



U.S. House of Representatives

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form

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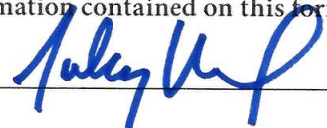
This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 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.

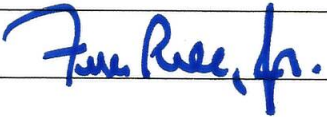
1. Name of Traveler: Joseph Tuley Wright
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: Aug. 12, 2019 Return: Aug. 15, 2019  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Boston, MA Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Massachusetts Institute of Technology
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Nuclear Energy Policy Course
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  
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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE 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: 11/8/19

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: Frank Pallone, Jr. Date: 11/8/19  
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.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2. Travel Destination(s): Cambridge, MA

3. Date of Departure: Monday, August 12, 2019 Date of Return: Thursday, August 15, 2019

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Tuley Wright

*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 Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	459.48	648.93	171.58	0
Accompanying Family Member	0	0	0	0

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:  Date: 8/27/2019

Name: Jacopo Buongiorno Title: Professor - Nuclear Science

Organization: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

*I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box:*  U.S. institution of higher education

Address: 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139

Telephone: 617-253-7316 Point of contact: Kristi Stone 617-324-4395 Email: jacopo@mit.edu / kristi@mit.edu

*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: Joseph Tuley Wright

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Cambridge, MA

4. a. Date of Departure: 8/12/19 Date of Return: 8/15/19

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.

As an energy and environment policy advisor for the Energy and Commerce Committee, I handle nuclear energy issues and this course at MIT on nuclear energy will further my knowledge on the issue.

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 Frank Pallone Jr. Date 7/12/19



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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) 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: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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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: 1) Rodel Foundation,  
2) Bernard and Anne Spitzer Charitable Trust and 3) Carl Victor Page Memorial Foundation

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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

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5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of Departure: Monday, 8/12/2019 Date of Return: Thursday, 8/15/2019

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7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC  
 b. Destination(s): Cambridge, MA  
 c. City of return: Washington, DC

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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.

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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:
- MIT is a non-profit research university working on energy, climate technology and related policy. The   
three additional sponsors (listed in 3c) have provided input on the speakers and the course content.  
Each organization is interested in promoting education about clean energy and environmental issues.
13. *Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:*
- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: taxi)
  - 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): \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Hyatt Regency City: Cambridge Cost Per Night: \$189 + tax  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: proximity to campus and best price within short distance to campus
- 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	\$380 for airfare	\$649 (3 nights) (\$189 p.n. + tax)	\$320
For each Accompanying Family Member	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

	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	\$200	bus, taxi to/from airports & possible airport parking in DC; checked bag roundtrip
For each Accompanying Family Member	Not applicable	

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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: Jacopo Buongiorno Date: 6/27/2019

Name: Jacopo Buongiorno

Title: Professor - Nuclear Science and Engineering

Organization: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Address: 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139

Telephone: 617-253-7316 Point of Contact: Kristi Stone - 617-324-4395

Email: jacopo@mit.edu Point of Contact - Kristi Stone - kristi@mit.edu

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## Grantmaking Trip Sponsor Form

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1. I certify that (name of your organization): Carl Victor Page Memorial Foundation  
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.  Yes  No

2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

3. I certify that my organization (check and 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 only 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: Carl Page Date: 6/21/2019

Name: Carl Page Title: Trustee

Organization: Carl victor page memorial fund Manager

Address: 5214f diamond heights 731 SF CA 94131

Telephone: 4152845248 Email: Carlpage-gov@findpage.com

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1. I certify that (name of your organization): Rodel Foundation  
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.  Yes  No

2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

3. I certify that my organization (check and 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 only 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: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 6/28/19

Name: W. T. BUDINGER Title: Myr

Organization: RODEL FOUNDATION

Address: 2301 Cambridge Rd, Phoenix AZ 85014

Telephone: 480 342 1300 Email: 670070382@com

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1. I certify that (name of your organization): Bernard + Anne Spitzer Charitable Trust  
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.  Yes  No

2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

3. I certify that my organization (check and 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 only 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: [Signature] Date: 1/8/19

Name: Sara Kay Title: CEO

Organization: Bernard + Anne Spitzer Charitable Trust

Address: 555 Madison Ave, NY NY

Telephone: 212 757 5402 Email: sarakay@spitzertrust.org

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Mr. Joseph Tuley Wright  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
564 Ford House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Wright:

This responds to your letter of October 25, 2019, seeking retroactive approval of travel expenses in connection with a privately-sponsored trip. Specifically, you seek retroactive approval to accept travel expenses in connection with your participation in a trip to Cambridge, Massachusetts, from August 12 to 15, 2019, sponsored by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

According to your letter, supporting documents, additional information provided to Committee counsel, and publicly-available information, the background on this matter is as follows. You are an energy and environment policy advisor for the Committee on Energy and Commerce. You were invited by and accepted travel from MIT to Cambridge, Massachusetts—a trip related to your official duties. The trip expenses for you totaled approximately \$1,549. You are seeking retroactive approval from the Committee for your travel expenses.

