## EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

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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

**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: Michelle Schein *OR* None ■ 2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): \_ 3. a. Dates: Departure: September 10, 2022 Return: September 11 2022 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: 4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Warrenton, VA Return City: Washington, D.C. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Partnership for a Secure America 6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: This retreat brought together a bipartisan cohort of staffers together to discuss national security and foreign policy topics and issues relevant to their portfolios, members, and the work they do. Please see attached agenda for our event schedule. 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. 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: Michelle Schein Digitally signed by Michelle Schein Date: 2022.09.23 11:31:48 -04'00' Date: 09/23/2022 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. Date: 09/23/2022 Name of Supervising Member: Grace Meng

Grace Meng

### SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM X Original Amendment

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

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- 1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Partnership for a Secure America
- 2. Travel Destination(s): Airlie, 6809 Airlie Rd. Warrenton, VA 20187
- 3. Date of Departure: September 10, 2022 Date of Return: September 11, 2022
- 4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): See attached list
- 5. Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.
- 6. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total <b>Transportation</b> Expenses	Total <b>Lodging</b> Expenses	Total <b>Meal</b> Expenses	Total <b>Other</b> Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$35	\$96	\$59	\$155 (Conference breakout rooms and AV needs)
Accompanying Family Member				

7. 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: <u>9/15/2022</u>

Name: John Sullivan Title: Executive Director

Organization: Partnership for a Secure America

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

Address: 1990 M St. NW, Washington DC, 20036

#### 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: Michelle Schein
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: Michelle Schein Digitally signed by Michelle Schein Date: 2022.08.10 16:25:21 -04'00'
Name of Signatory (if other than traveler):
For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Congresswoman Grace Meng
Office Address: 2209 Rayburn House Office Building
Telephone Number: 202-225-2601
Email Address of Contact Person:  Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by tha entity, <i>and</i> these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.
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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*.

#### TRAVELER FORM

1.	Name of Traveler: Michelle Schein
2.	Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
	Partnership for a Secure America
3.	City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel : Warrenton, VA
4.	a. Date of Departure: September 10, 2022 Date of Return: September 11, 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 <i>Primary Trip Sponsor Form</i> (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.
	As Legislative Assistant in the office of Congresswoman Grace Meng, I handle issues related to foreign policy and national security. This retreat represents a unique opportunity to join with my colleagues across the aisle in learning how to negotiate so that we can craft better legislation, together, in the future.
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
di	nereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my rect supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described avel 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.

### 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.

	OTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. ilure 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. <i>Signify that the statement is true by checking box.</i>
3.	<ul> <li>Check only one. I represent that:</li> <li>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</li> </ul>
	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 <b>ALL</b> House Members <i>and</i> employees you are inviting. <b>For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited</b> (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.	<ul> <li>Check only one. I represent that:</li> <li>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</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>b. □ The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: OR</li> <li>c. □ The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event <i>and</i> lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was <i>de minimis</i> under the Committee's travel regulations.</li> </ul>
9.	<ul> <li>Check only one of the following:</li> <li>a. □ I checked 8(a) or (b) above; OR</li> <li>b. □ I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; OR</li> </ul>
	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). <i>Indicate agenda is attached by checking box</i> .
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 <i>each</i> sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip <i>and</i> 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). <i>Signify that the statement is true by checking the box</i> .
15.	<ul> <li>Check only one. I represent that either:</li> <li>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</li> </ul>
	b. □ The trip involves events that are arranged specifically <i>with regard</i> to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
	1) Detail the cost <i>per day</i> 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.

### 18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<ul><li>□ Actual Amounts</li><li>□ Good Faith Estimates</li></ul>	Total <b>Transportation</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Lodging</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Meal</b> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee			
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		
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: Silling	Date:	
Name:	Title:	
Organization:		
Address:		
Email:	Telephone:	

## **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:



# U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Washington, DC 20515

September 2, 2022

Ms. Michelle Schein Office of the Honorable Grace Meng 2209 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Schein:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Warrenton, Virginia, scheduled for September 10 to 11, 2022, sponsored by Partnership for a Secure America and Carnegie Corporation of New York.

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 Michael Guest Acting Ranking Member

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Dear Congressional Partnership Program Participants,

As a participant in Partnership for a Secure America's (PSA) Congressional Partnership Program (CPP), you are invited to attend the CPP retreat. The event is scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, September 10-11, 2022. The retreat will take place at the Airlie Conference Center, located at 6809 Airlie Road, Warrenton, VA 20187.

PSA will arrange for bus transportation to and from Airlie. The pickup and drop off location will be Columbus Circle, Union Station. The expected pickup time will be 1:30 PM. PSA will confirm all the details closer to the event date. The planned event schedule is attached.

We are attaching documents that need to be submitted to the Ethics Committee. Please ensure all the appropriate documents are completed and submitted to the Ethics Committee by Thursday, August 11, 2021. This is critical in order to attend the event. If you cannot attend, please notify us as soon as possible.

#### Attachments:

- A Pre-travel Sponsor Form
- B Ethics Agenda
- C House Participant List
- D Pre-travel Staffer Form
- E Additional Sponsor Form

Please notify us if you have any questions or concerns.

