

# 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](mailto:gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov), within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

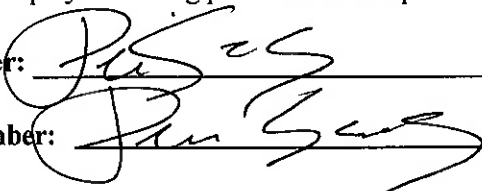
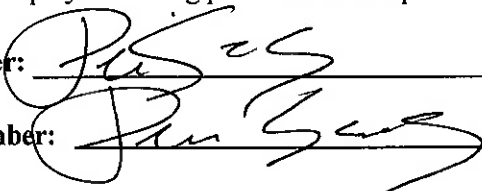
**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Name of Traveler: Cedric Patterson
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ OR  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): N/A
3. a. Dates: Departure: Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Return: Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 2023  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: N/A OR  None
4. Departure City: Dallas Fort Worth Destination: Vail Return City: Dallas Fort Worth
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: MRA
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: mt boss spoke regarding his work for the oversight and accountability committee
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: N/A

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

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 09/06/2023

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:  Date: 09/06/2023  
Signature of Supervising Member: 

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## 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 submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or [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: Cody Patterson

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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: 

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

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Congressman Pete Sessions

Office Address: 2204 Rayburn House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-6105

Email Address of Contact Person: Cody.Patterson@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 email: [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).


# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Cody Patterson
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Steam Boat Institute
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Beaver Creek, CO
4. a. Date of Departure: August 25 or 26, 2023 Date of Return: August 26 or 27, 2023  
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, invitation, 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.  
Health care oversight and Accountability Legislative Assistant. The Freedom Conference's discussion points are regarding health care or oversight committee work
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: 07/27/23

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## 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's website ([ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

**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. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

The Steamboat Institute, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-partisan educational organization based in Colorado

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, services, or in-kind assistance 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): \_\_\_\_\_

No other House Members or employees are confirmed to participate in this event.

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

6. Date of Departure: August 25 or 26, 2023 Date of Return: August 26 or 27, 2023

7. a. City of departure: Dallas/Fort Worth

b. Destination(s): Beaver Creek Resort (Avon, Colorado)

c. City of return: Dallas/Fort Worth

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 the statement is true by clicking the 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:

The Steamboat Institute is hosting its 15th Annual Freedom Conference at the Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Resort in Colorado. The event includes speakers and panels on energy, the economy, government oversight/accountability, free speech, individual liberty, and similar topics.

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 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: Park Hyatt Beaver Creek City: Beaver Creek, CO Cost Per Night: \$269

Reason(s) for Selecting: This is where the conference is being held.

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	\$850	\$600	\$250
For each Accompanying Family Member			

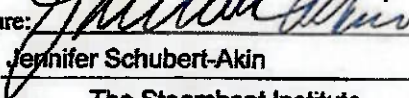
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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: July 27, 2023  
 Name: Jennifer Schubert-Akin Title: CEO  
 Organization: The Steamboat Institute  
 Address: P.O. Box 883037, Steamboat Springs, CO 80488  
 Email: jsa@steamboatinstitute.org Telephone: 970-846-6013

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**\*\*Please wear your name badge to all events (except when on stage), as this will help our volunteers, who have been instructed not to admit anyone without a name badge (for security reasons) \*\***

**\*\*\*All speakers are invited to join us for all conference events\*\*\***

**\*\*We also ask that you approach the Audio-Visual booth in the back of the ballroom 15 minutes prior to your speaking time to get mic'd up. \*\***

## EVENT AGENDA

### Thursday, August 24, 2023

Early registration opens 4:00PM - 7:00PM-Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Lobby Library

Sponsor/Speaker reception 5:30PM - 7:00PM-Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Crooked  
Hearth/Overlook Patio

### Friday, August 25, 2023

8:00 – 9:00am: Coffee and pastries available-Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Sawatch Hall Foyer

9:00am – Conference opening, featuring remarks by **JENNIFER SCHUBERT-AKIN**, Chairman, CEO and Co-founder of The Steamboat Institute, and our National Anthem performed by **MARY MILLBEN**, singer/actress/recording artist and recipient of the 2023 Lee Greenwood Patriot Award

