



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: Catherine O'Connor
- 2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None
- b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
- 3. a. Dates: Departure: 08/14/22 Return: 08/16/22
- b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
- 4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Aspen, CO Return City: Chicago, IL
- 5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Technology Policy Institute

6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:
I arrived on Sunday and attended a networking reception and fireside chat with NTIA Assistant Secretary Alan Davidson. On Monday and Tuesday, I attended a full day of panels and keynote speakers that discussed antitrust policy, Web 3.0, content moderation issues, international telecom issues, and a working dinner on spectrum policy.

- 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 was not able to attend the lunch or the last panel because my flight time was moved up by the airline.

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

Signature of Traveler: Catherine O'Connor Date: 08/30/2022

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: Cathy McMorris-Rodgers Date: 08/30/22

Signature of Supervising Member: Cathy McMorris-Rodgers



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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: Technology Policy Institute
- Travel Destination(s): Aspen, Colorado
- Date of Departure: 8/14/2022 Date of Return: 8/16/2022
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): Kate O'Connor
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	1024.70	751.28	725.47	0.00
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

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

Signature:  Date: 08/29/2022

Name: Jane Creel Title: Corporate Secretary

Organization: Technology Policy Institute

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

Address: 2001 L Street, NW Washington, DC 20036

Email: jcreel@techpolicyinstitute.org Telephone: 202-495-7722

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: Catherine O'Connor

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Technology policy Institute

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Aspen, CO

4. a. Date of Departure: August 14, 2022 Date of Return: August 16, 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.
Chief Counsel for the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, on the Energy and Commerce committee. I am responsible for oversight of the Federal Communications Commission and National Telecommunications and Information Administration which both develop and implement technology and communications policy. This event brings together people from the government and private industry to talk about current policy implementation and new issues arising.

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 07/14/2022



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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:
Technology Policy Institute (TPI)
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):
Attachment A
5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: August 14, 2022 Date of return: August 16, 2022
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
b. Destination(s): Aspen, CO
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:



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. *Check only one of the following:*

a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box;* OR

b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

The Technology Policy Institute (TPI) is a 501(c)(3) research and educational think tank examining the role and economics of emerging and existing technologies. TPI's annual summer Aspen Forum brings together policymakers, academics & industry to explore a myriad of issues related to technology & tech policy. Event is wholly organized & executed by TPI staff.

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: HOTEL DURANT City: Aspen, CO Cost Per Night: \$275

Reason(s) for Selecting: Close in proximity to conference venue, lower rate than the St Regis Aspen host venue

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$750 airfare, \$100 ground transportation & parking	\$550	\$709
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	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	\$750 registration fee is complimentary	Fee is complementary to academic/govt participants
For each Accompanying Family Member		

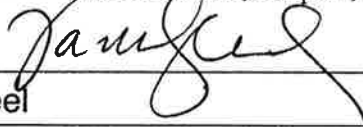
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19. Check only one:

- 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 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:  Date: 06/27/2022
 Name: Jane Creel Title: Vice President & Corporate Secretary
 Organization: Technology Policy Institute
 Address: 2001 L Street, NW Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036
 Email: jcreel@techpolicyinstitute.org Telephone: (202) 495-7722

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

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

For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:

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

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

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August 3, 2022

Ms. Catherine O'Connor
Committee on Energy & Commerce
2322A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. O'Connor:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Aspen, Colorado, scheduled for August 14 to 16, 2022, sponsored by Technology Policy Institute.

