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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

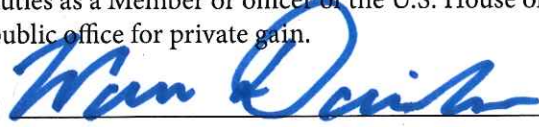
MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. 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: Rep. Warren Davidson
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 10/7/2021 Return: 10/9/2021
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: Dayton, OH Destination: Austin, TX Return City: Dayton, OH
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Texas Blockchain Council
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
 Congressman Davidson gave remarks at the Texas Blockchain Summit. His remarks focused on the geopolitics of Bitcoin and its implications on National Security. While at the Summit, he also attended other panel discussions and speaker sessions. Please see the attached agenda.
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 Member or officer; **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 in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature: 

Date: 10.21.2021



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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.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Texas Blockchain Council
2. Travel Destination(s): Austin Texas
3. Date of Departure: 10/7/21 Date of Return: 10/9/21
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Congressman Warren Davidson

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	\$500	\$415	\$95	none
Accompanying Family Member				

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: Lee Bratcher Digitally signed by Lee Bratcher Date: 2021.10.25 10:17:17 -05'00' Date: 10/25/2021

Name: Lee Bratcher Title: President

Organization: Texas Blockchain Council

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

Address: 1900 Jay Ell Drive Richardson, TX 75081 lee@texasblockchaincouncil.org

Email: _____ Telephone: (512) 963-5250

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



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TRAVELER FORM


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

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Congressman Warren Davidson (OH-08)

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

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): Martha Davis

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): _____

Office Address: 2113 Rayburn House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-6205

Email Address of Contact Person: Martha.Davis@mail.house.gov

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

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

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

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via e-mail: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.



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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Congressman Warren Davidson (OH-08)

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Texas Blockchain Council

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Austin, TX

4. a. Date of Departure: 10/7/2021 Date of Return: 10/9/2021

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

If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____

5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**

(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: N/A

(2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): N/A

(3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:

6. a. Yes No 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)?

b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

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.
Congressman Davidson is a thought leader on Blockchain Technology and sits on the Financial Services Committee. He is attending the conference to speak on blockchain policies.

9. Yes No **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**

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 Warren Davidson

Date 8.25.2021



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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:
Texas Blockchain Council
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):
Congressman Warren Davidson - he is a thought leader on blockchain technology and this is a b
5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: 10/7/21 Date of return: 10/9/21
7. a. City of departure: D.C. or the Congressman's home address
b. Destination(s): Austin Texas
c. City of return: D.C. or the Congressman's home address
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; **OR**
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
 - 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:
(We do employ a registered state of Texas lobbyist)



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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:

The Texas Blockchain Council is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit industry association working to make Texas a leader in blockchain innovation by educating public policy makers, elected officials, and the general public about this technology. The Texas Blockchain Summit is our signature conference with the same goal. We also hope to bring greater brand awareness to ourselves.

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 the 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: AT&T Conference Center City: Austin Cost Per Night: \$244.53

Reason(s) for Selecting: This is where all attendees and speakers will stay

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 the box.*



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	500	300 (depends on if 1 night or 2)	100
For each Accompanying Family Member	0	0	0

	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	0	0
For each Accompanying Family Member	0	0

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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 by my signature that

- a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
- b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and
- c. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Lee Bratcher Digitally signed by Lee Bratcher Date: 2021.07.15 16:33:01 -05'00' Date: 07/15/2021

Name: Lee Bratcher Title: President

Organization: Texas Blockchain Council

Address: 904 Vinecrest Lane Richardson TX 75080

Email: lee@texasblockchaincouncil.org Telephone: (512) 963-5250

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the agenda, invitation list, any attachments, and any *Additional Trip Sponsor Forms* directly to the Travelers.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

Willful or knowing misrepresentation on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:

1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov | 202-225-7103
More information and forms available at ethics.house.gov

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October 5, 2021

The Honorable Warren Davidson
U.S. House of Representatives
2113 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Austin, Texas, scheduled for October 7 to 9, 2021, sponsored by the Texas Blockchain Council.

