



U.S. House of Representatives COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM [] Original [] Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 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:
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: OR None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify):
3. a. Dates: Departure: Return:
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: OR None
4. Departure City: Destination: Return City:
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip:
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:

- 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: Amy Kl Date:

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: Date:

Signature of Supervising Member:



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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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- Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Bipartisan Policy Center
- Travel Destination(s): Oklahoma City, OK
- Date of Departure: March 13, 2022 Date of Return: March 14, 2022
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): Amy Kuhn

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	\$390.20	\$170.05	\$43.00	\$306.43 (Car Rental/fuel - shared with Jacobs)
Accompanying Family Member				

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

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

Signature:  Date: 03/18/2022

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: 202-350-3236

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: Amy Kuhn
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Bipartisan Policy Center
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Austin, Texas
4. a. Date of Departure: 3/12/2022 Date of Return: 3/13/2022
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: _____
(2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
(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.**
I serve as Chief of Staff to Congresswoman Jacobs. As such, I am responsible for the Congresswoman's overall policy agenda and strategy, and for ensuring she remains well-informed and updated on issues of importance to her and to California's 53rd District. This trip will give us the opportunity to engage with leaders and individuals focused on many of those issues, including democracy protections, foreign affairs, emerging technologies, and infrastructure.
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

Date 02/09/2022



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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): _____
U.S. Rep. Sara Jacobs, Chief of Staff, Amy Kuhn (see addendum)
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of Departure: March 12, 2022 Date of Return: March 13, 2022
7.
 - a. City of departure: New York City, New York
 - b. Destination(s): Austin, Texas
 - c. City of return: Austin, Texas
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 attached addendum
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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
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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
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
 Hotel Name: Hilton Garden Inn Austin University City: Austin, TX Cost Per Night: \$339.35
 Reason(s) for Selecting: proximity to events
 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	\$153.60	\$339.35	\$70
For each Accompanying Family Member	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	\$100.00	Uber/fuel
For each Accompanying Family Member		


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19. **Check only one:**

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below: **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

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

Signature:  Date: 2/9/22

Name: Jason Grumet

Title: President

Organization: Bipartisan Policy Center

Address: 1225 I St. NW 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:

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February 28, 2022

Ms. Amy Kuhn
Office of the Honorable Sara Jacobs
1232 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Kuhn:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Austin, Texas, scheduled for March 12 to 13, 2022, sponsored by Bipartisan Policy Center.

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 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 \$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
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Addendum – Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form

Item 6: *Describe Meetings and Events Attended*

South by Southwest Conference Week

Rep. Sara Jacobs and CoS, Amy Kuhn, March 12-13, 2022

Sat., March 12

7:59 a.m.

Dep. JFK, AA #2813

11:23 a.m.

Arr. AUS

12:00-12:30 p.m.

Rep. Jacobs and Amy Kuhn take ride share to Hilton Garden Inn Austin University Capitol District 301 W. 17th St., Austin.

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Lunch on own.

1:30-2:45 p.m.

Rep. Jacobs and Amy Kuhn check into hotel.

2:45-3:00 p.m.

Rep. Jacobs, Ms. Kuhn, and BPC staff take ride share to Hilton Austin Downtown (location of SXSW panel).

3:00-3:30 p.m.

Rep. Jacobs (D-CA-53) and Rep. Peter Meijer (R-MI-3) record podcast about the Bipartisan Policy Center and the American Congressional Exchange with BPC staff.

3:30-4:00 p.m.

Green Room prep for panel discussion featuring Reps. Jacobs and Meijer

4:00-5:15

Rep. Jacobs participates in (and Kuhn attends) “Governing a Divided Country—By Leaving Washington” session in Salon A, Hilton Austin Downtown.

Bipartisan relationships of trust are key to collaboration and a functioning legislative process. Yet, opportunities for building these bonds have all but evaporated in Washington. Many lawmakers are actually good people responding to bad incentives in a highly polarized environment. We must create authentic opportunities for them to connect despite the rawness and divisions. Getting members of Congress from opposite parties outside the beltway to visit each other's districts and literally see where each other is coming from is essential to restoring consensus-based problem solving.

