



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: Bryan Burack
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 10/14/21 Return: 10/15/21
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: New York City, NY Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:
 Discussions on China policy with current and former government officials, scholars, and private sector experts.
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: 07/13/2022

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: Michael McCaul Date: 7/13/22

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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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: _____
2. Travel Destination(s): _____
3. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): _____

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				
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: Charles W. Dent Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

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

Address: _____

Email: _____

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: Bryan Burack

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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: Bryan Burack

Digitally signed by Bryan Burack
Date: 2021.09.14 11:29:32 -04'00'

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): House Committee on Foreign Affairs

Office Address: 2120 Rayburn House Office Building

Telephone Number: (202) 226-8467

Email Address of Contact Person: bryan.burack@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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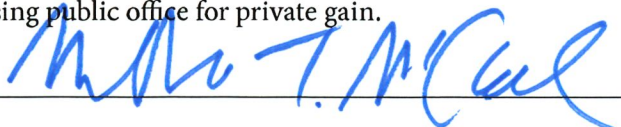
1. Name of Traveler: Bryan Burack
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Aspen Institute, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Henry Luce Foundation, Democracy Fund
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : New York, New York
4. a. Date of Departure: October 14, 2021 Date of Return: October 15, 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: _____
(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.
Bryan Burack is the Minority Professional Staff Member responsible for the Indo-Pacific region, including policy and strategy relating to the People's Republic of China. The content of this event is directly relevant to the staffer's duties.
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 9/14/21



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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:
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):
5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: _____ Date of return: _____
7. a. City of departure: _____
b. Destination(s): _____
c. City of return: _____
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:



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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:
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: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
- 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.*

Theodore E. Deutch, Florida
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October 12, 2021

Mr. Bryan Burack
Committee on Foreign Affairs
2120 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Burack:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to New York City, New York, scheduled for October 14 to 15, 2021, sponsored by Aspen Institute, Inc., Democracy Fund, The Henry Luce Foundation, and Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

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
Ranking Member

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AMERICAN CHINA STRATEGY: WHAT REALLY WORKS?

THE ASPEN INSTITUTE CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM
October 14-16, 2021 New York City, New York

THURSDAY, October 14:

- 12:50pm Participants depart Washington on Acela Train #2166
- 3:49pm Arrive at New York City's Pennsylvania Station (Moynihan Train Hall)
- 5:00pm Estimated arrival time at the hotel
- 6:30 - 9:30pm *Working Dinner*
- CAN AMERICA CHANGE CHINA? THE CASES FOR COOPERATION, COMPETITION, AND CONFRONTATION**
- The actions and example of the United States have helped catalyze, inspire, and enable many of China's broad changes throughout its modern history, especially since the 1980s. Whether the U.S. has been successful in using targeted policies to alter specific attitudes or behaviors in China is less clear.
- How should U.S.-China relations be characterized today? What's the right framework?
 - What are the vectors through which the U.S. has had an impact on China?
 - Has collaboration, adversity, or multilateral pressure been most successful in shifting China's priorities?
 - To what degree should U.S. concerns regarding Taiwan drive relations with China?
 - In 2021, can China's goals, threat assessments, and values still be influenced by American or international actions?

A Q&A format led by:

Robert Daly, Director, Kissinger Institute on China and the United States, The Wilson Center

With responses from:

Danny Russel, Vice President, International Security and Diplomacy, Asia Society Policy Institute

FRIDAY, October 15:

- 9:00am **INTRODUCTION AND FRAMEWORK OF THE CONFERENCE**
- This conference is organized into roundtable conversations, pre-dinner and luncheon remarks. This session will explain how the conference will be conducted, how those with questions will be recognized, and how responses will be timed to allow for as much discussion as possible.

Charles W. Dent, Executive Director,
Aspen Institute Congressional Program

9:05 - 10:30am

Roundtable Discussion

BALANCING ECONOMIC AND SECURITY INTERESTS: CAN U.S. BUSINESSES IN CHINA BE BOTH PATRIOTIC AND PROFITABLE?

World-leading corporations have been a major source of American power for over a century. In 2021, no company can lead its industry unless it is active in the world's biggest market—China. Yet selling, investing, and conducting research in China may build China's capabilities in ways that undermine American power. How policy makers and companies approach these competing objectives is a daunting challenge.

- To what degree are American economic disparities and loss of manufacturing jobs due primarily to Chinese actions, or to domestic policies and technological factors?
- Which types of American economic engagement with China pose a genuine threat to U.S. security and well-being?
- What would the costs be of government-mandated decoupling of U.S. industry from China?
- What is the role of Congress in regulating U.S. commerce in China?
- Are tariffs a successful means of promoting fair trade?

