  
 b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  Yes  No  
 If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense?  Yes  No **If yes:**  
 (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:  Yes  No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  Yes  No  
 b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night 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 Deputy Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the House Judiciary Committee. The Committee has jurisdiction over the cybersecurity and technology issues that will be explored on this trip, and direct oversight of the federal agencies enforcing laws in those areas.
9. **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, 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.

Signature of Employing Member \_\_\_\_\_

Date 7/22/19

Theodore E. Deutch, Florida  
*Chairman*  
Kenny Marchant, Texas  
*Ranking Member*

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Dean Phillips, Minnesota  
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1015 Longworth House Office Building  
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August 19, 2019

Mr. Robert Parmiter  
Committee on Judiciary  
2142 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Parmiter:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Boston, Massachusetts, scheduled for August 21 to 23, 2019, sponsored by Software Education Foundation d.b.a. Software.org: the BSA Foundation ("Software.org").

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,

Theodore E. Deutch  
Chairman

Kenny Marchant  
Ranking Member

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Attachments to Primary Trip Sponsor Form**

**Attachment 1 – Question # 4** – Names, titles, and explanation for invitation for all House invitees

Software.org is inviting the congressional staff below because of their work on policy issues, including artificial intelligence and emerging technologies, that are of importance to the software industry.

Name	Title	Office
Moira Bergen	Staff Director	House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation Staff Director
Gideon Bragin	Executive Director	House Democratic Caucus
Kris Breaux	Staff Director	House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Strategic Technologies and Advanced Research (STAR) Subcommittee
Katherine Connor Linton	Trade Counsel	House Committee on Ways & Means
Aaron Davis	Professional Staff Member	House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
Kenneth DeGraff	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of the Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi
Emily Domenech	Senior Policy Advisor	House Committee on Science, Space, & Technology, Subcommittee on Energy
Stephen Dwyer	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Majority Leader Steny Hoyer
Jason Everett	Counsel	House Committee on the Judiciary
Stephanie Gadbois	Senior Counsel	House Committee on Appropriations
Meghan Green	Professional Staff Member	House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
Robert Joachim	Professional Staff Member	House Committee on Appropriations
Bijan Koochmaraie	Counsel	House Committee on Energy & Commerce, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Svetlana Matt	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Jerry McNerney (CA-09)
Katherine McClelland	Professional Staff	House Committee on Education and Labor
Jake Middlebrooks	Professional Staff Member	House Committee on Education and Labor
Sarah Moxley	Senior Professional Staff Member	House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Information Technology
Luke Murray	National Security Advisor	Office of Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy
Robert Parmiter	Deputy Staff Director and Chief Counsel	House Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security
Michael Richards	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Pete Olson (TX-22)
Chloe Rodriguez	Policy Analyst	House Committee on Energy & Commerce, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Jaime Simpson	Counsel	House Committee on the Judiciary
Josh Snead	Trade Counsel	House Committee on Ways & Means, Subcommittee on Trade
Dahlia Sokolov	Staff Director	House Committee on Science, Space, & Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology
Joshua Stiesel	Professional Staff Member	House Committee on Armed Services
Katherine Tai	Staff Director	House Committee on Ways & Means, Subcommittee on Trade
Pete Villano	Staff Director	House Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities



Jenn Wickre	Senior Policy Advisor	House Committee on Science, Space, & Technology
Jeff Wieand	Counsel	Office of Minority Whip Steve Scalise

**Attachment 2 – Question # 12** – Sponsor's interest and role

Software.org, the BSA Foundation is an independent, and nonpartisan international 501(c)(3) research organization that helps policymakers and the broader public better understand the impact that software has on our lives, our economy, and our society. We believe that by working together to examine these issues we can better prepare for the future and help shape government policies and industry culture that will promote both technological advancement and widespread growth.

Software.org seeks to take Congressional staff on an educational artificial intelligence-focused tour of global software companies at their Boston area facilities.