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.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form 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. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$415 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



Jackie Walorski
Ranking Member

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Texas Blockchain Summit 2021

The Texas Blockchain Council is delighted to welcome you to the inaugural meeting of blockchain and digital currency advocates in the State of Texas and beyond. This is a policy and industry-focused event that addresses how blockchain technology and cryptocurrencies, like Bitcoin contribute to economic dynamism in the State of Texas.

Date: Friday, October 8th, 2021

Venue: AT&T Conference Center at the University of Texas at Austin

Morning

8:00-9:00: Breakfast

8:45-9:00: Welcome Address, Lee Bratcher (President & Founder, Texas Blockchain Council)

9:00-9:30: Opening Keynote, Nik Bhatia (Researcher, Adjunct Professor of Finance & Business Economics at the University of Southern California)

9:30-9:45: Q&A with Nik Bhatia

9:45-10:00: Coffee Break

10:00-10:15: The Lightning Network: Scaling Financial Services on Bitcoin. Ryan Gentry (Business Development, Lightning Labs)

10:15-11:00: Panel 1: Digital Assets Policies in the United States

Moderator: Lee Bratcher (TBC/DBU)

Participants:

Nik Bhatia (Researcher, Adjunct Professor of Finance & Business Economics at USC)

Nic Carter (General Partner, Castle Island Ventures)

Peter Van Valkenburgh (Coin Center)

Charles Cooper (Chairman, TX Department of Banking)

Jason Brett (Former CFTC Regulator and President of the Value Technology Foundation)

11:00-11:15: Coffee Break

11:15-Noon: Panel 2: Blockchain and Digital Identity in Government

Moderator: Natalie Smolenski (TBC/Hyland)

Participants:

Michael Lewellen (TBC/OpenZeppelin)

James Loperfido (Tangem)

Daniel Hughes (Founder, Learning Machine)

Alex Grech (Consultant to the European Commission)

Mance Harmon (CEO, Hedera Hashgraph)

Lunch: Noon-1:30

Afternoon

1:30-2:00: Keynote, Nic Carter (General Partner, Castle Island Ventures)

2:00-2:15: Q&A with Nic Carter

2:15-3:00: Panel 3: Mining Bitcoin in Texas

Moderator: Lee Bratcher

Participants:

Peter Wall (CEO, Argo Blockchain)

Nathan Nichols (CEO, Rhodium)

Val Angelkov (TBC/Quinbrook)

Chad Harris (CEO, Whinstone)

Darin Feinstein (CEO, Blockcap)

3:00-3:15: Coffee Break

3:15-3:30: Fireside chat with Wyoming Senator Cynthia Lummis, led by Will Cole (Chief Product Officer, Unchained Capital)

3:30-4:15: Panel 4: Geopolitics of Bitcoin: Implications for US Sovereignty & National Security

Moderator: Lee Bratcher

Participants:

Ed Dolanski (Fmr. President of Boeing Global Defense)

Natalie Smolenski (TBC/Hyland)

Perianne Boring (DCC)

Senator Cynthia Lummis (Wyoming)

Alex Gladstein (Chief Strategy Officer, Human Rights Foundation)

4:15-4:30: Coffee Break

4:30-5:00: Closing Keynote, Perianne Boring (President & Founder, Digital Chamber of Commerce)

5:00-5:15: Fireside Chat SEC Commissioner Hester Peirce

5:15-5:30: Fireside Chat (Rep. Tan Parker & Senator Paxton)

VIP Cocktail Hour

VIP Dinner

Thursday, October 7

Delta Flight 2067 from DAY to ATL

11:21am - 1:00pm

Delta Flight 2201 from ATL to AUS

2:34pm - 3:44pm

Saturday, October 9

Delta Flight 1663 from AUS to DTW

11:06am - 2:54pm

Delta Flight 5427 from DTW to DAY

4:15pm - 5:17pm