



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: Lauren Hassett
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 11/28/22 Return: 11/30/22
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Cambridge, MD Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Accountability Foundation, Heritage Foundation, Conservative Partnership Institute
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:
 Heard speakers who described the nature of oversight investigations, how to question witnesses and prepare for hearings, and how to interact with outside groups.
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: Lauren Hassett Date: 12/23/2022

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.

Name of Supervising Member: James Comer Date: 1/2/23

Signature of Supervising Member: James Comer



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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 faxed to the Committee at 202-225-7392, sent or 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: Lauren Hassett

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

Signature: Lauren Hassett

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): House Oversight and Reform, Minority

Office Address: 2105 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515

Telephone Number: (202)225-5074

Email Address of Contact Person: Jessica.Donlon@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via e-mail: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.



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1. Name of Traveler: Lauren Hassett
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: American Accountability Foundation, Heritage Foundation, and Conservative Partnership Institute
3. City and State or Foreign Country of Travel : Cambridge, MD
4. a. Date of Departure: ~~12/12/22~~ 11/28/22 Date of Return: ~~12/14/22~~ 11/30/22
 b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
 If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? Yes No **If yes:**
 (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
 (2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
 (3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age: Yes No
6. a. 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)? Yes No
 b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: Yes No

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.**

The training is intended for entry level staff who were hired for an oversight position on a committee.

As a Professional Staff Member who was hired in September, I will benefit from learning the basics of the oversight process and investigative research at the Congressional Researcher Bootcamp.

9. **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?** Yes No

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 _____

Janus Comer

Date 10/28/2022



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:
American Accountability Foundation
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.
5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: November 28, 2022 Date of return: November 30, 2022
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.
b. Destination(s): Cambridge, MD
c. City of return: Washington, D.C.
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:

See attached.

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):

The per day cost of meals will be approximately \$60.

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:

Location is owned by trip sponsor (CPI), economical, and conducive to education and training

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Decoursey Bridge Rd City: Cambridge, MD Cost Per Night: \$99

Reason(s) for Selecting: Location is owned by trip sponsor CPI, economical, and conducive to education and training.

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	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$110	\$198	\$120
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	\$0	\$0
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A

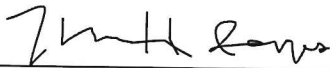
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19. Check only one:

- 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:  Date: _____

Name: Tom Jones Title: President

Organization: American Accountability Foundation

Address: 300 Independence Ave, SE, Washington, DC 20003

Email: tom@americanaccountabilityfoundation.com Telephone: (202) 215-5258

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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Washington, D.C. 20515

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



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ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

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. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: American Accountability Foundation

2. Name of your organization: Conservative Partnership Institute

3. Yes No Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?

4. Yes No Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?

5. **Check one.** I certify that my organization:

a. Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**

b. Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
Destination: Cambridge, MD on Date: November 28-30, 2022
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**

c. Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).

6. **Check only one:**

a. My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**

b. My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.

7. 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;
- c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
- d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Ed Corrigan Date: 10/25/2022

Name: Ed Corrigan Title: President

Organization: Conservative Partnership Institute

Address: 300 Independence Ave, SE, Washington, DC 20003

Email: info@cpi.org Telephone: 2025950282



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INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Additional Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the forms directly to the Primary Trip Sponsor.

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.

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This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

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1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: American Accountability Foundation
2. Name of your organization: The Heritage Foundation
3. Yes No Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes No Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. **Check one.** I certify that my organization:
 - a. Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
 - b. Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
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 that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
 - c. Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. **Check only one:**
 - a. My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
 - b. My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
7. 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;
 - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
 - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 10/26/2022

Name: Christopher Byrnes Title: General Counsel

Organization: The Heritage Foundation

Address: 214 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002

Email: christopher.byrnes@heritage.org Telephone: (202) 608-6037



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Washington, DC 20515

November 17, 2022

Ms. Lauren Hassett
Committee on Oversight & Government Reform
2105 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

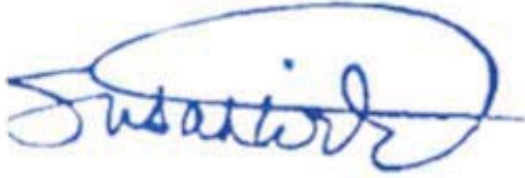
Dear Ms. Hassett:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Cambridge, Maryland, scheduled for November 28 to 30, 2022, sponsored by American Accountability Foundation, Conservative Partnership Institute, Inc., and Heritage 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Susan Wild". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent loop at the top.

Susan Wild
Acting Chairwoman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Guest". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent loop at the top.

