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: CarolineBender
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ *OR* None ☒
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. **Dates:** Departure: 8/3/2022 Return: 8/5/2022
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ *OR* None ☒
4. Departure City: Washington DC Destination: Easton MD Return City: Washington DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Conservative Climate Foudnation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:
   We learned about conservative solutions to the increasing climate challage. We heard about polling, how to communicate with constituents and dissused what policies might work and how we can push for them in our roles
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: [signature] Date: 08/25/2022

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: Mariannette Miller-Meeks, M.D. Date: 8/25/2022

Signature of Supervising Member: [signature]

Version date 3/2021 by Committee on Ethics

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip *within ten days of their return*.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Conservative Climate Foundation, Inc. (CCF)
2. Travel Destination(s): Easton, Annapolis and Saint Michaels, MD
3. Date of Departure: August 3, 2022 Date of Return: August 5, 2022
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Attached

   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	$91.32 (bus) $71.24 (boat)	$393.80 (total for two nights)	$517.48	$61.72 (A/V rental company for panels and presentations)
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: Heather Reams Date: June 29, 2022

Name: Heather Reams Title: CCF Co-Chair

Organization: Conservative Climate Foundation (CCF)

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

Address: 410 First Street, SE, #200, Washington, DC 20003

Email: heather@rightonclimate.org; hreams@cresenergy.com Telephone: 202-893-9591

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: Caroline Bender

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

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

Signature: Caroline Bender

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Rep. Miller-Meeks

Office Address: 1716 Longworth House Office Building

Telephone Number: (202) 317-0034

Email Address of Contact Person: caroline.bender@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: Caroline Bender

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Conservative Climate Foundation (CCF)

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Easton, MD

4. a. Date of Departure: August 3, 2021 Date of Return: August 5, 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.**
I am a Senior Legislative Assistant for Rep. Miller-Meeks. It is vital for staff to understand the issues facing our constituents in order to respond to their concerns. As a topic that is in the news every day, our constituents are very concerned about climate change and want to know about ways that their elected leaders can help America better prepare and respond to the threat. This retreat will help me to better understand the issues at hand and how to better respond to our constituents in fulfillment of our office's duty to serve the best interests of the American public.

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 Mariannette J. Miller-Meeks Date 06/30/2022

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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:
   Conservative Climate Foundation (CCF)
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):
   see attached Congressional invitee list
5. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: August 3, 2022 Date of return: August 5, 2022
7. a. City of departure: Washington DC
   b. Destination(s): Easton, MD
   c. City of return: Washington DC
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:

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 Conservative Climate Foundation (CCF) is a not-for-profit charitable and educational organization organized and operated under Section 501(c)(3). The organization's mission is to engage and inform the public and policymakers about reducing global and domestic emissions with common sense, economic and environmentally sustainable strategies and solutions based on conservative principles. CCF does not engage in lobbying or in electoral campaigns.

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:

    CCF is chartering a bus for participants from Washington, DC to the destination in order to reduce the number of cars on the road and lower the overall carbon footprint of the trip.

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: Tidewater Inn City: Easton, MD Cost Per Night: $179.00
    Reason(s) for Selecting: Availability of function space for presentations and workshops; Meeting with N
    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.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total **Transportation** Expenses per Participant	Total **Lodging** Expenses per Participant	Total **Meal** Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	$100	$358	$500
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

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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: Heather Reams Date: June 29, 2022

Name: Heather Reams Title: CCF Co-Chair

Organization: Conservative Climate Foundation (CCF)

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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:

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July 28, 2022

Ms. Caroline Bender
Office of the Honorable Mariannette Miller-Meeks
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Bender:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Easton, Maryland, scheduled for August 3 to 5, 2022, sponsored by Conservative Climate Foundation.

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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Conservative Climate
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YOU'RE INVITED

Conservative Climate Foundation Communicators Retreat

WHO: A group of conservative communications professionals and stakeholders with climate and clean energy expertise

WHAT: A three-day retreat with panel discussions, workshops, and stakeholder engagement to discover and contribute to ways conservatives can authentically communicate about environmental and clean energy issues

WHEN: August 3-5, 2022

WHERE: The Tidewater Inn
Easton, MD

RSVP: Spots are limited, **click here** to reserve your spot today!

