

# 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: August Desch
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 5/29/2024 Return: 5/31/2024  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Cambridge, MD Return City: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Conservative Partnership Institute
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Legislative staff education and development meetings.


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: 6/3/2024

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: Warren Davidson Date: 6/3/2024

Signature of Supervising Member: 

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# 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: Conservative Partnership Institute

2. Travel Destination(s): Cambridge, MD

3. Date of Departure: May 29, 2024 Date of Return: May 31, 2024

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	\$100.00	\$198.00	\$128.00	0
Accompanying Family Member	0	0	0	0

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: June 3, 2024

Name: Ed Corrigan Title: President and CEO

Organization: Conservative Partnership Institute

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

Address: 300 Independence Ave SE Washington, D.C. 20003

Telephone: 202.937.2309 Email: sgast@compasslegal.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.

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: August Thomas Desch
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Conservative Partnership Institute
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Cambridge, Maryland
4. a. Date of Departure: 5/29/2024 Date of Return: 5/31/2024  
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.**  
I am legislative assistant at the House of Representatives and this retreat designed to enrich legislative staffers in performing their duties will aid me in the performance of my job.
9. **Yes  No  Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in 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: Wynn Davidson Date: 6/4/24

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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 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: August Thomas Desch

**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. Davidson

Office Address: 2113 Rayburn House Office building, Washington, D.C

Telephone Number: 2022256205

Email Address of Contact Person: [gus.desch@mail.house.gov](mailto:gus.desch@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

## 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:

Conservative Partnership Institute

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): \_\_\_\_\_  
See attached.

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

6. Date of Departure: May 29, 2024 Date of Return: May 31, 2024

7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.

b. Destination(s): Cambridge, MD

c. City of return: Washington, D.C.

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:  
 CPI is solely responsible for organizing and conducting this trip. CPI provides regular educational briefings and training sessions to congressional staff. These programs focus on operations, communication, and other tools needed to become better public servants.

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): \$64.00/day
    - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Location is owned by the trip sponsor, economical, and conducive to education and training.

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

Hotel Name: Camp Rydin City: Cambridge, MD Cost Per Night: \$99.00  
 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 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	\$100.00	\$198.00	\$128.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00
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: Ed Corrigan Date: April 18, 2024  
 Name: Ed Corrigan Title: President and CEO  
 Organization: Conservative Partnership Institute  
 Address: 300 Independence Ave SE Washington, D.C. 20003  
 Email: sgast@compasslegal.org Telephone: 202.937.2309

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

Michael Guest, Mississippi  
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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

May 28, 2024

Mr. August Desch  
Office of the Honorable Warren Davidson  
2113 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Desch:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Cambridge, Maryland, scheduled for May 29 to 31, 2024, sponsored by Conservative Partnership Institute, Inc.

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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## Private Trip Sponsor Form Addendum

### Question #4: (Name, title, description)

1. Raphael Schreiber - Legislative Assistant, Rep. Dan Bishop (*Invited as a legislative staff member for a Member interested in conservative principles and policy seeking to improve legislative skills*)
2. James Barbaccia - Legislative Assistant, Rep. Scott Perry (*Invited as a legislative staff member for a Member interested in conservative principles and policy seeking to improve legislative skills*)
3. Rune Moore - Legislative Assistant, Rep. Anna Paulina Luna (*Invited as a legislative staff member for a Member interested in conservative principles and policy seeking to improve legislative skills*)
4. Will Lane - Legislative Assistant, Rep. Jeff Duncan (*Invited as a legislative staff member for a Member interested in conservative principles and policy seeking to improve legislative skills*)
5. Macayle Fuchs - Legislative Assistant, Rep. Paul Gosar (*Invited as a legislative staff member for a Member interested in conservative principles and policy seeking to improve legislative skills*)
6. John Wynne - Legislative Assistant, Rep. Dan Bishop (*Invited as a legislative staff member for a Member interested in conservative principles and policy seeking to improve legislative skills*)
7. Micky Wooten - Legislative Assistant, Rep. Dan Bishop (*Invited as a legislative staff member for a Member interested in conservative principles and policy seeking to improve legislative skills*)
8. Clara Diaz - Legislative Assistant, Rep. Andy Ogles (*Invited as a legislative staff member for a Member interested in conservative principles and policy seeking to improve legislative skills*)
9. Lauren Graham - Legislative Director, Rep. Josh Brecheen (*Invited as a legislative staff member for a Member interested in conservative principles and policy seeking to improve legislative skills*)
10. Vincent Bellomo - Legislative Assistant, Rep. Jim Jordan (*Invited as a legislative staff member for a Member interested in conservative principles and policy seeking to improve legislative skills*)
11. Gus Desch - Legislative Assistant, Rep. Warren Davidson (*Invited as a legislative staff member for a Member interested in conservative principles and policy seeking to improve legislative skills*)
12. Scott Sipchen - Legislative Assistant, Rep. Andy Biggs (*Invited as a legislative staff member for a Member interested in conservative principles and policy seeking to improve legislative skills*)