Rep. Meijer will join Rep. Jacobs (D-CA-53) as they discuss why it is critical to a functional legislative process to have and build bipartisan conversations and relationships through the concept of, essentially, domestic CODELs (similar to a recommendation made by the House Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress). Moderated by Bipartisan Policy Center Founder & President Jason Grumet.

- 5:15-5:30 p.m. Meet & greet with audience.
- 5:30-5:45 p.m. Walk to “EU @ SXSW”, Native on 4th Street.
- 5:45-6:30 p.m. The European Union is brimming with culture, creativity, diversity, climate, trade, technology, and innovation. Rep. Jacobs serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, where her position on the International Development, International Organizations and Global Corporate Social Compact Subcommittee (and her chief of staff’s role) relates to this visit. At “EU @ SXSW,” Rep. Jacobs and Ms. Kuhn spoke with Maria Belovas, Head of Press & Public Diplomacy for the EU Delegation to the U.S., about the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and how it has affected the European Union; the location was decorated in blue and yellow, with the theme of #StandWithUkraine.
- 6:30-6:45 p.m. Rep. Jacobs, Ms. Kuhn, and BPC staff take ride share to BPC reception with Reps. Peter Meijer and Nancy Mace
- 6:45-8:00 p.m. Rep. Jacobs and Ms. Kuhn attend a BPC reception focusing on the promise and shortcomings of bipartisanship. Reps. Jacobs, Meijer, and Mace give remarks and speak with attendees about bipartisanship and highlight the bills and projects they have partnered on during the 117th Congress.
- Reps. Jacobs and Meijer have worked together on the issue of War Powers and also co-led a letter to the Biden Administration urging implementation of the Global Fragility Act.
- Reps. Jacobs and Mace have introduced two pieces of legislation together – the *Ending Veteran Homelessness Act* and the *HUD-VASH Improvement Act* – both focusing on supporting veterans across the country and in each of their respective districts.
- 8:00-8:45 p.m. Rep. Jacobs and Ms. Kuhn meet with former Austin City Councilman Greg Casar to discuss commonalities between the major U.S. cities of Austin and San Diego. Issues discussed include rising costs of living, the growth and revitalization of the city centers, and the impact of federal COVID relief dollars.
- 8:45-9:00 p.m. Rep. Jacobs, Ms. Kuhn, and Mr. Casar meet with Trey Spaw, co-owner and operator of the Empire Control Room, to discussed what the return of SXSW means to the local Austin economy and to local small business owners, and the hardships small businesses have endured during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) – a program run through the U.S. Small Business Administration – was established by the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act, and amended by the American Rescue Plan Act, which Rep. Jacobs helped pass in March 2021. In the lead-up to the passage of the

American Rescue Plan, Rep. Jacobs and her team heard from many local venues in San Diego that had not been able to receive Paycheck Protection Program funding and needed another source of support.

49 venues in Rep. Jacobs' district (CA-53) ended up receiving funding through the SVOG program (and more in San Diego as a whole). 108 venues in Austin received funding through the SVOG program, including SXSW, which received a \$8,000,000 grant.

Sun., March 13

8:00-9:15 a.m.

Rep. Jacobs and Ms. Kuhn engage in a working breakfast with BPC staff to further discuss the promises and limitations of bipartisanship, and the reasons for polarization in Congress.

Rep. Jacobs discussed her roles on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and House Armed Services Committee, which are both historically bipartisan. She also discussed the areas she has worked with Republican Members of Congress to advance bipartisan legislation, including the *Ending Veteran Homelessness Act* and the *HUD-VASH Improvement Act* she co-led with Rep. Nancy Mace and the *Military Child Care Expansion Act*, which she co-led with Reps. Jackie Speier (D-CA-15), Rep. Stephanie Bice (R-OK-5), and Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)

9:15-9:40 a.m.

Check-out of hotel.

9:40-10:00 a.m.

Walk to Austin Convention Center

11:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Rep. Jacobs and Kuhn visit Creative Industries Expo, Austin Convention Center.