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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Technology Policy Institute
Aspen Forum August 14-16, 2022

U.S. House of Representatives
Primary Trip Sponsor Form

Attachment A

- Caroline Oakum, Legislative Assistant, Office of Congressman David Schweiker, Caroline.Oakum@mail.house.gov
- Conor Walsh, Legislative Director & Tax Counsel, Office of Congressman Thomas Suozzi, Conor.Walsh@mail.house.gov
- Kate O'Connor, Chief Counsel, House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Communications and Technology Subcommittee, Kate.OConnor@mail.house.gov
- Lizzy Fallon, Policy Aide, Office of Congressman Tom Emmer (MN-06), lizzy.fallon@mail.house.gov
- Tyler Grimm, Chief Counsel for Policy and Strategy, House Committee on the Judiciary, tyler.grimm@mail.house.gov



ASPEN FORUM 2022 AGENDA*
Governments in Control?
St. Regis Aspen Resort, Aspen, Colorado

Sunday, August 14th

12:45 pm – 4:50 pm Depart Dulles International Airport (12:45 pm EDT), United Airlines Flight 2074/5900
Arrive Pitkin County Airport, Aspen, Colorado

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm Welcome Cocktail Networking Reception

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm Opening Remarks

NTIA's programs and policymaking focus largely on expanding broadband Internet access and adoption in America, expanding the use of spectrum by all users, and ensuring that the Internet remains an engine for continued innovation and economic growth. Assistant Secretary Davidson will discuss how these goals are critical to America's competitiveness in the 21st century global economy and address many of the nation's most pressing needs, such as improving education, health care, and public safety.

The Honorable Alan Davidson, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and NTIA Administrator,
National Telecommunications and Information Administration, US Department of Commerce (invited)

Monday, August 15th

7:30 am – 9:00 am Breakfast

8:00 am – 8:10 am Welcome Remarks

Scott Wallsten, Senior Fellow & President, Technology Policy Institute

8:10 am – 9:00 am Keynote Address

Fiona Murray is an international policy expert on the transformation of investments in science and technology into deep-tech start-up ventures that solve significant global challenges and create national advantage – from defense and security to health, food and water security. Her work includes understanding new funding approaches for innovations that arise from scientific research, and educating the next generation of technical leaders to build effective ventures. She has focused on the particular issues faced by ventures who have dual-use (commercial and government) solutions and work in contexts characterized by complex global power competition.

Fiona Murray, William S. Porter Professor of Entrepreneurship and Associate Dean of Innovation and Inclusion, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Monday, August 15th continued

- 9:00 am – 9:45 am Discussion – Is “Designed in America, Made in China” Sustainable? Wither the Future of Globalization and Supply Chains?
- Supply chain disruptions and shifts in global politics have created changes in the business model of “Designed in America, Made in China” that has underscored American manufacturing for the last several decades. Is that model sustainable or will comparative advantage be outweighed by other concerns, such as national security and the need to have domestic manufacturing capacity? If a new approach is necessary, what should it be? How can we ensure that government actions regarding supply chains help move us towards an efficient, sustainable model rather than one determined solely by who lobbies the hardest?
- J. Brad Jensen, McCrane/Shaker Chair in International Business, Center for Business and Public Policy, Georgetown University
Xiameng Lu, Director, Geotechnology Practice, Eurasia Group
Samm Sacks, Cyber Policy Fellow, New America
Scott Wallsten (moderator), Senior Fellow and President, Technology Policy Institute
- 9:45 am – 10:00 am Break
- 10:00 am – 10:45 am Courtyard Luncheon – State Attorneys General Fireside Chat: How Are the States Affecting Antitrust, Privacy and Other Policies?
- Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser (D) and Nebraska Attorney General Doug Peterson (R) will discuss how their offices are engaging in antitrust, privacy, and other issues such as content moderation, and the role that plays in shaping national and international policy.
- Doug Peterson, Attorney General, State of Nebraska
Phil Weiser, Attorney General, State of Colorado
Leah Nylan (moderator), Antitrust Reporter, Bloomberg News
- 10:45 am – 11:45 am Discussion – Major Developments in Antitrust in the Agencies and on the Hill
- Seldom before has antitrust policy been as prominent as it is now. Concerns about the growth and power of large tech platforms has led to the introduction of far-reaching antitrust legislative proposals, as well as adoption of a more aggressive policy by the enforcement agencies, including a major reexamination of merger policy. Our panel of experts will discuss the implications of these recent developments.
- Alvaro Bedoya, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission (invited)
Dennis Carleton, Principal, KDB Firm PLLC
Judy Chevalier, William S. Neinecke Professor of Finance and Economics, Yale University
Hal Varian, Chief Economist, Google
Christine Wilson, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission (invited)
Joshua Wright, Executive Director, Global Antitrust Institute and Professor of Law, Antonin Scalia School of Law, George Mason University
Thomas Lenard (moderator), Senior Fellow and President Emeritus, Technology Policy Institute
- 11:45 pm – Noon Break for Lunch

