

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: Charles Hite
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 8/9/23 Return: 8/10/23
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Cleveland, OH Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: ClearPath Inc.
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Toured the Cleveland Cliffs Facility, dinner with Mark Peters from Battelle
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:  Date: 8/16/23

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: Mike Garcia Date: 8/16/23

Signature of Supervising Member: 

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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 in the trip within 10 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 or provided in-kind support for the trip: ClearPath, Inc.

2. Travel Destination(s): Cleveland, Ohio

3. Date of Departure: 8/9/2023 Date of Return: 8/10/23

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): See attached list of travelers

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	\$587.00 (round trip flight/ ground transportation)	\$305.62	\$85.30	N/A
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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: 08/14/2023

Name: Rich Powell Title: CEO

Organization: ClearPath, Inc.

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

Address: 518 C St, NE Washington, DC 20002

Telephone: 202-670-1021 Email: powell@clearpath.org

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.

Name	Office
Emily Henn	Rep. Carol Miller
Chase Hite	Rep. Mike Garcia
Steve Hansen	Rep. Max Miller
Danny Hartl	Rep. Ken Calvert
Ray Phillips	Rep. Stephanie Bice
Sarah Alexander	Energy and Commerce Committee
Ivy English	Science, Space & Technology Committee
Connor Torossian	Rep. Marc Molinaro
*Did not attend due to late schedule conflict	



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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

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

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

ClearPath, Inc.

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 invitation list

5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of departure: August 9, 2023 Date of return: August 10, 2023

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Cleveland, OH

c. City of return: Washington, DC

8. **Check only one.** I represent that:

- a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: **OR**
- b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: **OR**
- c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following:**

- a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
- b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
- c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
- d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:



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

11. **Check only one of the following:**

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

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

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

ClearPath has developed The Clean Energy Innovation Academy (CEIA), which is an ongoing educational series with briefings focused on conservative clean energy technology and policy. The 2023 series will feature the opportunity for Congressional staff to visit the Cleveland-Cliffs steel production facility to learn about industrial decarbonization.

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):

Approximately \$105.00

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

See attached answer

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

Hotel Name: Metropolitan at the 9 City: Cleveland, OH Cost Per Night: \$305.62

Reason(s) for Selecting: Close proximity to Cleveland-Cliffs facility and Cleveland's 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.*



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$587.00	\$305.62	\$105.00
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	N/A	N/A
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: 6/9/2023

Name: Rich Powell Title: CEO

Organization: ClearPath Inc.

Address: 518 C St, NE Washington, DC 20002

Email: powell@clearpath.org Telephone: 202-670-1021

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

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

For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:

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

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

Answer to question 15: Provide the reason for selection the location of the event or trip:

Cleveland, OH is the home to Cleveland-Cliffs Cleveland Works steel production facility. Cleveland-Cliffs is a large industrial company that is committed to clean industrial production, including the production of clean, low-emission steel.

Name	Congressional Office	Reason for Inviting
Ali Fulling	Rep. Tim Walberg	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Andrew Furman	Rep. Greg Pence	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Chase Hite	Rep. Mike Garcia	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Christopher Bayles	Rep. Gary Palmer	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Clayton Smith	Rep. David Valadao	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Connor Torossian	Rep. Marc Molinaro	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Danny Hartl	Rep. Ken Calvert	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Daniel Dziadon	House Science, Space & Technology Committee	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Elizabeth Joseph	Rep. Michael Guest	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Emily Henn	Rep. Carol Miller	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Hillary O'Brien	House Science, Space & Technology Committee	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Ian Merritt	Rep. Chuck Fleischmann	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Ivy English	House Science, Space & Technology Committee	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Jackie Reif	Rep. Jake LaTurner	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Jake McCurdy	House Energy and Commerce Committee	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
JR Walker	Rep. Morgan Griffith	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Kalyn Swihart	Rep. Burgess Owens	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Kellie Hartl	Rep. David Valadao	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Ken Brooke	Rep. Mark Amodei	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Lydia Denis	Rep. Dave Joyce	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Matt Tucker	Rep. John Joyce	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Michael Lundquist	Rep. Mike Carey	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Mike Davin	Rep. Bob Latta	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Naomi Walker	Rep. Steve Womack	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Nate Zimpher	Rep. Troy Balderson	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Olivia Babine	Rep. Dan Newhouse	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Ray Phillips	Rep. Stephanie Bice	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Reilly Lamp	Rep. Mike Simpson	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Tyler Levins	Rep. Julia Lellow	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Ryan Sweeney	Rep. Brandon Williams	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Sam Hatstrup	Rep. Bill Johnson	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Sarah Alexander	House Energy and Commerce Committee	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Steve Hansen	Rep. Max Miller	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Tanner Brown	Rep. Jim Baird	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Tommy Reynolds	Rep. Buddy Carter	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Troy Hall	House Science, Space & Technology Committee	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Will Lane	Rep. Jeff Duncan	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy
Will Pietri	Rep. Tom Kean	Legislative Staff working on energy/ decarbonization policy



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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Charles (Chase) Hite
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
ClearPath Inc.
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Cleveland, OH
4. a. Date of Departure: 8/9/23 Date of Return: 8/10/23
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.**
As the Legislative Assistant handling energy policy for Rep. Garcia, this trip will improve my ability to advise the Congressman on modern decarbonization efforts in the steel industry.
9. Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member _____

Date 06/30/2023

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August 8, 2023

Mr. Charles Hite
Office of the Honorable Mike Garcia
144 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Hite:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Cleveland, Ohio, scheduled for August 9 to 10, 2023, sponsored by ClearPath, Inc. We remind you that, because the trip sponsor employs a federal lobbyist, you may participate in officially-connected activity on one calendar day only.

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 \$480 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,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

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