We have invited staff whose Members are on the Homeland Security, Intelligence, Armed Services, Judiciary, Energy & Commerce, Science, Space & Technology Committees, or are in leadership offices in order to educate them about the software industry's approach to artificial intelligence (AI). On the trip, staff will learn about current research projects and the next steps in the development of AI technologies, ethical and public policy concerns facing lawmakers, the impact of federal partnerships with software developers in the AI space, and more. Software.org planned and organized all aspects of the trip, made lodging and travel arrangements, and corresponded with businesses involved to set up events and tours at each location. Software.org is the sole sponsor for this trip, including responsibility for covering cost of meals throughout the trip.

**Attachment 3 – Question # 15(b)(2)** – Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

Boston, Massachusetts was chosen due to the number of software companies working on artificial intelligence with major offices located in close proximity to one another. This allows Software.org to share insight into the software industry through in-depth, on-premises conversations with industry experts.



**Senior Congressional Staff Delegation on Artificial Intelligence**  
**Wednesday, August 21 – Friday, August 23, 2019**

**Day 1 – Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

- 7:30 AM Meet group in the terminal at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA)
- 8:30 AM American Airlines Flight #2169 Departs DCA to Boston Logan International Airport (BOS)
- 10:02 AM AA2169 Arrives at BOS.
- 10:30 AM Ground transportation from the airport to MIT.  
*Estimated travel time: 15-30 minutes*
- 11:00 AM – 3:30 PM **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) – Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL)**
- At MIT CSAIL, attendees will hear directly from leading researchers and artificial intelligence experts on their latest AI-focused projects in machine learning, data analytics, and more. Participants will experience demonstrations of AI's potential to transform various industries and sectors of the economy including autonomous vehicles, computational biology, cybersecurity, and more applications.
- 3:30 PM Ground transportation from MIT to Aloft Boston Seaport District.  
*Estimated travel time: 20-35 minutes*
- 4:00 – 5:30 PM Check in at hotel: Aloft Boston Seaport District. Attendees have a chance to answer work emails/calls.
- 5:45 PM Group meets in the hotel lobby. Ground transportation from hotel to Bastille Kitchen.  
*Estimated travel time: 5-10 minutes*
- 6:00 – 8:00 PM Dinner Speaker – **Ramayya Krishnan**, Dean, Heinz College of Information Systems and Public Policy and William W. and Ruth F. Cooper Professor of Management Science and Information Systems, **Carnegie Mellon University**
- Over dinner, participants will engage in a dialogue with Dr. Krishnan to learn about his experience as a key founder of the information systems and management program at Carnegie Mellon. As the Dean of Carnegie Mellon's Heinz College, home to both Carnegie's Public Policy and its Information Systems schools, Dr. Krishnan will offer a unique viewpoint on how lawmakers at all levels of government should be thinking about AI technologies and policy.

**RON Aloft Boston Seaport District**



Day 2 – Thursday, August 22, 2019

- 8:30 AM Group meets in hotel lobby. Ground transportation from hotel to Harvard Kennedy School.  
*Estimated travel time: 20-30 minutes*
- 9:00 – 11:00 AM **Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs – Technology and Public Purpose (TAPP) Project**  
Taubman Hall, Nye Room, 5th Floor – 15 Eliot Street, Cambridge, MA 02138
- At the Harvard Kennedy School’s campus, attendees will participate in a roundtable with leading experts at the Belfer Center’s new Technology and Public Purpose (TAPP) Project, which works to ensure that emerging technologies are developed and managed in ways that serve the overall public good. To this end, TAPP works to educate Members of Congress and their staff on new and emerging technologies such as the Internet of Things, Machine Learning, Genome Editing, and more.
- 11:00 AM Ground transportation from Harvard Kennedy School to IBM.  
*Estimated travel time: 10-20 minutes*
- 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM **IBM**  
75 Binney St, Cambridge, MA 02142
- At IBM’s Cambridge offices, participants will learn more about AI—including a demo of IBM AI applications—followed by an interactive discussion on their AI research, development, and policy. Experts at IBM will discuss the state of AI technology now, its trajectory for the future, and how policymakers can think about AI policy and ethics.
- 1:45 PM Ground transportation from IBM to Microsoft.  
*Estimated travel time: 5 minutes*
- 2:00 PM – 4:15 PM **Microsoft New England Research and Development Center**  
1 Memorial Dr, Cambridge, MA 02142
- Attendees will visit Microsoft’s New England Research and Development Center (NERD) to hear directly from leading Microsoft experts and researchers at the forefront of AI innovation to discuss research and development, Microsoft Research’s Machine Learning Group, and AI applications of the Microsoft Azure cloud-computing service. Attendees will also participate in visual demonstrations at “The Garage,” an experimental space where innovators can test out new ideas in a replicated real-world environment.
- 4:30 PM Ground transportation from Microsoft to The Brahmin  
*Estimated travel time: 20 minutes*
- 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM **Dinner Speaker – SoftBank Group**  
The Brahmin American Cuisine & Cocktails – 33 Stanhope St, Boston, MA 02116
- At a working dinner, attendees will hear from executives about SoftBank’s perspective in the artificial intelligence space, learning how SoftBank is helping develop technology that helps people be more connected and efficient.
- 7:00 PM Ground transportation from restaurant to Aloft Boston Seaport District.