Monday, August 15th continued

Noon – 1:00 pm

Fireside Chat

Brian Sullivan will interview Marc Ganzi on the importance of infrastructure to the digital economy and DigitalBridge's role in providing it. They will talk about supply chain issues and how they are affecting broadband rollout, inflation, and competitiveness. Sullivan will talk with Ganzi about how a company like DigitalBridge that encompasses so much of the digital infrastructure around the globe manages its investments.

Marc C. Ganzi, Chief Executive Officer, DigitalBridge Group Inc.
Brian Sullivan, Anchor and Senior National Correspondent, CNBC

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Discussion –Are the Metaverse and Web 3.0 Real or Hype and What are the Policy Issues?

Metaverse and Web 3.0 are the trending buzzwords in 2022. Is the decentralization inherent to Web 3.0 a radical change to the way the internet works with important consequences to our online lives, or just a more incremental evolution with few, if any, implications. Similarly, will the metaverse completely change the nature of online interactions, or will it end up as another experiment with VR that lives on the periphery? What is the relationship between Web 3.0 and the metaverse? We may be deep in a hype cycle, but at the same time, companies are investing significant resources in Web 3.0 and metaverse, with routine announcements of new user experiences, innovations in payments, immersive gaming, and more. This panel will discuss these issues as well as consider what policymakers should know about these new technologies.

Hilary Allen, Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law
Edward Bowles, Global Director of Public Policy, Meta Financial Technologies
Sujit Raman, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP (invited)
Kevin Werbach, Chairman & Professor, Legal Studies & Business Ethics and Liem Sioe Liong/First Pacific Company Professor, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
Sarah Oh Lam (moderator), Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Afternoon Break

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Cocktail Networking Reception

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Concurrent Breakout Session Dinner **(Congressional Members or Staff Who Are Not Presenters, Must Choose One Breakout Session to Attend)**

Monday, August 15th continued

Session I – Is a Lack of Coordination Among Government Agencies Harming U.S. Spectrum Policy?

Recent spectrum reallocations have generated public arguments between the agencies charged with managing spectrum, NTIA and the FCC, and other agencies with interests in those spectrum bands, including DOD, FAA, DOT, and NOAA. This working group will discuss the origins of this problem, the extent to which it is a new phenomenon, how it affects spectrum allocation, and how the interagency process could be reformed to avoid last-minute interference disputes, along with spectrum pipeline issues.

Dale Hatfield, Executive Fellow, Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship and Adjunct Professor, University of Colorado at Boulder

Thomas Hazlett, Hugh H. Macaulay Endowed Professor of Economics, Clemson University and Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University

Ed Hearst, Vice President Government Relations, Astra

Grace Koh, Vice President, Legislative Affairs, Nokia (invited)

Tom Power, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, CTIA

David Redl, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Salt Point Strategies

Paroma Sanyal, Senior Consultant, The Brattle Group

Jennifer Warren, Vice President, Civil & Regulatory Affairs, Lockheed Martin

Thomas Lenard (co-moderator), Senior Fellow and President Emeritus, Technology Policy Institute

Sarah Oh Lam (co-moderator), Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute

Session II – How Much Do People Value Privacy Around the World and What Does That Mean For Policy?

How much privacy do people want and how much should the government require of digital firms? This panel will review new research on how much people value privacy of different types of data across platforms and countries. It will also discuss the costs and benefits of different types of privacy regulation and whether legislation can achieve the right balance between protecting data, consumer preferences, and a data-driven global economy.