Your letter states that you submitted your travel request on time. The documents you provided indicate that the request was submitted to our Committee on July 12, 2019. The deadline for submission was July 15, 2019, and thus, making your request timely. You participated in the trip from August 12 to 15, 2019, and accepted travel expenses paid by MIT. You first contacted the Committee on August 26, 2019, when you realized that you could not complete your post-travel submission without the approval letter from our Committee. The Committee had a record of your submission, but you were not sent an approval letter because of a clerical error. You were asked to submit a letter to the Committee seeking retroactive approval for acceptance of the travel from MIT.

You have participated in officially-connected, privately-sponsored travel two times since you began your House employment. You received previous Committee approval for these trips and filed the necessary post-travel disclosure forms.

## LEGAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Members and staff are required to request and receive approval from the Committee *before* accepting privately-sponsored travel.<sup>1</sup> The requirement has been in place since March 1, 2007, pursuant to the House rules that were passed at the start of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress on January 4 and 5, 2007. We note further that the rules related to privately-sponsored travel are laid out in the Travel Regulations issued by the Committee<sup>2</sup> and in the annual ethics training provided by the Committee that all House staff are required to complete.

In general, the Committee will not approve a privately-sponsored trip in a case in which a House traveler failed to seek permission to travel from the Committee before embarking on the trip. In exceptional circumstances, the Committee may consider approving a previously unapproved trip retroactively.

Based on the representations in your letter and additional information provided to Committee counsel, the Committee determines that you have demonstrated exceptional circumstances for not having obtained pre-approval of the above-noted trip. Specifically, the fact that you filed your request with the Committee more than 30 days before your trip demonstrates a good faith effort to comply with House travel regulations. Further, this trip otherwise complied with House rules and you immediately attempted to remedy this mistake after your return. As a result, the Committee approves your request for retroactive approval of your trip to Cambridge, Massachusetts, from August 12 to 15, 2019, sponsored by MIT.

The Committee, however, notes that retroactive travel approval may be inappropriate for you or your office in the future. This letter serves as a reminder to you of the rule requiring you to receive explicit Committee approval *before* you accept privately-sponsored travel. Committee approval is granted by way of a letter signed by the Committee Chairman and Ranking Member.

You should submit your Disclosure to the Clerk of the House, substituting this letter for the Committee pre-approval required by House rules, or, if you have already made a partial disclosure to the Clerk, you should add this letter as an amendment to that submission. Finally, if you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement under the Ethics in Government Act (EIGA), 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 2019.<sup>3</sup>

## LIMITATIONS

The response above constitutes an advisory opinion concerning the application of House Rule 25 and the EIGA. The following limitations apply to this opinion:

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<sup>1</sup> House Rule 25, cl. 5(d)(2).

<sup>2</sup> See generally *Travel Regulations* (December 2012).

<sup>3</sup> 5 U.S.C. app. §§ 101 *et seq.*

- This advisory opinion is issued only to Joseph Tuley Wright, the requestor of this opinion. This advisory opinion cannot be relied upon by any other individual or entity.
- This advisory opinion is limited to the current provision and interpretation of the House rule and federal statute specifically noted above. No opinion is expressed or implied herein regarding the application of any other federal, state, or local statute, rule, regulation, ordinance, or other law that may be applicable to the proposed conduct described in this letter, including the Internal Revenue Code.
- This advisory opinion will not bind or obligate any entity other than the Committee on Ethics of the United States House of Representatives.
- This advisory opinion is limited in scope to the specific proposed conduct described in this letter, the specific facts represented to the Committee, and the understanding of those facts to the extent indicated in this letter, and does not apply to any other conduct or facts, including that which appears similar in nature or scope to that described in this letter. Should this letter mis-state any facts in this matter, the opinion and advice may no longer apply, and you should inform the Committee as soon as possible to determine if the advice and opinion in this letter apply to the accurate factual basis.

The Committee will take no adverse action against you in regard to any conduct that you undertake, or have undertaken, in good faith reliance upon this advisory opinion, so long as you have presented a complete and accurate statement of all material facts relied upon herein, and the proposed conduct in practice conforms with the information you provided, as addressed in this opinion.

Changes or other developments in the law (including, but not limited to, the Code of Official Conduct, House rules, Committee guidance, advisory opinions, statutes, regulations, or case law) may affect the analysis or conclusions drawn in this advisory opinion. The Committee reserves the right to reconsider the questions and issues raised in this advisory opinion and to rescind, modify, or terminate this opinion if required by the interests of the House. However, the Committee will rescind an advisory opinion only if relevant and material facts were not completely and accurately disclosed to the Committee at the time the opinion was issued. In the event that this advisory opinion is modified or terminated, the Committee will not take any adverse action against you with respect to any action taken in good faith reliance upon this advisory opinion so long as such conduct or such action was promptly discontinued upon notification of the modification or termination of this advisory opinion.