The Creative Industries Expo highlights the integrations and overlaps between SXSW's converging industries, hosting a diverse range of forward-thinking exhibitors ranging from promising startups to established industry leaders. This stop relates to Rep. Jacobs' interest in the expansion of technology in creative industries, which are seeing explosive growth in San Diego, where she represents. Especially important to Rep. Jacobs will be the opportunity to learn about trends in Communication Arts, Architecture & Interior Design, Publishing & Printing, and Visual & Performing Arts – which are quickly advancing in her congressional district.

12:00-12:30 p.m.

Rep. Jacobs and Kuhn attend SXSW panel "What We're Getting Wrong About Homelessness"

The panel addressed homelessness "not an individual crisis, [but] a policy choice." The discussion, Hannah Lebovits and Lisa Marshall of Fighting Homeless – a public policy researcher and long-time homelessness advocate – discuss the legal, regulatory, and administrative systems that force thousands of people into homelessness each year. They discussed specific policies that make housing security impossible for countless

individuals and give audience members concrete tools to advocate for change.

This panel was relevant to Rep. Jacobs' work as one of the five Members of Congress representing San Diego County, which has the fourth highest homelessness population in the United States.

- 12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch on own
- 1:30-1:55 p.m. Group returns to Hilton Garden Inn
- 2:00-2:30 p.m. Rep. Jacobs, Ms. Kuhn, and BPC take ride share to airport.

Addendum – Primary Trip Sponsor Form

Item 4: Representative Sara Jacobs:

Congresswoman Sara Jacobs (CA-53) represents a Southern California district which includes the San Diego metro area, home to a significant military presence, higher education, aerospace, high-tech, and tourism

She serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, where her position on the International Development, International Organizations and Global Corporate Social Compact Subcommittee offers discussions and issues related to trade, economic alliances, and universal access to uninterrupted and affordable energy. International affairs will be a topic that Rep. Jacobs will engage in at SXSW.

She also serves on the House Select Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth, which considers the yawning prosperity gap between wealthy Americans and everyone else. Great wealth disparities slow our economy, poison our politics, and are manifested in how people participate (or don't) in democratic elections. Some of the conference sessions Rep. Jacobs will attend, deal with this connection between economics and access to the ballot.

Rep. Jacobs will have the opportunity to meet with businesses in the Austin area that have a global reach and will be able to compare and contrast the challenges facing these firms with the issues that the businesses in CA-53 grapple with.

Amy Kuhn – Ms. Kuhn serves as chief of staff to Rep. Jacobs. As such, she has ultimate responsibility for the member's overall legislative strategy and agenda, and ensuring the member remains well-informed and updated on issues of importance to her and her district.

Item 7 (b):

**South by Southwest Conference Week
Rep. Sara Jacobs and CoS, Amy Kuhn, March 12-13, 2022**

Sat., March 12

7:59 a.m.	Dep. JFK, AA #2813
11:23 a.m.	Arr. AUS
11:40	BPC Staff picks up Rep. Jacobs and Amy Kuhn and drives to
12:00 noon	Hilton Garden Inn Austin University Capitol District 301 W. 17 th St., Austin for check-in.
12:00-2:15 p.m.	Lunch on own.
2:15-2:30	Walk to Hilton Austin Downtown.
2:30-3:30	Rep. Jacobs and Amy Kuhn attend "Defending Democracy: Attacks on Freedom to Vote" in Salon A, Hilton Austin Downtown.

State legislatures across the country are passing new laws that make it harder to vote and easier for bad actors to overturn future election results they disagree with, while efforts to deceive voters about the security and integrity of our democracy undermine the foundations of our country. This panel discussion, led by two figures serving on the front lines defending democracy — Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson and Arizona Secretary of State Katie Hobbs — will summarize these and other growing threats and what all Americans can do to ensure democracy prevails. The panel will be moderated by Scott Nathan, voter protection lawyer and advisor to the Voter Protection Corps.

Rep. Jacob's interest and belief in election integrity and election reform, relates to the subject of this session.

3:30-4:00 Green Room prep. for panel discussion featuring Reps. Sara Jacobs (D-CA-53) & Peter Meijer (R-MI-3)

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5:15-5:30 Meet & greet with audience.

5:30-5:45 Walk to "EU @ SXSW", Native on 4th Street.