Jeff Prince, Professor of Economics and Chair of Business and Public Policy at the Kelley School of Business, Indiana University

Alan Raul, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP

Leila Rouhi, Vice President, Trust and Privacy, Alexa (Amazon)

Scott Wallsten, Senior Fellow and President, Technology Policy Institute

Shane Tews (moderator), President, Logan Circle Strategies

Session III – What Will a Mature Streaming Market Look Like?

After seemingly boundless growth in streaming, including number of platforms, number of subscribers, and amount of original content, the market may be entering a new phase. It is probably no longer correct to call streaming “nascent,” but is it correct to call it a mature market? Was Netflix’s surprising subscriber loss in Q1 2022 a blip or a harbinger? Does the success of Disney+ and short-lived launch of CNN+ have broader implications for what kinds of business models will be successful? More generally, what would a mature streaming market look like? How would it substitute and complement other video delivery systems? This working group will discuss these issues.

Troy Dow, Vice President & Counsel, Government Relations and IP Legal Policy & Strategy, The Walt Disney Company (invited)

Diana Oo, Director Head of US Federal Affairs, Netflix (invited)

Jean Prewitt, President and CEO, Independent Film & Television Alliance (invited)

Greg Saphier, Senior Vice President of External Affairs, Motion Picture Association

Laura Martin (moderator), Senior Media and Internet Analyst, Needham and Company, LLC

Tuesday, August 16th

7:30 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast

8:00 am – 8:50 am

Discussion – The Role, Structure and Long-Term Implications of Connectivity in Ukraine

The conflict in Ukraine has raised questions about modern warfare in a connected world. What are the role, structure, and long-term implications of connectivity in Ukraine? What national security and cybersecurity concerns should policymakers act upon in light of the European conflict? Is the splinternet becoming more of a reality with sanctions and the departure of global commerce from Russia? Are decentralized crypto assets helping, hurting, or neutral for Ukrainians, Russians, and interested individuals watching the conflict between nations?

Ruth Berry, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Information and Communications Policy, Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy, U.S. Department of State

Olga Boichak, Lecturer in Digital Culture, Department of Media and Communications, The University of Sydney

Jamil Jaffer, Assistant Professor of Law and Director of the National Security Law & Policy Program, Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University

Neil Potts, Vice President for Trust and Safety, Meta Platforms Inc.

David Gross (moderator), Partner, Wiley Rein, LLP

8:50 am – 9:00 am

Break

9:00 am – 9:30 am

Fireside Chat: Investing in Entrepreneurs: What Are the Policy Aids and Obstacles?

Angel investor Benjamin Slivka will join Sarah Oh Lam for a fireside chat about investment, entrepreneurship, and policy from his vantage point in Seattle, Washington. As a key developer of the Internet Explorer browser at Microsoft in the 1980s, Ben will share his perspectives and stories about building software, and the motivations and risks taken by engineers who build new things. Failure, competition, and 80 to 100-hour work weeks are par for the course in entrepreneurship. What should policymakers know or be reminded of about what it takes to build successful businesses?

Ben Slivka, Advisor, Angel Investor, Philanthropist, and Software Engineer

Sarah Oh Lam (moderator), Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute

9:30 am – 10:30 am

Discussion – Content Moderation: Can Government Set Objective Rules That Do Not Violate Free Speech and Unfairly Benefit Politicians Who Hold Power?

What content should platforms keep up, what they should take down, and who should set the rules? Preventing dangerous misinformation from proliferating can be an important goal for an informed population, but efforts by governments to do so conflict with commitments to free speech and beg the question of who gets to decide what is “misinformation.” Furthermore, if government is involved, how does civil society ensure that the deciders do not abuse their powers? Governments and private companies are trying to thread this needle. Examples include the European Union’s Digital Services Act, Elon Musk’s pending purchase of Twitter sparked by content moderation rules, and the failed creation of a Disinformation Governance Board by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. This panel will discuss and debate these thorny issues.