Partnership for a Secure America 1990 M Street NW, Suite 250 Washington, DC 20006 (202) 293-8580



# Congressional Partnership Program House Participants

Each participant is invited due to their role supporting Members' of Congress duties pertaining to issues that affect national security and foreign policy.

First Name	Last Name	Title	Office
Mark	Akpaninyie	Policy Analyst	House Committee on Foreign Affairs
Monique	Bolsajian	Legislative Aide	Rep. Ted Lieu
Alexis	Castaneda	Legislative Assistant	Rep. John Katko
Matthew	Ceja	Legislative Assistant	Rep. Mark Takano
Marcus	Coleman	Professional Staff Member	House Committee on Homeland Security
Mary	Croghan	Professional Staff Member	House Committee on Homeland Security
Christopher	Kulukundis	Legislative Assistant	Rep. Victoria Spartz
Michelle	Schein	Legislative Assistant	Rep. Grace Meng
Jeffrey	Tomkowitz	Legislative Assistant	Rep. Randy Feenstra



# **Congressional Partnership Program**

# **Itinerary**

Saturday, S	Saturday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>		
1:30 PM	Departure from Union Station, Washington D.C.		
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Arrive at Airlie Conference Center & Check-in		
	Opening Remarks & Event Review (East Room)		
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Attendees will review their substantive materials for the retreat. Andy Semmel, Chairman of Partnership for a Secure America (PSA), will outline retreat agenda, provide logistical information for the day (i.e. location of restrooms, where to store any bags, etc.).		
	Trade Simulation (East Room)		
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	The state of the s		
	<b>Pre-Dinner Reception</b> (Federal Room)		
5:30 PM – 6:15 PM	Attendees will break for a reception in the Federal Room. Participants will have an opportunity to informally engage their colleagues, PSA staff, and speakers. Participants will converse with colleagues, PSA staff, and speakers on matters relevant to their duties and the scheduled event discussions.		
	Keynote Dinner (Federal Room)		
6:15 PM -	Featuring: Lenora Peters Grant, National Security Fellow & Senior Executive Advisor, Howard University		
8:30 PM	Speaker will discuss current U.S. defense and intelligence capabilities: how should the U.S. continue to strengthen its industrial and educational base, and define its goals for the future. For approximately half the time, staff will have the opportunity to directly ask speakers question relevant to their duties.		
	After-Dinner Reception		
8:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Participants will have an opportunity to informally engage their colleagues, PSA staff, and speakers. Participants will converse with colleagues, PSA staff, and speakers on matters relevant to their duties and the scheduled event discussions.		

Sunday, September 11th			
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM – 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Breakfast (Airlie Dinning Room)  Participants will gather for breakfast.  Participants will be split up into group  Group A -Trade Simulation (Jefferson Room)  Participants will do part two of a mock trade simulation that will take place over the two days. The exercise is based on fictional countries negotiating a trade agreement.	Group B – The Geopolitical Landscape (East Room)  Featuring: Bruce Jones, Director - Project on International Order and Strategy, The Brookings Institution  Speaker will discuss current U.S. foreign policy interests: how should the U.S. understand the current foreign affair environment and define its goals for the future. For approximately half the time, staff will have the opportunity to directly ask speakers question relevant to their duties.	
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Group A -Trade Simulation (Jefferson Room)  Participants will do part two of a mock trade simulation that will take place over the two days. The exercise is based on fictional countries negotiating a trade agreement.	Group B – Evolution of the Homeland Security Threat Environment (East Room)  Featuring: Carrie F. Cordero, Senior Fellow, Center for a New American Security  Speaker will discuss the legacies of 9/11 on U.S. foreign policy. For approximately half the time, staff will have the opportunity to directly ask speakers question relevant to their duties.	



12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch (Airlie Dining Room)  Attendees will break for lunch in the Airlie Dining Room. Participants will have an opportunity to informally engage their colleagues, PSA staff, and speakers on matters relevant to their duties and the scheduled event discussions.		
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Group B – The Geopolitical Landscape (East Room)  Featuring: Bruce Jones, Director - Project on International Order and Strategy, The Brookings Institution  Speaker will discuss current U.S. foreign policy interests: how should the U.S. understand the current foreign affair environment and define its goals for the future. For approximately half the time, staff will have the opportunity to directly ask speakers question relevant to their duties.	Group B – Trade Simulation (Jefferson Room)  Participants will do part two of a mock trade simulation that will take place over the two days. The exercise is based on fictional countries negotiating a trade agreement.	
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Group B – Evolution of the Homeland Security Threat Environment (East Room)  Featuring: Carrie F. Cordero, Senior Fellow, Center for a New American Security  Speaker will discuss the legacies of 9/11 on U.S. foreign policy. For approximately half the time, staff will have the opportunity to directly ask speakers question relevant to their duties.	Group B – Trade Simulation (Jefferson Room)  Participants will do part two of a mock trade simulation that will take place over the two days. The exercise is based on fictional countries negotiating a trade agreement.	
5:00-5:30 PM	Retreat Debrief & Event Ends  Participants will briefly meet with PSA to review the retreat's events before departure.		
5:30 PM	Departure  Departure from Airlie. Buses will return back to Union Station, Washington DC, for drop off.		



Email: sullivan@psaonline.org Telephone: 202 293 8580

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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