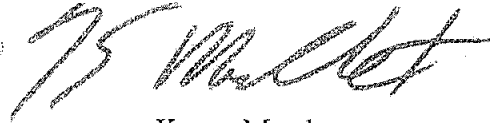
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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Theodore E. Deutch  
Chairman



Kenny Marchant  
Ranking Member

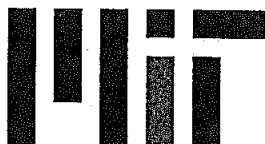
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## House Invitees for Nuclear Energy course @ MIT, August 2019

Each person was invited because they are working specifically on nuclear energy issues and/or have indicated interest in learning more about energy and environmental issues.

First Name	Last Name	Role
Trent	Bauserman	Legislative Assistant
Riley	Bushue	Legislative Assistant
Alison	Cassady	Legislative Assistant
Julia	Comeau	Legislative Assistant
Sarah	Czufin	Legislative Assistant
Tanya	Das	Legislative Assistant
Jonathan	Gerstell	Legislative Assistant
Caitlin	Haberman	Legislative Assistant
Jordan	Haverly	Legislative Assistant
Rick	Kessler	Legislative Assistant
Ari	Kirsh	Legislative Assistant
Brendan	Larkin	Legislative Assistant
Michael	Mansour	Legislative Assistant
Danielle	Moon	Legislative Assistant
Matt	Neighbors	Legislative Assistant
Mark	Ratner	Legislative Assistant
Adam	Rosenberg	Legislative Assistant
Nikki	Roy	Legislative Assistant
Ana	Unruh Cohen	Legislative Assistant
Tuley	Wright	Legislative Assistant
Michael	Yancey	Legislative Assistant



## NUCLEAR ENERGY: KEY FACTS AND ISSUES

An MIT Short Course  
August 13-15, 2019  
MIT Campus, Cambridge MA

### ITINERARY FOR CONGRESSIONAL HOUSE ATTENDEES

DAY	TIME		
Monday, Aug 12	5:05pm – 6:48pm	Flight from Washington, DC to Boston, MA	
	7:15pm – 8:00pm	Taxi to hotel	
	Overnight	Hotel	
		<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>SPEAKERS</b>
Tuesday, Aug 13	8:00am - 9:00am	<b>Registration &amp; Opening Remarks</b>	Jacopo Buongiorno (MIT)
	9:00am - 12:00pm	<b>The Big Picture on Climate</b> Scale and urgency to decarbonize electricity, heat, transport High level introduction to electric system requirements management Nuclear and renewables: potential complementary roles of firm and variable power on the grid, and non-electric applications	Michael Golay (MIT) Steven Brick (Chicago Council on Global Affairs) Jesse Jenkins (Princeton Univ.)
	12:00pm - 1:00pm	<b>Group Lunch</b>	
	1:00pm - 2:30pm	<b>Nuclear Technology: Power Plant, Fuel Cycle and Economics</b>	Jacopo Buongiorno (MIT)
	2:30pm - 3:00pm	<b>Break</b>	
	3:00pm - 5:30pm	<b>Radiation Fundamentals</b> Radiation health effects Radiation regulation & implications (including emergency response)	Jacqueline Yanch (former MIT) Rajiv Gupta (MGH-Harvard Univ.)
	6:30pm – 9:30pm	<b>Kickoff Group Dinner</b>	
	Overnight	Hotel	

Wednesday, Aug 14	9:00am - 12:00pm	<b>Nuclear Safety Principles (How things can go wrong, why)</b> Historical accidents & lessons	Michael Golay (MIT) Koroush Shirvan (MIT)
	12:00pm - 1:00pm	<b>Group Lunch</b>	
	1:00pm - 4:00pm	<b>Nuclear Waste</b>	Charles Forsberg (MIT) David Victor (UCSD)
	4:00pm - 9:00pm	Free time and Dinner on your own	
	Overnight	Hotel	
Thursday, Aug 15	9:00am - 12:00pm	<b>Nuclear Weapons, Proliferation &amp; Terrorism</b>	Scott Kemp (MIT)
	12:00pm - 1:00pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
	1:00pm - 4:00pm	<b>Nuclear Perceptions &amp; Communications</b>	Spencer Weart (former AIP) Kirsty Gogan (Energy for Humanity) Kory Raftery (Arizona Power Service)
	4:00pm	<b>Adjourn</b>	
	4:00pm - 5:00pm	Free time	
	5:00pm	Taxi to Boston airport	
	7:40pm - 9:18pm	Flight from Boston to Washington, DC	