Tuesday, August 16th continued

Asha Allen, Advocacy Director for Europe, Online Expression & Civic Space, Center for Democracy & Technology (invited)

Stuart Brotman, Howard Distinguished Endowed Professor of Media Management and Law and Beaman Professor of Journalism and Electronic Media, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Alexandra Reeve Givens, President & CEO, Center for Democracy & Technology (invited)

Matt Perault, Director, Center on Technology Policy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Heidi Tworek, Associate Professor and Tier 2 Canada Research Chair, School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, University of British Columbia

Kat Walsh, General Counsel, Creative Commons (invited)

Scott Wallsten (moderator), Senior Fellow and President, Technology Policy Institute

10:30 am – 10:45 am Break

10:45 am – 11:30 am Fireside Chat – North American Telecommunications Regulators

Telecommunications regulators from the United States, Mexico, and Canada will discuss the latest developments in policy and rulemaking proceedings. How will the North American regulatory agencies handle common issues like broadband, spectrum pipeline, 5G, supply chain problems, and more. What will they prioritize in the coming year?

Ramiro Camacho Castillo, Commissioner, Federal Institute of Telecommunications, Mexico

Ian Scott, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission

Geoffrey Starks, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission

Nathan Simington, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission

Mignon Clyburn (co-moderator), Principal, MLC Strategies, LLC

Bryan Tramont (co-moderator), Managing Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP

11:30 am – 12:30 pm Discussion – How Can the States Distribute Broadband Subsidies Effectively?

The states will soon receive \$42.5 billion through the NTIA to subsidize broadband buildout. How can the states navigate the wide-ranging objectives laid out in the law and the NTIA's Notice of Funding Opportunities, and how can they distribute subsidies effectively once NTIA has allocated the funds? How will we know whether the program was successful? How should NTIA continue to oversee the process in ways likely to maximize success?

David Don, Senior Vice President, Public Policy, Comcast Corporation

Evan Feinman, Deputy Associate Administrator for Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD), NTIA, US Department of Commerce (invited)

Mark Jamison, Director and Gunter Professor, Warrington College of Business, University of Florida

Evelyn Remaley, Partner, Wilkinson, Barker, Knauer, LLP

Brandy Reitter, Executive Director, Broadband Office, State of Colorado

Greg Rosston (moderator), Gordon Cain Senior Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research and Director of the Public Policy Program, Stanford University

Tuesday, August 16th continued

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm Break for Lunch

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Discussion – A New Era in Broadband Competition?

To date, discussions of broadband competition tend to refer, explicitly or implicitly, to wireline, with perhaps a nod towards wireless competing on some margins. New technologies may be making this view increasingly inaccurate. 5G home internet service is becoming a robust competitor to wireline service in many areas and low-earth-orbit satellites can eliminate latency issues that have prevented satellite broadband from being more than a last resort. Policy has not yet caught up. This panel will discuss the extent to which competition has and has not changed, what that means to investment and what it should mean for subsidies, and how policy should change as a result.

David Goldman, Director, Satellite Policy, SpaceX (invited)

Patrick Halley, Senior Vice President Policy & Advocacy and General Counsel,
USTelecom - The Broadband Association

Staci Pies, Vice President, Public Policy and Government Affairs, Crown Castle
(invited)

Mariam Sorond, Chief Technology Officer, Service Provider & Edge Business Unit,
VMware, Inc. (invited)

Christopher Yoo, John H. Chestnut Professor of Law, Communication, and Computer
and Information Science, University of Pennsylvania Law School

Scott Wallsten (moderator), Senior Fellow and President, Technology Policy Institute

1:45 pm Closing Remarks & Adjourn

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm Depart St. Regis Aspen Resort via Complimentary Shuttle
Arrive Pitkin County Airport, Aspen, Colorado

3:20 pm – 10:43 pm Depart Aspen, Colorado, United Flight 5505/1581
Arrive Dulles International Airport (10:43pm EDT)

*Program times noted are U.S. Mountain Daylight Saving Time (UTC-06:00) unless otherwise indicated.