9:15 – 10:00am: **KEVIN ROBERTS**, President of The Heritage Foundation, speaking on “Reaffirming American Exceptionalism with Conservative Principles”

10:15 – 11:00am: “Reversing the Descent into Nonsense: How We Can Restore Civilized Discourse and Bridge Divides,” featuring **GERARD BAKER** of The Wall Street Journal and Democratic strategist/talk radio host **LESLIE MARSHALL**, moderated by **KAYLEE MCGHEE WHITE** of the Washington Examiner

11:00 – 11:45am: “Stopping Big Government Bidenomics from Devouring America’s Economic Vibrancy” featuring **STEVE MOORE**, Distinguished Fellow in Economics with The Heritage Foundation, Senior Economic Advisor to President Trump, and author of “Govzilla: How the Relentless Growth of Government is Devouring Our Economy and Our

Freedom,” moderated by **MANDY CONNELL**, host of The Mandy Connell Show on KOA Radio Denver and iHeart Media

12:15 – 1:00pm: Luncheon Presentation: “The Universal Struggle for Freedom” featuring **SEBASTIEN LAI**, son of Jimmy Lai, Hong Kong democracy leader and publisher of Apple Daily, currently imprisoned in China for his advocacy for democracy and press freedom, moderated by **JILLIAN KAY MELCHIOR**, Member of the editorial board of The Wall Street Journal, 2015-17 Tony Blankley Fellow with Steamboat Institute

1:15 – 2:00pm: “Stopping Endless Bailouts: How We Can Prevent Financial Collapse and Solve the Homeless Crisis” featuring **MARK CALABRIA**, Senior Advisor to Cato Institute, Former Director of Federal Housing Finance Agency (which regulates Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac), author of “Shelter from the Storm: How a Covid Mortgage Meltdown was Averted”

2:15 – 3:00pm: “Restoring Sanity in Academia: Policy Fixes for American Higher Ed” featuring **TODD ZYWICKI**, Professor of Law, Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University; 2023 Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought and Policy at the Benson Center for the Study of Western Civilization at CU Boulder

3:00 – 3:45pm: “The Snowflakes’ Revolt: How Woke Millennials Hijacked American Media” featuring **AMBER ATHEY**, Washington Editor of The Spectator and Tony Blankley Senior Fellow with Steamboat Institute

3:45 – 4:15pm: Author book-signings

- **AMBER ATHEY**, “The Snowflakes’ Revolt: How Woke Millennials Hijacked American Media”
- **MARK CALABRIA**, “Shelter from the Storm: How a COVID Mortgage Meltdown was Averted”
- **STEVE MOORE**, “Govzilla: How the Relentless Growth of Government is Devouring Our Economy – And Our Freedom.”
- **ROBERT BRYCE**, “A Question of Power: Electricity and the Wealth of Nations”

6:00 – 7:00pm: VIP Reception, Photo Opp and Book Signing with **DANA PERINO**, White House Press Secretary for President George W. Bush and co-host of “America’s Newsroom” and “The Five” on Fox News Channel. During the reception, guests will enjoy live music performed by **PETER FONTANESE**, Country music singer and guitarist from the Vail Valley-Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Park Lawn

7:00 – 9:00pm: Keynote Dinner, “Love ‘em or Hate ‘em: The Political Realities – Right Now,” featuring **DANA PERINO** and emcee **MANDY CONNELL**, with special musical performance by **MARY MILLBEN**. Dinner will also feature presentation of the 2023-24 Tony Blankley Fellowships for Public Policy and American Exceptionalism- Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Sawatch Hall

**Saturday, August 26, 2023**



8:00 – 9:00am: Hot breakfast buffet available-Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Sawatch Hall Foyer

9:00 – 9:45am: “Update from the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Accountability, including investigation into Biden family’s financial dealings” featuring a featuring **CONGRESSMAN PETE SESSIONS** (representing 17<sup>th</sup>Congressional District of Texas), moderated by **SARAH BEDFORD**, reporter for the Washington Examiner who has done extensive investigative reporting on this issue, and Tony Blankley Senior Fellow with Steamboat Institute

