

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: Robert Edmonson
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 4/1/2024 Return: 4/4/2024
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Stanford, CA Return City: Stanford, CA
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Hoover Institution, Stanford University
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: See attached agenda
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: 4/11/2024

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: Rep. Robert Garcia (CA-42) Date: 4/11/2024

Signature of Supervising Member: 

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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: _____

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: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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.

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.

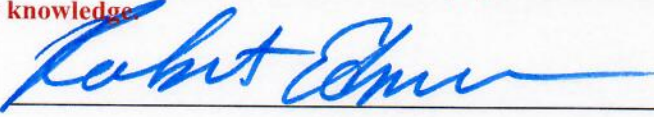
This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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: Robert Edmonson

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

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): Rep. Robert Garcia

Office Address: 1305 Longworth House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202.225.7924

Email Address of Contact Person: robert.edmonson@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.

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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's website (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: _____

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): _____

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 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:

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: _____ 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.*

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		

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: _____

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

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March 25, 2024

Mr. Robert Edmonson
Office of the Honorable Robert Garcia
1305 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Edmonson:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Stanford, California, scheduled for April 1 to 4, 2024, sponsored by Stanford University.

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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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS
PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM ADDENDUM
HOOVER INSTITUTION, STANFORD UNIVERSITY APRIL 2024 CONGRESSIONAL
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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12. The Hoover Institution is a department within Stanford University and is headquartered on Stanford University's campus where sessions will take place. Sessions are organized by Hoover Institution staff who are also Stanford employees. As a part of Stanford University, which is an institution of higher education committed to extending the frontiers of knowledge and solving real-world problems, the Hoover Institution is a research institution that, through its scholars and library and archives, promotes economic opportunity and prosperity. By convening the program on Stanford's campus, we will be able to include many of our Senior Fellows for substantive policy discussion with staff.

13. Attendees will receive Uber vouchers to cover ground transportation between SFO airport and the hotel while in California. A chartered group shuttle will be provided for transportation between the Graduate Palo Alto Hotel and Stanford's campus. All airfare will be coach class.

15. (b) 1. Meals have been arranged to comply with the full \$74 per diem rate for Santa Clara County.

(b) 2. The location of the Hoover Institution's headquarters on Stanford Campus will allow more California-based scholars to participate.

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MONDAY, APRIL 1

Outbound flights | All times listed in local time

<p>7:00 AM Depart IAD via Alaska flight 458</p> <p>10:09 AM Arrive at SFO</p>	<p>Deepa Patel</p>
<p>2:17 PM Depart IAD via United flight 2228</p> <p>5:21 PM Arrive at SFO</p>	<p>Levon Bagramian</p>
<p>5:10 PM Depart DCA via Alaska flight 7</p> <p>8:27 PM Arrive at SFO</p>	<p>Ian O'Keefe</p>
<p>6:05 PM Depart DCA via United flight 395</p> <p>9:19 PM Arrive at SFO</p>	<p>John Bleed Julia Block Clara Cargile Ben Chao Robert Edmonson Jeremy Gaertner Brad Kane Ann Kowalewski Luke Nickless Nels Nordquist Casey O'Shea Krystina Skurk Jamie Thompson Colin Yokanovich</p>
<p>6:40 PM Depart PHL via United flight 2366</p> <p>9:54 PM Arrive at SFO</p>	<p>Megan Guiltinan</p>

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All meetings will be held at The Hoover Institution Stauffer Auditorium - 434 Galvez Mall, Stanford University
Programming times are listed in Pacific Time

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

- 7:45 AM** **Group shuttle travels from Graduate Hotel to Hoover Institution at Stanford Campus**
- 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM** **Breakfast**
Hatfield Courtyard
- 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM** **The World According to China**
Elizabeth Economy, Senior Fellow, will discuss Chinese foreign policy and its implications for the United States.
- 9:45 AM – 11:15 AM** **War Games Simulation**
Jacquelyn Schneider, Hoover Fellow, will conduct a wargaming exercise to demonstrate its role in international relations, how social sciences can guide its design and analysis, and future applications for policy problems.
- 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM** **Stanford Emerging Technology Review**
Herb Lin, Hank J. Holland Fellow in Cyber Policy and Security, will share research from the Stanford Emerging Technology Review initiative which provides policy implications of frontier technologies that are shaping societies and economies — including space, semiconductors, sustainable technology, cryptography, artificial intelligence (AI), and others.
- 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM** **Lunch**
Hatfield Courtyard
- 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM** **Revitalizing American Institutions**
Brandice Canes-Wrone, Maurice R. Greenberg Senior Fellow, will share policy recommendations and considerations for the Legislative Branch to increase the effectiveness of American institutions and democratic practices including digital literacy and elections administration.