Michael Guest
Acting Ranking Member

SW/MG:mc

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH BOOTCAMPS

*Presented by the American Accountability Foundation, The Heritage Foundation,
and the Conservative Partnership Institute*

November 21 -23 / November 28 – 30 / December 12 - 14

DAY ONE

- 9:00 – 11:00 am Travel from 300 Independence Ave, SE to Cambridge, MD
11:00 – 12:00 pm Arrival at CPI Property and Check-in
- 12:00 – 1:30 pm Lunch and **SESSION 1 – Oversight Process and Organization**
*Committee structure, staff assignments, hierarchy, parliamentary authority,
various committee organizations structure and approach.*
Speakers: Staff Director / General Counsel (House or Senate Committee)
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm **SESSION 2 – Life as a Junior Researcher / Oversight Staffer**
*Day in the life of a junior researcher / investigator on a committee, what's
expected of you, what your workload will look like, and who you'll be working
with and for.*
Speakers: Staff Director / General Counsel (House or Senate Committee)
- 2:30 – 3:00 pm Break
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm **SESSION 3 – Structure of Congressional Investigations**
*A walkthrough of the structure and anatomy of a congressional investigation
from the conception and presentation of an investigation topic through to the
investigation's completion.*
Speakers: Former Committee Staff Director
- 4:00 – 5:30 pm **SESSION 4 – Working with Outside Sources and Organizations**
*Using and working with outside sources of information and coordinating with
outside groups to increase the effectiveness of Congressional investigations*
Speakers: Outside Group Leader
- 5:30 – 7:00 pm **Dinner and Keynote Address**
*What it is like to be on the receiving end of Congressional Oversight, and how
to be effective from someone who has been the subject of Hill attention?*
Keynote Speaker: Secretary / DepSec / Assistant Sec (Trump Admin)

DAY TWO

9:00 – 10:00 am

Breakfast

10:00 – 11:30 pm

SESSION 5 – Staffing the Boss

Ensuring that the Member gets what he needs. Preparing read aheads, briefing the Chairman, staffing them during a hearing / mark-up, and supporting member staff offices.

Speakers: Staff Director / Deputy Staff Director (Senate or House Committee)

11:30 – 12:30 pm

SESSION 6 – The Written Product

Focused overview of what is expected from written products produced for committee work including, various briefing memoranda, committee reports, preservation and demand letters, effective questions for the record, draft questions for members, hearing binders, and other written products essential to the committee process.

Speakers: Committee General Counsel (Former Senate / House Committee Staffer)

12:30 – 2:30 pm

Lunch and SESSION 7 – The Law and Oversight

Discussion of the constitutional authority for Congressional oversight, relevant case law, and common legal issues encountered while conducting oversight.

Speakers: Former or Current General Counsel

2:30 – 3:00 pm

Break

3:00 – 4:30 pm

SESSION 8 – Working with Outside Investigators

Understanding how to liaise with and utilize the expertise and records produced by outside investigators such as Inspectors General, Government Accountability Office investigators, and State Attorneys General.

Speakers: Former Inspector General

4:30 – 6:30 pm

SESSION 9 – Deposing / Interview a Witness

Best practices for deposing or interviewing a witness. Mock interviews with reluctant / recalcitrant witnesses.

Speakers: Former Senior Law Enforcement

6:30 – 7:00 pm

Break

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Lessons Learned from Previous Investigation

How oversight is game changing, experiences and insights from previous practitioners who held the administration accountable.

Guest Speaker: Former Member / Hill Staff Director who Led Significant Investigation

DAY THREE

8:30 am

Breakfast & Checkout

9:30 – 11:30 am

Travel from Cambridge, MD to 300 Independence Ave., SE

Question 4.

The following staff were selected because their offices indicated that research and oversight was going to be part of their professional responsibilities in the coming Congress. The offices believed that the training would allow them to more effectively serve their Members.

Brayden Woods
Legislative Aide | Rep. Beth Van Duyne (TX-24)

Madeline McCaslin
Research Assistant at U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Sean McAndrews
Legislative Assistant
Rep. Chip Roy (TX-21)

Heidi Thom
Legislative Correspondent at the Office of Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-5)

Matt Thompson
Staff Assistant
Congressman Ken Buck

Peter Holland
Senior Legislative Assistant
Congressman Bob Good (VA-05)

Hannah Funk Arvey
Legislative Assistant - Rep. Chip Roy

Catherine Francois
Legislative Assistant, Rep. Cloud

Teresa Schuster
Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX) , Press Assistant

Chase Starr
Legislative Correspondent
Office of Congressman Andrew Clyde (GA-09)

Annie Butler
Press Asst/Legislative Correspondent
Rep. Ralph Norman

Lauren Hassett
Professional Staff Member
Committee on Oversight & Reform
Ranking Member James Comer (R-KY)

Question 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 American Accountability Foundation is a non-profit organization that produces original research relating to policymakers and policies to better inform leaders and the American people. AAF conducts extensive public records research, original investigations, and policy research for publication on its websites and through broadcast and print publications. The retreat offers an opportunity to share its expertise and experience with congressional oversight staff.

