



U.S. House of Representatives COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM [X] 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 giftravelreports@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: Charmaine Yoest
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: OR None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify)
3. a. Dates: Departure: 3/20/23 Return: 3/23/23
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: OR None
4. Departure City: Washington DC Destination: Charleston, SC Return City: Washington DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Family Policy Alliance Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: This was a conference on domestic policy issues pertinent to the work of the House Values Action Team.
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.

Charmaine Yoest 4/5/23

Signature of Traveler: Date:

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: Robert Aderholt Date: 4/5/23

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: Family Policy Alliance Foundation
2. Travel Destination(s): Charleston, SC
3. Date of Departure: 3/20/23 Date of Return: 3/23/23
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): See attached.

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

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

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	442.79	421.98	\$490.00	\$399.00- Registration
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: 4-3-23

Name: Autumn Stroup Title: Senior Vice President, Strategy

Organization: Family Policy Alliance Foundation

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

Address: 8675 Explorer Drive, Ste 112, Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Email: autumn.stroup@familypolicyalliance.com Telephone: 719-308-2784

*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.



## 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:  
**Family Policy Alliance 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: 3/20/23 Date of return: 3/23/23
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC  
b. Destination(s): Charleston, SC  
c. City of return: Washington, DC
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a.  The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: **OR**
  - b.  The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: **OR**
  - c.  The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. **Check only one of the following:**
  - a.  I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
  - b.  I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
  - c.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
  - d.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:



10.  Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*
11. **Check only one of the following:**
- a.  I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box; OR*
- b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
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:  
N/A
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: Embassy Suites City: Charleston, SC Cost Per Night: 119  
Reason(s) for Selecting: Conference Center and proximity to airport
- 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:

<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	\$450.00	\$357	\$490
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		\$399.00 - Registration
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: Autumn Stroup Date: 2-15-23

Name: Autumn Stroup Title: 2/10/23

Organization: Family Policy Alliance Foundation

Address: 8675 Explorer Drive, Ste 112, Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Email: autumn.stroup@XX.com Telephone: (719) 308-2784

### 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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## 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: Charmaine Yoest

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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: Charmaine Yoest Digitally signed by Charmaine Yoest  
Date: 2023.02.16 10:38:45 -05'00'

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

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Congressman Robert Aderholt

Office Address: Cannon 266

Telephone Number: 2028194884

Email Address of Contact Person: charmaine.yoest@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](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).



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1. Name of Traveler: Charmaine Yoest
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:  
Family Policy Alliance Foundation
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel : Charleston, SC
4. a. Date of Departure: 3-20-23 Date of Return: 3-23-23  
b. Yes  No  Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Yes  No  Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**  
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Yes  No  Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:
6. a. Yes  No  Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:
7. Yes  No  *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

*NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.*

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties.  
**Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**  
I am the Executive Director of the House VAT, which is a Congressional caucus focused on domestic policy issues. This conference is directly related to those issues.
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 *Charles B. Adame* Date 02/16/2023

Michael Guest, Mississippi  
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*Ranking Member*

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March 3, 2023

Ms. Charmaine Yoest  
Office of the Honorable Robert B. Aderholt  
266 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Yoest:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Charleston, South Carolina, scheduled for March 20 to 23, 2023, sponsored by Family Policy Alliance 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 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Guest". The first letter "M" is large and loops around the first few letters of the name.

Michael Guest  
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Wild". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "S" being particularly large and stylized.

Susan Wild  
Ranking Member

MG/SW:mc

## Agenda

### SoConCon

#### MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023

- **12:00pm** **Depart Washington, DC**
- **2:00-5:00PM** **Check in & Registration**  
Embassy Suites, 5055 International Blvd, Charleston, SC 29418
- **5:00-6:00PM** **Opening Reception**
- **6:15-7:45PM** **Opening Banquet/Dinner**  
*Topic: Pro-Life Policy Landscape*
- **8:00-9:00PM** **Dessert Reception**

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023

- **8:00-9:45AM** **Breakfast Plenary**
  - Prayer and breakfast
  - Plenary session
- **9:45-10:00AM** **Break/transition**
- **10:00-11:00AM** **Breakouts**
  - Breakout 1: Solving problems in foster care & adoption
  - Breakout 2: Loving political opponents
  - Breakout 3: State ballot initiative strategy
- **11:00-11:15AM** **Break/transition**
- **11:15-12:15PM** **Breakouts**
  - Breakout 1: Family formation policy
  - Breakout 2: National climate on school choice
  - Breakout 3: Maternity leave policy
- **12:15-1:30PM** **Lunch Plenary**  
Topic: Administrative Procedures Act
- **1:30-1:45PM** **Break/transition**
- **1:45-2:45PM** **Breakouts**
  - Breakout 1: Justice reform
  - Breakout 2: Donor privacy
  - Breakout 3: The Church Ambassador Network
- **2:45-3:00PM** **Break/transition**
- **3:00-5:00PM** **Special Plenary Session: *Pro-Life Vision After Roe***
- **5:00-6:00PM** **Break**
- **6:00-7:30PM** **Charleston Harbor Dinner**  
**Note: This is not an optional activity. This is a dinner for all attendees on a boat in Charleston for all registrants.**
- **7:30-8:30PM** **Dessert Reception**

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023

- **8:00-9:45AM**      **Breakfast Plenary**
  - Worship, devotions & prayer
  - Religious Freedom plenary session
- **9:45-10:00AM**      **Break/transition**
- **10:00-11:00AM**      **Breakouts**
  - Breakout 1: State health standards
  - Breakout 2: Corporate engagement
  - Breakout 3: School curriculum standards
- **11:00-11:15AM**      **Break/transition**
- **11:15-12:15PM**      **Breakouts**
  - Breakout 1: Marijuana policy
  - Breakout 2: Refreshing religious freedom
  - Breakout 3: Toward a More Perfect Union: The Moral and Cultural Case for Teaching the Great American Story
- **12:15-1:30PM**      **Lunch Plenary**  
Topic: Education policy
- **1:30-1:45PM**      **Break/transition**
- **1:45-2:45PM**      **Breakouts**
  - Breakout 1: Engaging federal agencies
  - Breakout 2: Children & technology
  - Breakout 3: Ongoing support for mothers & their children
- **2:45-3:00PM**      **Break/transition**
- **3:00-4:00PM**      **Special Plenary: *State & Federal Abortion Policy***
- **4:00-4:15PM**      **Break/transition**
- **4:15-5:15PM**      **Breakouts**
  - Breakout 1: Contours of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment
  - Breakout 2: Red & blue state abortion policy
  - Breakout 3: Gender policy
- **5:15-6:30PM**      **Break**
- **6:30-8:30PM**      **Dinner/Closing Banquet**

### THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023

- **7:00AM**      **Breakfast on own at hotel**
- **8:00AM**      **Depart hotel for flight**
- **10:00AM**      **Depart CHS for Washington, DC**

House Travelers:

1. Jonah Wendt  
Legislative Assistant  
Congressman Chip Roy
2. Charmaine Yoest  
Legislative Director, House Values Action Team