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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, by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, 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: Brendan Larkin
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: May 20, 2021 Return: May 22, 2021
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: Did not accept return transportation from trip sponsor **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Morgantown, Wheeling, and Weirton, WV Return City: N/A
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:
 See addendum.
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 *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - 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:

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

Signature of Traveler: Date: 06/03/2021

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: Paul D. Tonko Date: 06/03/2021

Signature of Supervising Member:



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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

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: Bipartisan Policy Center
- Travel Destination(s): Morgantown, WV; Wheeling, WV; Weirton, WV
- Date of Departure: May 20, 2021 Date of Return: May 22, 2021
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): Brendan Larkin

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	485.32 (rental car shared with Tonko)	269.17	67.02	N/A
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

- All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box.

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

Signature:  Date: 6-1-21

Name: Jason Grumet Title: President

Organization: Bipartisan Policy Center

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

Address: 1225 I Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005

Email: jgrumet@bipartisanpolicy.org Telephone: 703-350-3736

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) 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: Bipartisan Policy Center
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): _____
Brendan Larkin (see addendum)
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of Departure: May 20, 2021 Date of Return: May 22, 2021
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
b. Destination(s): Morgantown, WV
c. City of return: Pittsburgh, PA
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 addendum

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:
N/A

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): \$70.00
 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See addendum

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Hotel Name: <u>Hilton Garden Inn</u> | City: <u>Morgantown, WV</u> | Cost Per Night: <u>\$161.04</u> |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>Proximity to events</u> | | |
| Hotel Name: <u>Hampton Inn</u> | City: <u>Wheeling, WV</u> | Cost Per Night: <u>\$158.29</u> |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>Proximity to events</u> | | |
| 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	\$418.10 (shared with Rep. Tonko)	\$ 319.33	\$125.00
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

	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	N/A	N/A
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A

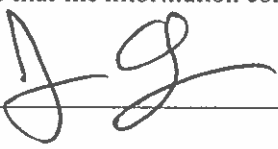
NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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:  Date: 4/20/2021

Name: Jason Grumet

Title: President

Organization: Bipartisan Policy Center

Address: 1225 I Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington DC 20005

Telephone: 202-218-6778

Email: jgrumet@bipartisanpolicy.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: Brendan Larkin
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Morgantown, WV
4. a. Date of Departure: May 20, 2021 Date of Return: May 22, 2021
 b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
 If yes, list dates at personal expense: Will not be accepting return transportation from trip sponsor.
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? Yes No If yes: trip sponsor.
 (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.**
Rep. Tonko is the chairman of the Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Environment & Climate Change, while Rep. McKinley is the ranking member. This trip will enhance my understanding of energy and environmental issues in Appalachia and the Ohio Valley, as I am Rep. Tonko's Deputy Chief of Staff.
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 4/20/2021

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May 14, 2021

Mr. Brendan Larkin
Office of the Honorable Paul Tonko
2463 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Larkin:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Morgantown, West Virginia, scheduled for May 20 to 22, 2021, sponsored by Bipartisan Policy Center. We note that you will not be accepting return transportation from the sponsor.

This approval represents the Committee's determination that the proposed trip complies with relevant House rules, federal laws, and Travel Regulations promulgated by the Committee. You should engage in your own assessment of the risks and implications of engaging in travel during the current COVID-19 pandemic.¹

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 signature of Theodore E. Deutch in blue ink.

Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman

Handwritten signature of Jackie Walorski in blue ink.

Jackie Walorski
Ranking Member

TED/JW:adw

American Congressional Exchange

Paul Tonko (D-NY-20) visiting David McKinley (R-WV-1), May 20-22, 2021

Thur., May 20

- 2:00 John Richter/Jonathan Perman pick up Rep. Tonko and Brendan Larkin. Depart Capitol Hill.
- 2:00-6:30 Drive to Morgantown, WV -- Courtyard by Marriott Morgantown hotel for check-in.
- 7:00-10:00 Arrive for dinner at Oliverio's Ristorante, 52 Clay Street, Morgantown. Guest: WVU President Gordon Gee. President Gee will discuss the role of a major state university in the economic development of the state of West Virginia, especially with regard to energy extraction, distribution, and new technology. President Gee: 7:15-8:15 p.m.
- 10:00 Depart restaurant.
- 10:00-10:10 Drive to hotel.

