



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: Alan McQuinn
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: OR None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify)
3. a. Dates: Departure: Thursday, March 16, 2023 Return: Sunday, March 19, 2023
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: Sunday, March 19, 2023 OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Austin, Texas Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: The Thirdway Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Meetings related to electronics recycling at Apple, Climate Caucus meeting at the Texas State Capital, methane emissions measuring at the University of Texas, and assorted green energy and waste management topics with the City of Austin government.
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: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 03/28/2023

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: Zoe Lofgren Date: March 28, 2023

Signature of Supervising Member: [Handwritten Signature]



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

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Travel Destination(s): \_\_\_\_\_

3. Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Return: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*Note:* You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler				
Accompanying Family Member				

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

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.**

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



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## TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. **This form and any attachments may be delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth or e-mailed to [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto: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: Alan McQuinn

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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: Alan McQuinn

Digitally signed by Alan McQuinn  
Date: 2023.02.13 10:44:44 -05'00'

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

Office Address: 394 Ford

Telephone Number: 5-6375

Email Address of Contact Person: rfauble@ppionline.org

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](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).



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## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Alan McQuinn
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:  
The Third Way Foundation (Progressive Policy Institute is a project of the Third Way Foundation)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Austin, TX
4. a. Date of Departure: March 16, 2023 Date of Return: March 19, 2023  
b. Yes  No  Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: March 19, 2023
5. a. Yes  No  Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**  
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Yes  No  Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:
6. a. Yes  No  Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:
7. Yes  No  *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.  
  
*NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.*
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties.  
**Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**  
I am professional staff on the Research and Technology Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over many agencies with electronics recycling R&D programs. I would like to learn more on this part of the trip to help with my personal knowledge on the issue.
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.

Signature of Employing Member \_\_\_\_\_

Date 2/13/2023



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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](http://ethics.house.gov)) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:
2.  I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a.  The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: **OR**
  - b.  The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: **OR**
  - c.  The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.  
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors:
4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):
5. Yes  No  Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of return: \_\_\_\_\_
7. a. City of departure: \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Destination(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
c. City of return: \_\_\_\_\_
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a.  The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: **OR**
  - b.  The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: **OR**
  - c.  The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. **Check only one of the following:**
  - a.  I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
  - b.  I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
  - c.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
  - d.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:



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10.  Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*
11. **Check only one of the following:**
- a.  I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box; OR*
- b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_ )
- b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_ )
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
14.  I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*
15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a.  The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b.  The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation.
- If "b" is checked:
- 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided):
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_
- Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_
- Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_
- Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
17.  I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*



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### 18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input 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			
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: \_\_\_\_\_ 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:**

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

[ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov](mailto:ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov) | 202-225-7103  
More information and forms available at [ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)

**PPI Congressional Staff Delegation Trip to Austin, TX**  
Thursday, March 16, 2023 – Saturday, March 18, 2023

**TRAVEL DAY**

**Thursday, March 16**

- 5:25 PM**                      **Flight to Austin, TX**  
Southwest Flight #2336 DCA-AUS, arrives 8:15 PM local time  
(non-stop)
- 8:45 - 9:15 PM*              *Travel to hotel - Taxi/rideshare*
- 9:15 PM**                      **Check-in to hotel**  
Courtyard by Marriott, 300 E 4th St, Austin, TX 78701

**AUSTIN:**

**Friday, March 17**

- 7:30 - 8:15 AM**              **Breakfast in hotel, receive PPI briefing materials**
- 8:15 - 9:00 AM*              *Travel to Material Recovery Lab - Bus*
- 9:00 - 11:00 AM**            **Presentation and tour of Material Recovery Lab**  
*30.431646, -97.755947 (North Austin)*
- Staff will receive a presentation on e-waste and technology recycling innovation from industry representatives at the Material Recovery Lab in North Austin. Following the presentation, a guided tour will be provided which will include a “meeting” with Daisy, a state-of-the-art recycling robot that disassembles and recycles parts from discarded smartphones.
- 11:15 - 12:00 PM*            *Travel to Texas State Capitol – Bus*
- 12:00 – 1:45 PM**            **Luncheon with bipartisan legislature staff from Texas Caucus on Climate, Environment and Energy**  
1100 Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78701
- Congressional staff will have the opportunity to meet with their state legislature counterparts to discuss pending legislation and other initiatives concerning energy and environmental issues in Texas.