**RON Aloft Boston Seaport District**



**Day 3 – Friday, August 23, 2019**

- 8:30 AM Group meets in hotel lobby, check out of hotel. Ground transportation from hotel to Autodesk.  
*Estimated travel time: 10 minutes*
- 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM **Autodesk Boston Technology Center**  
23 Drydock Ave, Suite 610E, Boston, MA 02210
- At Autodesk’s BUILD Space, researchers will show attendees first-hand how Autodesk’s suite of design software leverages artificial intelligence, machine learning, and robotics in architecture, engineering, construction, manufacturing, and more fields. Participants will also learn how the Boston Technology Center partners with startups, universities, and industry stakeholders to explore ways to advance the building industry.
- 11:00 AM Ground transportation from Autodesk to Adobe  
*Estimated travel time: 15-30 minutes*
- 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM **Adobe**  
275 Washington St, Newton, MA 02458
- At Adobe’s Newton offices, attendees will meet with executives and experts working on AI to establish a dialogue on the government’s role in AI and what the federal government should be focusing on. Adobe will then showcase how Adobe’s software and apps empower designers and creators with AI-enabled tools and how they are combating new challenges to the industry, such as the rise of “deepfakes.”
- 1:30 PM Ground transportation from Adobe to BOS  
*Estimated travel time: 15-30 minutes*
- 2:00 PM Arrive at BOS, check in for flights and go through security.
- 4:00 PM American Airlines Flight #2119 Departs BOS to DCA
- 5:45 PM AA2119 Arrives at DCA. Individual transportation home.

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## JOIN US

Staff Delegation Trip to Boston  
August 21–23, 2019

I'm writing to invite you to join Software.org: the BSA Foundation on our upcoming **Congressional Staff Delegation Trip to Boston Wednesday, August 21 – Friday, August 23.**

### Agenda

The trip's meetings will focus on artificial intelligence discussions with company and university participants. The trip will begin with a morning flight to Boston on Wednesday and conclude with a return to Washington, D.C., on Friday afternoon.

### Ethics/Costs

Software.org will cover all approved costs associated with this trip including airfare, hotel expenses, and group meals. This trip has been structured to comply with House and Senate ethics rules. For your convenience, Software.org will provide the necessary paperwork for your submission before the House and Senate Ethics deadlines.

Should you have any questions, or if you would like additional information, please contact Jake Morabito at [jake@software.org](mailto:jake@software.org).

Sincerely,

Chris Hopfensperger  
Executive Director, Software.org

### About Software.org

Software.org: the BSA Foundation is an independent and nonpartisan international research organization established to help people better understand the impact software has on our lives, our economy, and our society. Headquartered in Washington, DC, the foundation publishes studies that examine the intersection of software and society, and it engages with policymakers and the public to inform policies that can stay ahead of cutting-edge technologies. The foundation also works directly to empower the workforce of tomorrow by encouraging a diverse community of young coders and working to increase opportunities for training and skills. Follow Software.org at @BSA\_Foundation.