Fri., May 21

- 7:50 a.m. Depart hotel.
- 7:50-8:00 Drive to West Virginia University, Advanced Energy Research Bldg., 1220 Evansdale Dr., Room 120.
- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast meeting w/ Dr. Fred King, V.P. for Research; Dr. Pedro Mago, Dean, Statler College of Engineering & Mineral Resources; James Wood, Director WVU Energy Institute; Suzanne Bentzel, Director of Federal Relations.
- Program includes presentation by Dr. Hota GangaRao about his research on reinforced polymer composites for infrastructure and rapid retrofit of infrastructure systems, advanced materials research, composites for blast/fire resistance, and recycling of thermoplastics; Dr. John Hu, Professor, Dept. of Chemical & Biomedical Engineering discussing DOE research to develop new technologies to solve the challenges facing the shale gas industry; and Dr. Paul Ziemkiewicz, Director of WVU Water Research Institute, focusing on the work of the Institute in two areas: Source Water Protection, which has developed a discharge management model to control salinity in the Monongahela River; and Acid Mine Drainage Remediation, which created planning tools and treatment methods to facilitate clean up in closed as well as working mines.
- 9:00-9:05 Depart and walk to WVU Engineering Innovation Hub, Engineering Sciences Building, Rooms G75, 85, & 86.

- 9:05-9:20 Tour of Engineering Innovation Hub, led by Dean Mago. Reps. Tonko and McKinley will meet with a group of faculty and students who are working on three programs; Electronics Prototyping, Rapid Prototyping, and Industrial Manufacturing Shop. The two members will tour the labs and discuss how federal grant dollars are being used to help WVU and the broader community create and develop their innovative ideas and designs into functioning prototypes.
- 9:20-9:25 Depart Engineering Innovation Hub and walk to Engineering Sciences Public Rapid Transit (PRT) Station.
- 9:25-9:35 Ride PRT to/from Towers.
- 9:35-9:40 Walk back to Engineering Innovation Hub, Conference Room #20.
- 9:40-10:20 National Energy Technology Laboratory virtual presentation. Led by Brian Anderson, Director; Sean Plasynski, Chief Technology Officer; and Bryan Morreale, Associate Laboratory Director for Research & Innovation Center. The two congressmen will learn about two key areas of the NETL: Oil and Natural Gas Research, which is focused on maximizing resource recovery efficiency, reducing environmental impacts, lower exploration and production risks, and improved natural gas transportation efficiency and resiliency; and Advanced Energy System Technologies including step-change coal generation technologies that facilitate more flexible operations, transformative power generation, advanced turbines, solid oxide fuel cells and coal-biomass to liquids. Contact: Shelley Martin.
- 10:20 Depart WVU
- 10:20-11:00 Drive to Grafton, 599 CSX Way.
- 11:00-11:40 Tour railroad operations of CSX with Jason Bishop, Manager, Community Affairs & Safety, and Matt Reese, Appalachian and Ohio Railroad. The two congressmen will discuss with Short Line leadership the stewardship of transloading bulk commodities between railcars and trucks as well as the handling of sensitive commodities in and out of the region. Additionally, the meeting will focus on legislative and regulatory actions impacting freight rail and how the current push for infrastructure funding which can further modernization efforts for the rail transportation industry.
- 11:40 Depart Grafton.
- 11:40-12:15 p.m. Drive to Shinnston Women's Club, 28 Bridge St. (Pick up lunch at T&L Hot Dogs).
- 12:15-1:45 p.m. Shinnston is small mountain town of about 2,200 residents that has relied on oil/gas and coal extraction since the early 1900s. Besides existing mines in the area, there is also a major coal-fired power generating station. Nonetheless, Shinnston has recognized a need to find service economy businesses and jobs and has taken steps to encourage small retail stores by offering a series of economic development tools. The

town has also been designated a West Virginia Blueprint Community for its efforts to increase its population, create new businesses, and build a strong foundation for future development.