13. Matt Arthur - Legislative Assistant, Rep. Andy Harris (*Invited as a legislative staff member for a Member interested in conservative principles and policy seeking to improve legislative skills*)

**Conservative Partnership Institute's (CPI) Legislative Assistant Symposium**  
**May 29-31st, 2024**

**Wednesday, May 29th:**

- 9:00 am**                    **Depart from Washington, D.C. 20003**
- 11:00 am**                    **Arrive at Cambridge, MD 21613**
- 11:00 - 12:00 pm**        **Check-in and Orientation**
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm**        **Lunch and Welcome Remarks**  
Former House Legislative Director will welcome the group and describe the retreat's goals.  
*Speaker: Sean McAndrews, Deputy Director, Conservative Partnership Academy*
- 1:00 – 2:30 pm**        **Session 1: An Overview on Oversight**  
President of the American Accountability Foundation and long-time investigative staffer will share strategies for how Congress should approach oversight and accountability.  
*Speaker: Tom Jones, Founder, American Accountability Foundation*
- 2:30 – 3:00 pm**        **Executive Time**
- 3:00 – 4:30 pm**        **Session 2: Border Security**  
A discussion of conservative immigration policy prescriptions which serve the national interest, protect American workers and their wages by reducing immigration levels, uphold the rule of law, secure the border, and stop illegal immigration.  
*Speaker: Rosemary Jenks, Founder, Immigration Accountability Project & Grant Newman, Chief of Staff, NumbersUSA*
- 4:30 – 6:00 pm**        **Session 3: Connecting with the Conservative Legal Movement**  
An overview of resources within the conservative legal movement and how those legal resources may be leveraged to advance conservative policies.  
*Speaker: Reed Rubenstein, America First Legal*
- 6:00 – 6:30 pm**        **Executive Time**
- 6:30 – 8:00 pm**        **Keynote Dinner with John Zadrozny: Oversight of the Executive Branch**  
A dinner discussion of oversight strategies that ensure accountability of executive branch agencies, including a discussion of potential areas for increased oversight.  
*Speaker: John Zadrozny, Deputy Director of Oversight and Investigations, America First Legal*

**Thursday, May 30th:**

- 8:30 – 9:30 am**      **Breakfast Buffet**
- 9:30 – 11:00 am**      **Session 4: Second Amendment Fundamentals**  
An overview of the Second Amendment, the key firearm laws currently in place, and how conservatives should be thinking through Second Amendment policy.  
*Speaker: Michael Williams, The Cylinder*
- 11:00 - 11:30 am**      **Executive Time**
- 11:30 – 12:30 pm**      **Lunch & Session 5: Pro-Family Policies**  
A review of pro-family policy efforts in the states and how to translate this momentum to the federal level. This discussion will look at three recent success stories in the states and lessons to be applied in Congress.  
*Speaker: Amanda Banks, Vice President of Education, Family Policy Alliance & Dylan Jeremiah, Director of Government Affairs, Family Policy Alliance*
- 12:30 – 3:00 pm**      **Executive Time**
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm**      **Session 6: Working with Outside Organizations & Building Coalitions**  
A discussion on working with conservative organizations to build coalitions in support of legislative efforts and to amplify Member policy priorities..  
*Speaker: Paul Teller, Executive Director, Advancing American Freedom*
- 4:00 – 4:30 pm**      **Executive Time**
- 4:30 – 5:30 pm**      **Session 7: Understanding Congress**  
Key terms, strategies, and tactics to understand how Congress works. Identifying certain terms will assist in the preparation for future actions.  
*Speaker: Ed Corrigan, CEO of Conservative Partnership Institute*
- 5:30 – 6:00 pm**      **Executive Time**
- 6:00 – 7:30 pm**      **Keynote Dinner with Jeff Clark: Reforming the DOJ**  
A conversation with a former Department of Justice official on oversight of and reforms to the DOJ.  
*Speaker: Jeff Clark, Senior Fellow and Director of Litigation, Center for Renewing America*

**Friday, May 31st:**

- 8:30 – 9:00 am**      **Breakfast & Check Out**
- 9:00 am**      **Travel from Cambridge, MD 21613**
- 11:00 am**      **Travel to Washington, D.C. 20003**