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Sen. Ted Cruz
Rep. Jay Obernolte

Conservative Climate Foundation Communicators Retreat
Schedule of Events

Wednesday, August 3

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Staff Depart Washington, DC for Easton, MD

12:00 PM
Arrive at the Tidewater Inn

12:00 – 2:00 PM – Lunch at Tidewater Inn
Session 1: Navigating the Conservative Climate Landscape
Description: We'll kick off the retreat with a look at the challenges communicators face when discussing clean energy and climate issues in today's political climate.
Opening Remarks: Heather Reams, *President, Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions (CRES)*
Speaker: Matt Whitlock, *Senior Vice President, CRC Advisors*

2:00 – 3:00 PM
Session 2: A Data-Driven Approach to Discussing Climate Change
Description: This panel will take a deep dive into how polling and community engagement can inform a successful climate communications strategy.
15 minutes each of remarks then moderated by Emily Pappas, *Managing Director, Cogent Strategies*
Panelist: Sara Fagen, *CEO, Tunnl*; Kristen Soltis Anderson, *Founding Partner, Echelon Insights*

3:00 – 4:00 PM
Session 3: What's Your Carbon Footprint?
Description: Learn how to calculate your carbon footprint and simple ways to be a better steward of the environment.
Speaker: Michelle Li, *Founder, Clever Carbon*

4:00 – 6:00 PM
Executive Time (Attendees may use this time to check into hotel rooms)

6:00 – 7:30 PM
Networking Lounge Open

7:30 – 7:45 PM
Executive Time

7:45 – 9:00 PM
Conservative Communicators Dinner

Dinner Speaker: Matt Gorman, *Targeted Victory*

9:00 PM – 8:30 AM
RON Tidewater Inn

Thursday, August 4

8:30 – 10:00 AM
Breakfast service

9:30 – 10:30 AM
Session 4: Learn from the Experts
Description: Learn how communicators in different sectors do their jobs.
Moderator: Luke Bolar, *Chief External Affairs Officer, ClearPath*
Panelists: Liz Bowman, *Vice President of Communications, AXPC*; Shawna Berger, *Lead Communications Manager, Duke Energy*

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Session 5: Support Groups
Description: Staff from the Conservative Climate Caucus and Western Caucus will present how they can provide support to communicators.
Speakers: Adam Cloch, *Communications Director, Conservative Climate Caucus*; Grace Bellone, *Conservative Climate Caucus;* Elizabeth Daniels, *Communications Director, Western Caucus*

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM
Executive Time

11:45 – 12:50 PM
Session 6: Lunch panel: Case Studies
Description: Hear from the Climate Task Force on the roll-out of Leader McCarthy and Rep. Graves' Energy, Climate and Conservation Task Force Pillars, as well as members of the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee on ongoing legislative activity.

Case Study #1 Speakers: Marty Hall, *Senior Policy Fellow*, *CRES Forum;* Luke Bolar, Evan Dixon, *Communications Director, CRES*
Case Study #2 Speakers: Rebekah Hoshiko and Bailey Mailloux, *Natural Resources Committee*

12:50 – 1:30 PM
Executive Time

1:30 – 2:30 PM
Travel to U.S. Naval Academy

2:30 – 5:30 PM – Site Visit
U.S. Naval Academy (USNA)

Tour and briefing on USNA's' resiliency efforts and the challenges they are facing due to rising sea levels. Attendees will meet with Naval and City of Annapolis engineers to discuss their project to rebuild Annapolis' sea wall and the challenges created by a changing climate. Communicators will hear how a sector of the U.S. Government is dealing with the negative effects of climate change.

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Travel to St. Michaels
Communities on the Chesapeake Bay face major threats from sea-level rise. The coast of Virginia has experienced the highest rate of relative sea-level rise on the Atlantic coast of the U.S., with an increase of over 14 inches since 1930. Just last year, the bay experienced some of the worst flooding in over a decade, highlighting the urgency of creating policies that effectively reduce emissions and bolster the resilience of these communities.
Speaker: Chesapeake Bay Tour guide Charles Hernick

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Dinner at Crab Claw
Speaker: Wayne Bridges
Topic: Hear from longtime crabber and industry expert Wayne Bridges on how climate change has impacted the Chesapeake Bay crabbing industry.