In Shinnston, Reps. Tonko and McKinley will participate in a working lunch roundtable discussion with Rick Altman, United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) District 31 Vice President, Chad Francis and Adam Frye of District 31, and civic leaders including Shinnston Vice Mayor Andrew Kisamore, former Shinnston Mayor Wanda Ashcraft, and City Manager Chad Edwards.

1:45

Depart Shinnston.

1:45-3:15

Drive to Proctor, 178 WV Rte. #2, New Martinsville

3:15-4:20

Tour Covestro, one of the leading producers of high-performance polymers in North America, serving the automotive, construction, electronic, and medical industries. Led by Craig Graybill, V.P. and Plant GM.

Drive north 2 miles on Rte. #2 to see Westlake Chemical, 15696 Energy Rd., Proctor, which produces chlor-alkali and polyvinyl chloride for use in building and construction products and consumer lifestyle products; led by Kim Harvey, Operations Manager.

Drive to Blue Racer Midstream, 14786 Energy Rd., Proctor. NGL pipeline and fractionation operations, where ethane, butane, and natural gas are used as feedstocks for a number of petrochemical products; tour led by Chris Jeffers, Plant Manager and Roger Clegg, Manager of Safety. At Blue Racer, there will be a discussion among the representatives of all three companies, about how the industry is balancing growth with environmental concerns. The discussion will be moderated by Josh Jefferson, President/CEO, Regional Economic Partnership.

4:20

Depart Proctor.

4:20-4:40

Drive to AEP's Mitchell (operating) and then see CertainTeed gypsum manufacturing plant. Then drive to see Kammer Power Plant (now closed). Drive by these three operations. Josh Jefferson narrating the visit.

4:40

Depart Kammer Power Plant.

4:40-5:00

Drive to Dilles Bottom, drive by ethane cracker plant location. Rep. Tonko will see the important site of a planned \$10B cracker plant, a facility that manufacturers wet natural gas into plastic pellets. The site held a coal-fired power plant that closed in 2011 and was demolished in 2016. The new plant, when complete, will employ 700 and is expected to attract other plastics manufacturers who would want to develop projects nearby. Josh Jefferson leads the visit.

- 5:00 Depart Dilles Bottom.
- 5:00-5:30 Drive to Wheeling, seeing former Wheeling Stamping Brownfield site along the way, led by Josh Jefferson. The Wheeling Brownfields Pilot collaborated with federal agencies and multiple local organizations to obtain financing and manage the remediation of three former Wheeling Stamping warehouses into a new multi-million-dollar business center that is now the global operations center for international law firm Orrick, Herrington, and Sutcliffe. The rehabilitation of this site required the use of Brownfield Economic Development Initiative Funds, Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits, and New Market Tax Credits – in addition to creative local financing and \$2 million from Wheeling Heritage.
- 5:30-6:15 Driving/walking tour of Wheeling including stops at Centre Market, Independence Hall, and Ohio River waterfront, ending at Capitol Theatre. Led by Wheeling Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Erikka Storch; Frank O'Brien, Wheeling CVB; Alexandra Weld, Wheeling Heritage; the two congressmen will learn about Wheeling's downtown revitalization and preservation efforts, and its role in organizing regional economic development partnerships.
- 6:15-7:00 Press Availability/discussion, moderated by Bipartisan Policy Center President Jason Grumet on stage of Capitol Theatre.
- 7:00-7:15 Drive to dinner at Rep. McKinley's home.
- 7:15-10:00 Dinner at McKinley home.
- 10:00-10:10 Drive to hotel for overnight. Hampton Inn, 795 National Road, Wheeling.

Sat., May 22

- 8:00-8:30 a.m. Breakfast at hotel.
- 8:30 Depart Wheeling.
- 8:30-9:15 Drive to Cleveland-Cliffs, 3027 Main St., Weirton, tin plate operation. Plant will provide hard hats, safety glasses, ear plugs, and jackets for everyone. Everyone must bring COVID masks and wear closed-toed shoes and long pants.
- 9:15-10:15 Tour and meet with Cleveland-Cliffs, led by Brian James, General Manager. Also joining is Mark Glyptis, president, United Steelworkers Local 2911. Weirton Steel opened in 1909 and grew to be one of the largest makers of tin plate, which is a metal coating used for making cans, tinware, ceilings, and electrical components. The integrated steel operation once had 12,000 employees. Today, the rolled sheet steel operation, located on the Ohio River, is owned by Cleveland Cliffs and employs 800. Reps. Tonko and McKinley will meet with the plant

manager to view and learn about the current operation and Cleveland
Cliffs future plans for the industry.