10:00 – 10:45am: “Maintaining Fairness in Women’s Sports” featuring **RILEY GAINES**, 12-time NCAA Champion Swimmer and advisor with Independent Women’s Voice

10:45 – 11:30am: “How the National Decarbonization Movement is Affecting Reliability and Affordability of Electricity” featuring:

- **ROBERT BRYCE**, host of “Power Hungry” podcast, author of “A Question of Power: Electricity and the Wealth of Nations,” and documentary film producer
- **AURELIA S. GIACOMETTO**, Chair of Technology Committee for Ramaco Resources, a publicly traded metallurgical coal company; Director of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (2019-21)
- **ALICE JACKSON**, Senior Vice President, System Strategy, and Chief Planning Officer for Xcel Energy
- Moderated by **HADLEY HEATH MANNING**, Vice President for Policy with Independent Women’s Forum and Tony Blankley Senior Fellow with Steamboat Institute

11:30 – 12:00pm: “Spotlight on Our Next Generation of Leaders” featuring members of Steamboat Institute’s Emerging Leaders Council

12:30 – 12:45pm: Presentation of the COURAGE IN EDUCATION Award to **RANDY WAYNE**, Associate Professor at Cornell University, champion of free speech and civilized debate and discourse

12:45 – 1:45pm: KEYNOTE CLOSING LUNCHEON, featuring **THE HONORABLE KRISTI NOEM**, Governor of South Dakota; following Governor Noem’s remarks, she will be interviewed by **PHILIP WEGMANN**, White House Reporter for Real Clear Politics and Tony Blankley Senior Fellow with Steamboat Institute. Book signing with **THE HONORABLE KRISTI NOEM**, “Not My First Rodeo: Lessons from the Heartland,” following the program.

1:45 – 1:55pm: Closing remarks by **JENNIFER SCHUBERT-AKIN**, Chairman, CEO and Co-founder, The Steamboat Institute

1:55 – 2:00pm: Closing musical performance by **MARY MILLBEN**

2:00 – 2:30pm: Book signing with **THE HONORABLE KRISTI NOEM**, “Not My First Rodeo: Lessons from the Heartland,” following the program.

5:00 – 7:00pm: COYOTE GOLD MARGARITA PARTY and live music, featuring **TIM CAMPBELL**, singer/guitarist from the Vail Valley-Park Hyatt Beaver Creek McCoy's Peak Patio

### GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

**ALTITUDE:** The elevation at the Park Hyatt Beaver Creek is 8,100 feet above sea level. You are strongly encouraged to drink lots of water and take it easy if you are not accustomed to high altitude.

**AUDIO/VIDEOTAPING:** Audio- or videotaping of our speaker presentations is strictly prohibited. The Steamboat Institute will post videos of speaker presentations on our YouTube channel, following the event.

**CELL PHONE USE:** Out of respect for our speakers and all our guests, please silence all cell phones during our speaker presentations.

**DRESS CODE:**

**Friday and Saturday daytime sessions:** Business casual or resort casual  
(Gentlemen: ties are not required...relax, you are in the mountains!)

**Friday keynote dinner:** Business, cocktail or dressy Western attire

**Coyote Gold Margarita Party and Concert:** Casual

**SECURITY:** Backpacks, large bags and signs are not permitted in any of the venues for the conference and dinner. All bags are subject to inspection. Thank you for your cooperation!

**\*\*To ensure the safety and security of all our guests, any individual causing a disruption of our event will be immediately removed from the premises by law enforcement or designated security personnel and will have his/her registration immediately revoked without refund.**

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Please share with your contacts:

[Steamboat Institute on Facebook](#)

[Twitter: @Steamboat Inst](#)

[Instagram: @thesteamboatinstitute](#)

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**WEATHER:** Expect high temperatures in the 70s and lows in the 40s with low humidity. A jacket or sweater is recommended for late evenings and early mornings.

**Questions?** Just check with any of our many volunteers at the Conference or email us at [events@steamboatinstitute.org](mailto:events@steamboatinstitute.org).

*Thank you for joining us!*