9:00 PM – 9:15 PM
Travel to Tidewater Inn

9:15 PM – 9:00 AM
RON Tidewater Inn

Friday, August 5

9:00 – 10:00 AM
Breakfast Service

9:30 – 10:00 AM
Session 7: Morning Speaker: Neil Chatterjee, *Former Commissioner of the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Senior Advisor, Hogan Lovells*

10:00 – 11:00 AM
Session 8: Communicators
Description: Current and former state and federal communicators discuss the differences and similarities of communicating on clean energy and climate issues at varying levels of government.
Panelists: Tory Mazzola, *Head of Communications, Public Affairs and Alliances for Ørsted*; Stephanie Genco*, Partner at Forbes Tate Partners;* Michael Ricci, *Director of Communications for Maryland Governor Larry Hogan*

11:00 – 11:30 PM
Retreat Wrap Up
Final Remarks: Heather Reams, Luke Bolar

12:00 – 1:30 PM Staff Depart Easton, MD for Washington D.C.

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Conservative Climate Foundation Communicators Retreat
Schedule of Events

Wednesday, August 3

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Depart Washington, DC for Easton, MD (transportation provided)

12:00 PM
Arrive at the Tidewater Inn

12:00 – 2:00 PM – Lunch at Tidewater Inn
Session 1: Navigating the conservative climate landscape
Description: We'll kick off the retreat with a look at the challenges communicators face when discussing clean energy and climate issues in today's political climate.
Opening Remarks: Heather Reams & Rich Powell
Speakers: Matt Whitlock, Cassie Smedlie

2:00 – 2:50 PM
Session 2: A data-driven approach to discussing climate change
Description: This panel will take a deep dive into how polling and community engagement can inform a successful climate communications strategy.
Panelists: Micah Yousefi, Sara Fagen

3:00 – 4:00 PM
Session 3: What's Your Carbon Footprint?
Description: Learn how to calculate your carbon footprint and simple ways to be a better steward of the environment.
Panelists: Michelle Li, Clever Carbon

4:00 – 6:00 PM
Executive Time (Attendees may use this time to check into hotel rooms)

6:00 – 7:30 PM
Networking Lounge Open

7:30 – 7:45 PM
Executive Time

7:45 – 9:00 PM
Conservative Communicators Keynote Dinner
Keynote Speaker: Gov. Larry Hogan* invited, not confirmed

9:00 PM – 8:30 AM
RON Tidewater Inn

Thursday, August 4

8:30 – 9:30 AM
Breakfast service

9:30 – 10:30
Session 4: *Hear from the best*
Description: Learn how communicators in different sectors do their jobs.
Panelists: Alyssa Farah, Antonia Ferrer, Brendan Buck, Zach Roday

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Session 5: *Support Groups*
Description: Staff from the Conservatice Climate Caucus and Western Caucus will present how they can provide support to communicators
Panelists: Adam Cloch, Elizabeth Daniels

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Executive Time

12:00 – 1:00 PM
Lunch panel: *Case Study*
Description: Hear from ClearPath and CRES on how they helped support the rollout of Leader McCarthy and Rep. Graves' rollout of the Energy, Climate and Conservation Task Force Pillars.
Panelists: Evan Dixon, Luke Bolar

1:00 – 2:00 PM
Executive Time

2:00 – 3:00 PM
Travel to U.S. Naval Academy

3:00 – 5:30 PM – Site Visit
U.S. Naval Academy (USNA)
Tour and briefing on USNA's' resiliency efforts and the challenges they are facing due to rising sea levels. Attendees will meet with Naval and City of Annapolis engineers to discuss their project to rebuild Annapolis' sea wall and the challenges created by a changing climate. Communicators will hear how a sector of the U.S. Government is dealing with the negative effects of climate change.

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Travel to St. Michaels
Speaker: Chesapeake Bay Tour guide

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Keynote Dinner – A prominent communicator who explains their experience when discussing clean energy solutions and climate change.
Speaker: Nikki Haley* invited, not confirmed

9:00 PM – 9:15 PM
Travel to Tidewater Inn

9:15 PM – 9:00 AM
RON Tidewater Inn

Friday, August 5

9:00 – 11:00 AM
Breakfast Service

9:30 – 10:30 AM
Session 5: Communicators in the Energy Industry
Description: Hear from former Administration, House and Senate communications staffers about their current careers in the energy sector.
Session Leader: Liz Bowman, Shaylyn Hynes, Ashton Davies, Tory Mazzola

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