10:15

Trip Ends.

Addendum – Primary Trip Sponsor Form

Item 4: *Representative Paul Tonko:*

Congressman Paul Tonko is a member of the House Energy & Commerce Committee, and its following subcommittees: Energy; Environment & Climate Change (Chair); and Oversight & Investigations. He also serves on the House Natural Resources National Parks, Forests, & Public Lands Subcommittee and the Science, Space & Technology Research & Technology Subcommittee.

Rep. Tonko has expressed particular interest in the areas of energy resource management, clean energy technology innovation, domestic manufacturing, development of renewable energy resources, and broadband access. He represents New York's 20th Congressional District, which includes the Albany metro area and also significant rural areas in Eastern NY State and its Mohawk River Valley. Rep. Tonko's visit to WV-1 will afford him the opportunity to experience a congressional district that provides critical materials for energy and manufacturing. It features a supply chain starting with coal and natural gas extraction and then freight rail transportation systems, with delivery to power plants and steel operations. In addition, Rep. Tonko will learn about new technologies being developed by private, public, and higher education institutions to advance the clean energy economy.

The visit will offer Rep. Tonko, along with Rep. McKinley, the chance to meet directly with civic and business leaders, along with higher education institutions and a national laboratory. These stops will relate directly to Rep. Tonko's service on the Energy and Commerce Committee, as well as the Natural Resources and Science, Space and Technology Committees

Mr. Brendan Larkin, Dep. Chief of Staff: Mr. Brendan Larkin is Dep. Chief of Staff to Rep. Paul Tonko. In this capacity, he staffs Rep. Tonko on matters before the Energy and Commerce Committee, and Natural Resources Committee. Relevant to the trip to WV-1, he assists the Congressman with issues related to energy, environment, water resources, transportation infrastructure, and manufacturing. As referenced above, much of the trip will focus on providing insight and real-world experience with these topics, and will enhance Mr. Larkin's work for Rep. Tonko.

Item 7 (b):

American Congressional Exchange

Paul Tonko (D-NY-20) visiting David McKinley (R-WV-1), May 20-22, 2021

Thur., May 20

4:00 p.m.	Depart Capitol Hill.
4:00-8:00	Drive to Morgantown, WV.
8:00-9:30	Arrive for dinner at Oliverio's Ristorante, 52 Clay Street, Morgantown, 304-296-2565
9:30	Depart restaurant.

9:30-9:40 Drive to Courtyard by Marriott Morgantown hotel for check-in, 460 Courtyard St., 304-599-1080

Fri., May 21

7:50 a.m.

Depart hotel.

7:45-8:00

Drive to West Virginia University.

8:00-8:50

Breakfast meeting at WVU National Research Center for Coal & Energy, 1272 Evansdale Dr., Morgantown. Led by Samuel Taylor, assistant director of the Energy Institute, which develops advanced energy technologies for long-term economic benefits and sustainable energy solutions. Reps. Tonko and McKinley will meet with a group of faculty and students who are working on two programs; Advanced Virtual Energy Simulation Training, and the Marcellus Shale Energy and Environment Laboratory. The two members will tour the labs and discuss how federal grant dollars are being used to teach future power plant operators and to advance unconventional gas production in shale deposits.

8:50

Depart WVU NRCCE via PRT system.

8:50-9:45

Arrive WVU Energy Institute, Suncrest Center, 1085 Van Voorhis Rd., Morgantown. Led by Dr. Paul Ziemkiewicz, Director of the West Virginia Water Research Institute, this conversation will focus on the work of the Institute in two areas: Source Water Protection, which has developed a discharge management model to control salinity in the Monongahela River; and Acid Mine Drainage Remediation, which created planning tools and treatment methods to facilitate clean up in closed as well as working mines.

9:45

Depart WVU.