The Heritage Foundation's mission is to formulate and promote public policies based on the principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong national defense. The Heritage Foundation recognizes that effective oversight of the Executive Branch is a necessary tool to inform public policy based on these principles.

The Conservative Partnership Institute's mission includes creating an infrastructure to work with conservative Members of Congress, congressional staff, and conservative leaders to enhance their ability to articulate and advance conservative principles in the national's capital. The retreat offers an opportunity to train congressional staff to promote these conservative principles.

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Sean McAndrews
Legislative Assistant
Rep. Chip Roy (TX-21)

Heidi Thom
Legislative Correspondent at the Office of Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-5)

Matt Thompson
Staff Assistant
Congressman Ken Buck

Hannah Funk Arvey
Legislative Assistant - Rep. Chip Roy

Catherine Francois
Legislative Assistant, Rep. Cloud

Teresa Schuster
Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX) , Press Assistant

Chase Starr
Legislative Correspondent
Office of Congressman Andrew Clyde (GA-09)

Lauren Hassett
Professional Staff Member
Committee on Oversight & Reform
Ranking Member James Comer (R-KY)

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH BOOTCAMPS

*Presented by the American Accountability Foundation, The Heritage Foundation,
and the Conservative Partnership Institute*

November 21 -23 / November 28 – 30 / December 12 - 14

DAY ONE

- 9:00 – 11:00 am Travel from 300 Independence Ave, SE to Cambridge, MD
11:00 – 12:00 pm Arrival at CPI Property and Check-in
- 12:00 – 1:30 pm Lunch and **SESSION 1 – Oversight Process and Organization**
*Committee structure, staff assignments, hierarchy, parliamentary authority,
various committee organizations structure and approach.*
Speakers: Staff Director / General Counsel (House or Senate Committee)
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm **SESSION 2 – Life as a Junior Researcher / Oversight Staffer**
*Day in the life of a junior researcher / investigator on a committee, what's
expected of you, what your workload will look like, and who you'll be working
with and for.*
Speakers: Staff Director / General Counsel (House or Senate Committee)
- 2:30 – 3:00 pm Break
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm **SESSION 3 – Structure of Congressional Investigations**
*A walkthrough of the structure and anatomy of a congressional investigation
from the conception and presentation of an investigation topic through to the
investigation's completion.*
Speakers: Former Committee Staff Director
- 4:00 – 5:30 pm **SESSION 4 – Working with Outside Sources and Organizations**
*Using and working with outside sources of information and coordinating with
outside groups to increase the effectiveness of Congressional investigations*
Speakers: Outside Group Leader
- 5:30 – 7:00 pm **Dinner and Keynote Address**
*What it is like to be on the receiving end of Congressional Oversight, and how
to be effective from someone who has been the subject of Hill attention?*
Keynote Speaker: Secretary / DepSec / Assistant Sec (Trump Admin)

DAY TWO

9:00 – 10:00 am

Breakfast

10:00 – 11:30 pm

SESSION 5 – Staffing the Boss

Ensuring that the Member gets what he needs. Preparing read aheads, briefing the Chairman, staffing them during a hearing / mark-up, and supporting member staff offices.

Speakers: Staff Director / Deputy Staff Director (Senate or House Committee)

11:30 – 12:30 pm

SESSION 6 – The Written Product

Focused overview of what is expected from written products produced for committee work including, various briefing memoranda, committee reports, preservation and demand letters, effective questions for the record, draft questions for members, hearing binders, and other written products essential to the committee process.

Speakers: Committee General Counsel (Former Senate / House Committee Staffer)

12:30 – 2:30 pm

Lunch and SESSION 7 – The Law and Oversight

Discussion of the constitutional authority for Congressional oversight, relevant case law, and common legal issues encountered while conducting oversight.

Speakers: Former or Current General Counsel

2:30 – 3:00 pm

Break

3:00 – 4:30 pm

SESSION 8 – Working with Outside Investigators

Understanding how to liaise with and utilize the expertise and records produced by outside investigators such as Inspectors General, Government Accountability Office investigators, and State Attorneys General.

Speakers: Former Inspector General

4:30 – 6:30 pm

SESSION 9 – Deposing / Interview a Witness

Best practices for deposing or interviewing a witness. Mock interviews with reluctant / recalcitrant witnesses.

Speakers: Former Senior Law Enforcement

6:30 – 7:00 pm

Break

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Lessons Learned from Previous Investigation

How oversight is game changing, experiences and insights from previous practitioners who held the administration accountable.

Guest Speaker: Former Member / Hill Staff Director who Led Significant Investigation

DAY THREE

8:30 am

Breakfast & Checkout

9:30 – 11:30 am

Travel from Cambridge, MD to 300 Independence Ave., SE