*1:45 - 2:00 PM Travel to University of Texas Austin – Taxi/rideshare*

**2:00 – 4:00 PM Energy briefings at University of Texas Austin**  
2304 Whitis Ave, Austin, Texas 78712

Congressional staff will receive multiple briefings from leading academics at UT Austin. Staff will visit the UT Austin Energy Emissions Modeling and Data Lab to discuss research on developing new transparent models and datasets for accurate greenhouse gas emissions across global supply chains. Staff will also visit the UT Austin Energy Institute for a briefing on global energy transition research and research on costs and impacts associated with investment in the United State’s aging energy infrastructure.

*4:00 - 4:15 PM Travel to Austin City Hall – Taxi/rideshare*

**4:15 - 5:15 PM Meeting with City of Austin officials to discuss Austin Climate Equity Plan**  
301 W 2nd St, Austin, TX 78701

Congressional staff will meet city officials who will provide an overview of the Austin Climate Equity Plan. The plan takes into account the disproportionate burden climate change places on low-income communities and communities of color, and outlines a goal of equitably reaching net-zero community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 2040, with a strong emphasis on cutting emissions by 2030.

*5:15 – 6:15 PM Programming break*

*6:15 – 6:30 PM Travel to dinner – Taxi/rideshare*

**6:30 – 8:30 PM Dinner discussion on public opinion polling with Texas Politics Project**  
*Irene’s*  
506 West Ave, Austin, TX 78701

Congressional staff will meet with representatives from the Texas Politics Project over dinner to discuss their recent non-partisan, statewide polling on energy, climate, and storm response issues conducted in conjunction with the Texas Tribune.



1156 15th Street NW, Ste 400  
Washington, DC 20005  
Tel: 202-525-3926  
Fax: 202-525-3941  
[info@ppionline.org](mailto:info@ppionline.org)

## TRAVEL DAY

**Saturday, March 18, 2023**

*10:00 - 10:45 AM      Travel to airport - Taxi/rideshare*

**12:30 PM**                      **Flight to Washington, DC**  
Southwest Flight #286 AUS-DCA, arrives at 6:10 PM local time (1 stop)

U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ethics Attachments  
PPI Austin, TX Staff Delegation Trip March 16 - 18, 2023

**Question #4 House Invitees:**

Julia Poirier  
Policy Advisor, Science and Technology  
Rep. Haley Stevens  
[julia.poirier@mail.house.gov](mailto:julia.poirier@mail.house.gov)

Alan McQuinn  
Professional Staff Member  
House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology  
[alan.mcquinn@mail.house.gov](mailto:alan.mcquinn@mail.house.gov)

Leighton Huch  
Policy Director  
New Democrat Coalition  
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Tom Erb  
Climate Policy Director  
Rep. Scott Peters  
[tom.erb@mail.house.gov](mailto:tom.erb@mail.house.gov)

Koray Rosati  
Legislative Aide  
Rep. Jake Auchincloss  
[koray.rosati@mail.house.gov](mailto:koray.rosati@mail.house.gov)

The House of Representatives staff members listed above have been invited because of their subject matter expertise on the topics of environmental protection, renewable energy, emissions regulations, e-waste and electronics recycling, science and technology, and other issues that will be covered in the program of this staff delegation trip.

Michael Guest, Mississippi  
*Chairman*  
Susan Wild, Pennsylvania  
*Ranking Member*

Dave Joyce, Ohio  
John H. Rutherford, Florida  
Andrew R. Garbarino, New York  
Michelle Fischbach, Minnesota

Veronica Escobar, Texas  
Mark DeSaulnier, California  
Deborah K. Ross, North Carolina  
Glenn F. Ivey, Maryland



ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

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Thomas A. Rust  
*Staff Director and Chief Counsel*

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*Counsel to the Ranking Member*

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Washington, D.C. 20515-6328  
Telephone: (202) 225-7103  
Facsimile: (202) 225-7392

February 27, 2023

Mr. John McQuinn  
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology  
394 Ford House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. McQuinn:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Austin, Texas, scheduled for March 16 to 19, 2023, sponsored by the Third Way Foundation. We note that this trip includes one day at your personal expense.

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 the reporting threshold from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. That reporting threshold is currently \$415 but is set to adjust in 2023. 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,

Handwritten signature of Michael Guest in blue ink.

Michael Guest  
Chairman

Handwritten signature of Susan Wild in blue ink.

Susan Wild  
Ranking Member

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