9:45-10:00

Drive to National Energy Technology Laboratory, 3610 Collins Ferry Rd., Morgantown

10:00-11:30

Tour and meetings. Led by Brian Anderson, Director; Sean Plasynski, Chief Technology Officer; and Randall Gentry, Chief Research Officer; the two congressmen will explore two key areas of the NETL: Oil and Natural Gas Research, which is focused on maximizing resource recovery efficiency, reducing environmental impacts, lower exploration and production risks, and improved natural gas transportation efficiency and resiliency; and Advanced Energy System Technologies including step-change coal generation technologies that facilitate more flexible operations, transformative power generation, advanced turbines, solid oxide fuel cells and coal-biomass to liquids.

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Depart NETL.

11:30-12:15 p.m.

Drive to Fairmont, CSX Terminal, 900 Washington St.

12:15-1:30

Tour CSX rail operations and working lunch meeting. Led by Rusty Orben, CSX Resident Vice President. CSX, one of the "Big Six" freight rail concerns in the U.S., has a major terminal in Fairmont handling coal and other natural resource materials. The two congressmen will discuss

with CSX leadership the stewardship of transloading bulk commodities between railcars and trucks as well as the handling of sensitive commodities in and out of the region. Additionally, the meeting will focus on legislative and regulatory actions impacting freight rail and how the current push for infrastructure funding which can further modernization efforts for the rail transportation industry.

1:30 Depart Fairmont.
1:30-2:00 Drive to Shinnston.

2:00-3:00 Shinnston is small mountain town of about 2,200 residents that has relied on oil/gas and coal extraction since the early 1900s. Besides existing mines in the area, there is also a major coal-fired power generating station. Nonetheless, Shinnston has recognized a need to find service economy businesses and jobs and has taken steps to encourage small retail stores by offering a series of economic development tools. The town has also been designated a West Virginia Blueprint Community for its efforts to increase its population, create new businesses, and build a strong foundation for future development.

In Shinnston, Reps. Tonko and McKinley will participate in a roundtable discussion with members of the United Mine Workers and civic leaders led by Shinnston Mayor Patrick Kovalck, City Manager Chad Edward, and Harrison County Chamber of Commerce President Katherine Wagner.

3:00 Depart Shinnston.
3:00-4:30 Drive to Proctor

4:30-5:30 Tour Westlake Chemical in Natrium, 15696 Energy Rd., which produces chlor-alkali and polyvinyl chloride for use in building and construction products and consumer lifestyle products; led by John Hirschfield, Site Director. Tour Blue Racer Midstream NGL pipeline and fractionation operations, where ethane, butane, and natural gas are used as feedstocks for a number of petrochemical products; led by Chris Jeffers, Plant Manager. At Blue Racer, there will be a discussion about how the industry is balancing growth with environmental concerns. Also joining the discussion will be Craig Graybill, V.P. and Plant GM for Covestro, one of the leading producers of high-performance polymers in North America, serving the automotive, construction, electronic, and medical industries.

5:30 Depart Proctor.
5:30-5:50 Drive to AEP's Mitchell (operating) and Kammer (closed) coal-fired Power Plants, and then see CertainTeed gypsum manufacturing plant; all in Moundsville. Drive by these three plants.

5:50 Depart Moundsville.

- 5:50-6:10 Drive to Dilles Bottom, drive by ethane cracker plant location. Rep. Tonko will see the important site of a planned \$10B cracker plant, a facility that manufacturers wet natural gas into plastic pellets. The site held a coal-fired power plant that closed in 2011 and was demolished in 2016. The new plant, when complete, will employ 700 and is expected to attract other plastics manufacturers who would want to develop projects nearby.
- 6:10 Depart Moundsville.
- 6:10-6:30 Drive to Wheeling, seeing former Wheeling Stamping Brownfield site along the way. The Wheeling Brownfields Pilot collaborated with federal agencies and multiple local organizations to obtain financing and manage the remediation of three former Wheeling Stamping warehouses into a new multi-million-dollar business center that is now the global operations center for international law firm Orrick, Herrington, and Sutcliffe. The rehabilitation of this site required the use of Brownfield Economic Development Initiative Funds, Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits, and New Market Tax Credits – in addition to creative local financing and \$2 million from Wheeling Heritage.
- 7:00-7:45 Driving tour of Wheeling including stops at Capitol Theatre & waterfront. Led by Wheeling Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Erika Storch, City Manager Robert Herron, and Mayor Glenn Elliott, the two congressmen will learn about Wheeling's downtown revitalization and preservation efforts, and its role in organizing regional economic development partnerships.
- 7:45-9:30 Dinner in Wheeling at Figaretti's, 1035 Mount DeChantal Rd., Wheeling
- 9:30-9:40 Drive to Rep. McKinley's home for overnight.