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM **NATO's Response to the Russian Invasion of Ukraine**
Rose Gottemoeller, Research Fellow, will discuss nuclear security, Russian relations, the NATO alliance, EU cooperation, and nonproliferation.

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM **America's Global Strategy**
Philip Zelikow, Senior Fellow, will discuss how the United States will contend with urgent transnational challenges.

5:40 PM **Group shuttle travels from Hoover Institution at Stanford Campus to restaurant**

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM **Dinner**
Café Pro Bono | 2437 Birch St, Palo Alto, CA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

7:45 AM **Group shuttle travels from Graduate Hotel to Hoover Institution at Stanford Campus**

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM **Breakfast**
Hatfield Courtyard

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM **Strategy, Policy, and Peace in the Israel-Gaza War**
Russell Berman, Senior Fellow, will discuss the war between Israel and Hamas and the role of the international community and the United States.

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM **The State of American Education**
Margaret (Macke) Raymond, Distinguished Research Fellow, and Eric Hanushek, Paul and Jean Hanna Senior Fellow in Education, will discuss their research on K-12 issues, including policy challenges as a result of the global pandemic.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Inflation and Spending**
John Cochrane, Rose-Marie and Jack Anderson Senior

Fellow, will discuss inflation, taxes, and spending.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Lunch

Hatfield Courtyard

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Library & Archives Presentation

Jean McElwee Cannon, Exhibitions Manager, will show Hoover Library and Archives primary sources including Joan Quigley's notes for President Reagan, WWII diaries, and Records from William F. Buckley Jr.'s Firing Line.

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM

Rethinking Defense Budgeting

Michael Boskin, Wohlford Family Senior Fellow, will discuss how defense budgets can be improved at a time of growing budget deficits, debt, and elevated national security concerns in a more dangerous world.

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM

China's Global Sharp Power

Larry Diamond, William L. Clayton Senior Fellow, and Glenn Tiffert, Distinguished Research Fellow, will discuss their data-driven analysis and actionable solutions that equip decisionmakers to strike more resilient, balanced, and vigilant relationships with the People's Republic of China

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Leadership

General Jim Mattis, Davies Family Distinguished Fellow, will discuss the role of leadership and the strategic dilemmas that our nation faces.

6:15 – 7:45 PM

Dinner

Hatfield Courtyard

HOOVER INSTITUTION CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM | APRIL 2024

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Return flights | All times listed in local time

<p>8:00 AM Depart SFO via Alaska flight 8</p> <p>4:10 PM Arrive at DCA</p>	<p>Ian O'Keefe</p>
<p>8:35 AM Depart SFO via United flight 1954</p> <p>5:00 PM Arrive at DCA</p>	<p>John Bleed Julia Block Clara Cargile Ben Chao Robert Edmonson Jeremy Gaertner Megan Gultinan Ann Kowalewski Luke Nickless Nels Nordquist Casey O'Shea</p>
<p>1:00 PM Depart SFO via United flight 1738</p> <p>9:02 PM Arrive at IAD</p>	<p>Levon Bagramian</p>
<p>9:55 PM Depart SFO via Alaska flight 455</p> <p>5:50 AM Arrive at IAD</p>	<p>Deepa Patel</p>

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Return flights | All times listed in local time

<p>6:00 AM Depart SFO via United flight 561</p> <p>12:21 PM Arrive at ORD</p> <p>2:00 PM Depart ORD via United Flight 2640</p> <p>4:55 PM</p>	<p>Krystina Skurk</p>
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Arrive at DCA	
8:34 AM Depart SFO via United flight 1954	Jamie Thompson
4:59 PM Arrive at DCA	
10:45 AM Depart SFO via United flight 487	Colin Yokanovich
7:08 PM Arrive at IAD	