5:45-6:45 The European Union is brimming with culture, creativity, diversity, climate, trade, technology, and innovation. Rep. Jacobs serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, where her position on the International Development, International Organizations and Global Corporate Social Compact Subcommittee (and her chief of staff's role) relates to this visit.

6:45-8:45 Dinner on own.

Sun., March 13

8:00-9:15 a.m.

Rep. Jacobs and Kuhn breakfast w/ Evan Smith, CEO, Texas Tribune, at Hilton Garden Hotel.

Evan Smith is the CEO of the Texas Tribune, a pioneering nonprofit, nonpartisan digital news organization whose deep coverage of Texas politics and public policy can be found on its website and in newspapers and on TV and radio stations across the state. The meeting corresponds to Rep. Jacobs' interest in ensuring that truthful information is communicated to the citizens of the U.S.

9:15 -9:40

Check-out of hotel.

9:40-10:00

Walk to Hilton Austin Downtown, Salon C.

10:00-11:00

Rep. Jacobs and Kuhn attend "Reforming American Democracy: Making Our Votes Count", featuring Rep. Peter Meijer (R-MI-3); Katherine Gehl, Founder, Institute for Political Innovation; and Ashton Kutcher, Actor.

Politics isn't immune to the set of incentives and forces that shape competition in any industry. In politics, however, the customer is not the constituent. It's a disconnect that's holding our electorate, legislative systems, and elected officials' prisoner to a stagnant partisan divide. But, it's not too late to ignite healthy competition by redesigning how we vote, incentivizing politicians to act and deliver solutions in our interests. The session relates to Rep. Jacobs' (and by extension, her chief of staff's) interest in election integrity and reform.

11:00-11:20

Meet & greet w/ audience.

11:20-11:30

Walk to Venue TBD.

11:30-12:30 p.m.

Rep. Jacobs and Ms. Kuhn attend "Dude, Where's my Camera? – Supply Chain Lessons" session at TBD.

During the pandemic, we have seen how creators, entrepreneurs, and small business owners struggled to get their hands on the products they needed to do business. Key among them were the semiconductor manufacturers rely upon to produce popular electronics like laptops, phones, and cameras.

COVID-19 has exposed various bottlenecks in the global trading system. Our panelists will explore the reasons for this crisis and share how policymakers are ensuring creative people and the businesses they depend on can once again have faith in the global trading system.

Panelist include: Peter Herrell, Senior Director for International Economics and Competitiveness at the National Security Council; Kerstin Jorna, Director General, European Commission; and Luis Martinez-Amago, President, Technicolor, Connected Home.

This session relates directly to Rep. Jacobs's work on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, where she serves.

12:30-12:55 Meet and greet with panelists.

12:55-1:55 Lunch on own.

1:55-3:10 Rep. Jacobs and Kuhn visit Creative Industries Expo, Austin Convention Center.

The Creative Industries Expo highlights the integrations and overlaps between SXSW's converging industries, hosting a diverse range of forward-thinking exhibitors ranging from promising startups to established industry leaders. This stop relates to Rep. Jacobs' interest in the expansion of technology in creative industries, which are seeing explosive growth in San Diego, where she represents. Especially important to Rep. Jacobs will be the opportunity to learn about trends in Communication Arts, Architecture & Interior Design, Publishing & Printing, and Visual & Performing Arts – which are quickly advancing in her congressional district.

3:10-3:30 BPC staff drives Rep. Jacobs and Amy Kuhn to airport.

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, which is a focus of the SXSW panel, 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 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 events.

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The Austin, TX region is the location of the South By Southwest Festival (SXSW) and affords Congresswoman Jacobs a variety of learning opportunities relevant to her home district and her committee assignments. Supply chain issues, trade policy, cybersecurity, election security, workforce development, and the need for securing and strengthening democratic institutions and systems are among the topics at SXSW that are analogous to CA-53.

As noted above, Congresswoman Jacobs and her chief of staff will have the opportunity to serve on one discussion (Jacobs only), attend several other conference programs, and meet with local, state, and federal officials, as well as prominent business and civic leaders who are on the cutting edge of innovation and knowledge-based industries.