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- 8:00-8:30 a.m. Breakfast at hotel.
- 8:30 Depart Wheeling.
- 8:30-9:15 Drive to Cleveland-Cliffs Weirton tin plate operation.
- 9:15-10:15 Tour and meet with Cleveland-Cliffs, led by Brian James, General Manger. Weirton Steel opened in 1909 and grew to be one of the largest makers of tin plate, which is a metal coating used for making cans, tinware, ceilings, and electrical components. The integrated steel operation once had 12,000 employees. Today, the rolled sheet steel operation, located on the Ohio River, is owned by Cleveland Cliffs and employs 800. Reps. Tonko and McKinley will meet with the plant manager to view and learn about the current operation and Cleveland Cliffs future plans for the industry.
- 10:15 Depart Weirton.
- 10:15-11:00 Drive to Pittsburgh. Trip ends.

Item 12: *Bipartisan Policy Center*: The Bipartisan Policy Center is a non-profit organization that combines the best ideas from both parties to promote health, security, and opportunity for all Americans. BPC drives principled and politically viable policy solutions through the power of rigorous analysis and painstaking negotiation.

As a Washington, D.C.-based think tank that actively promotes bipartisanship, BPC works to address the key challenges facing the nation. Our policy solutions are the product of informed deliberations by former elected and appointed officials, business and labor leaders, and academics and advocates who represent both ends of the political spectrum. We are currently focused on such issues as health, energy, national security, the economy, financial regulatory reform, housing, immigration, infrastructure, and governance.

While a healthy, civil debate among those with differing viewpoints is an essential component of our democracy, the current partisan tone in government is impeding progress. BPC is focused on how to overcome political divides and help make our government work better.

Regardless of deep policy disagreements, Congress must operate with mutual respect, decency, and civility which are foundational to forging collaborative solutions. While there are disparities and regional differences, as elected officials, members of Congress all have a responsibility to address challenges confronting their constituents and the nation, as well as strengthen the institution itself.

The American Congressional Exchange (ACE) Program is a systematic approach to building better relationships and bipartisanship in Congress. ACE is focused on members of the U.S. House of Representatives and is built upon three precepts:

- To develop trust, Members of Congress must listen to one another to understand what it is that motivates them and concerns them.
- Once they listen to each other, they often learn they actually have more in common than meets the eye – and if they can see each other in that vein, impactful legislation can be achieved.
- A shared experience based on close interaction can be what brings Members of Congress together to take action on behalf of the American people.

The central goal of ACE is to build connections and trust, which will create conditions for intentional negotiation and compromise on issues of importance to the participants' constituencies as well as the nation. The trips will increase mutual understandings, and further collaboration on policy matters and legislation. Additionally, as a result, Congress will operate more effectively. BPC representative will accompany traveler on the trip to provide logistics and coordinate functioning of meetings, events, and site visits.

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As referenced above, in WV-1, Rep. Tonko will gain valuable insights into a variety of topics relevant to his committee work and priorities in Congress representing New York's 20th Congressional District.

Rep. Tonko will have the opportunity to meet with civic, business, and educational leaders to discuss and learn about their efforts and strategies for creating a clean energy economy in northern West Virginia – an issue he deals with regularly throughout his congressional district. Rep. Tonko's district offers some interesting parallels with WV-1. For example, the combustion and steam turbines in some of the coal and natural gas-fired power plants in WV-1 are made by GE in Rep. Tonko's district. Also, the CSX railroad, which dominates West Virginia's freight transportation has major operations in Selkirk and Albany. Finally, he will be able to learn about successful technological innovations being employed to revitalize West Virginia's economy and apply some of those templates to his own congressional district, which has also seen serious declines in manufacturing.