***Isaac Stone Fish**, CEO, Strategy Risks*

***Arthur Kroeber**, Founding Partner, Gavekal Dragonomics*

***Xiaobu Lü**, Professor of Political Science, Barnard College*

***Lingling Wei**, Senior China correspondent,
The Wall Street Journal*

10:30am - Noon

Roundtable Discussion

WE ARE EXPERIENCING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES: IMPACTS OF TECH COMPETITION ON SECURITY, COMPETITIVENESS & CONSUMERS

Technology has become the key factor in U.S.-China competition. Legislative efforts to rebuild America's tech manufacturing and policies aimed at curtailing China's access to technologies with military applications have received broad bipartisan support. American policies have provoked a strong reaction in China, which is increasing research & development investments in ways that may enable its scientists to outpace the West and which could result in parallel, mutually exclusive global tech systems.

- Can the U.S. isolate China from the global innovation system without harming that system, which relies on openness and internationalization?
- Do third countries support policies that isolate China technologically?
- Can such efforts succeed?
- Is the U.S. making the investments and training and attracting the talent needed to remain a tech superpower?
- How big a problem is Chinese intellectual property theft in 2021?

***Samm Sacks**, Senior Fellow, Yale Law School*

Paul Tsai China Center & New America
Adam Segal, Director, Digital and Cyberspace Program,
Council on Foreign Relations
Paul Triolo, Practice Head, Geotechnology, Eurasia Group

12:00 - 1:30pm

Working Luncheon Discussion

**THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK:
TWO YEARS AFTER WUHAN, WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?**

We may never know how COVID-19 originated in Wuhan, but we may be certain that China will not acknowledge fault or responsibility under any circumstances and that it will not indemnify other countries for losses. The world will be handicapped in addressing future pandemics unless American and international scientists are deeply engaged with Chinese virologists and epidemiologists, but overcoming animosity and distrust will be a huge hurdle going forward.

- What do we know about the origins of COVID-19 and what can we reasonably hope to learn?
- Were Chinese cover-ups in 2019-2020 major factors in shaping other nations' responses to the pandemic?
- What does "holding China to account" for COVID mean? Can it be done?
- How can the world best prepare for future outbreaks? From a scientific perspective is cooperation with China necessary?
- Will the Chinese government allow unfettered cooperation with American scientists on pandemic research and prevention?

Yanzhong Huang, Senior Fellow for Global Health
Council on Foreign Relations

1:30 - 3:00pm

Roundtable Discussion

HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY: RIGHTEOUSNESS OR RESULTS?

The administration has promised, as have previous administrations, to put human rights at the forefront of foreign policy. Politicians from across the political spectrum speak of a values or ideological competition with China, frequently framing it as a global contest between democratic and authoritarian governments. China (and Russia and Iran) see such pronouncements as hypocritical attempts to weaponize America's self-righteousness in defense of its failing hegemony and contend that America's own human rights problems discredit it as a defender of human rights internationally.

- What are the prospects for a human rights-centric U.S. foreign policy?
- Can the U.S. apply its principles consistently and impartially worldwide?
- Does the U.S. hold China to a different standard than other nations?
- Have American representations on human rights changed China's behavior in the past?

- What might the costs be to the U.S., global standards, and the Chinese people if the U.S. and the global community don't speak out on Chinese human rights abuses?
- Can the U.S. cooperate with China to solve common problems if China feels that it is under attack on the human rights/ideological front?

Teng Biao, *Grove Human Rights Scholar, Hunter College*
Andrew Nathan, *Professor of Political Science, Columbia University*

3:00 - 4:30pm

Roundtable Discussion

CHINA STRATEGY: WHAT REALLY WORKS?

Strategy is not concerned with the expression of American feelings toward China; its job is to bring American capabilities to bear, over time, to secure American interests. The emergence of rich, powerful, assertive China demands that American strategists and policymakers base their work on a dispassionate assessment of threats, acknowledgement of Chinese and American constraints, and an understanding of how global, domestic, and historic factors shape relations between the superpowers.

- What are America's core interests vis-à-vis China?
- What are we aiming for? Are stable relations between a prosperous, powerful U.S. and a prosperous, powerful China feasible?
- How long are contentious relations between China and the U.S. likely to last?
- What costs will Americans have to pay to compete with China effectively over that period?
- Are Americans willing and able to pay them?
- What role should Congress play in forming U.S. China policy?
- Should our goal be to manage competition, or win it?
- In what ways can the U.S. advance its goals with China in a multilateral context?

Thomas Christensen, *Director, China and the World Program, Columbia University*

Robert Daly, *Director, Kissinger Institute on China and the United States, The Wilson Center*

Danny Russel, *Vice President, International Security and Diplomacy, Asia Society Policy Institute*

4:30 - 6:00pm

Individual Discussions with Scholars Thomas Christensen, Robert Daly, Arthur Kroeber, Andrew Nathan, Orville Schell and Danny Russel to allow congressional staff to probe policy questions more deeply in a less public venue.

6:00 - 8:30pm

Working Dinner

Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Discussion will focus on the opportunities, challenges, and potential strategies regarding the U.S.-China relationship.

8:13 pm

Bryan Burack departs New York City's Moynihan Station on Train 2173 and arrives at Washington Union Station at 11:11 pm

SATURDAY, October 16:

9:00am

Depart hotel

10:03am

Depart New York City's Moynihan Station on Acela Train #2249

1:03pm

Arrive at Washington Union Station