

# 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.**

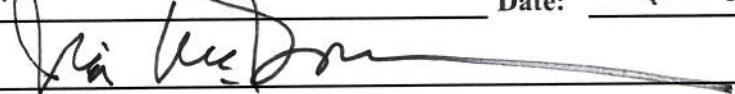
- Name of Traveler: Thomas D'Aprile
- a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Dates: Departure: May 29, 2024 Return: May 31, 2024  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
- Departure City: Washington Destination: Dallas, TX; Austin, TX Return City: Washington
- Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF)
- Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Companies on the leading edge of artificial intelligence implementation and industry leaders in automated automotive engineering, semiconductors, and recyclable materials.
- Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box:*
  - a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
  - the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
  - page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
  - the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
- 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: 6-5-24

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. Jim McGovern Date: 6-5-24

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: Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF)
2. Travel Destination(s): Dallas, TX and Austin, TX
3. Date of Departure: May 29, 2024 Date of Return: May 31, 2024
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Thomas D'Apile  
*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	\$724	\$334	\$119	\$0
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: 6/4/2024

Name: Jackie Whisman Title: Chief Development Officer

Organization: Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

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

Address: 700 K Street NW, Suite 600, Washington DC 20001

Telephone: (240) 687-1834 Email: jwhisman@itif.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

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: Thomas D'Aprile

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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): Rep. Jim McGovern (MA-02)

Office Address: 370 Cannon, 27 Independence Ave SE, Washington D.C. 20003

Telephone Number: 202-993-4744

Email Address of Contact Person: thomas.daprile@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).



## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Thomas D'Aprile
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Information Technology and Innovation Foundation
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Dallas, TX and Austin, TX
4. a. Date of Departure: 5/29 Date of Return: 5/31  
 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.

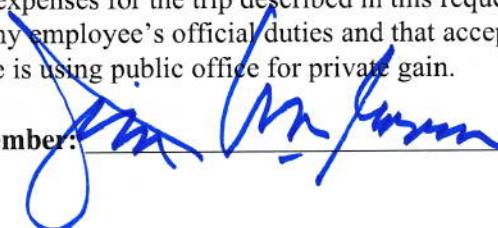
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**  
 As Legislative Correspondent/Staff Assistant, I advise Congressman McGovern on Science and Technology issues. I ~~also assist with the Congressional Robotics Caucus and Congressional Video Games and E-Sports Caucus (both of which Rep. McGovern co-chairs).~~ The trip will expose me to critical issues facing the tech and robotics sector, especially as we will learn about semiconductors, a critical part of many robots.

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: 

Date: 4/24/24

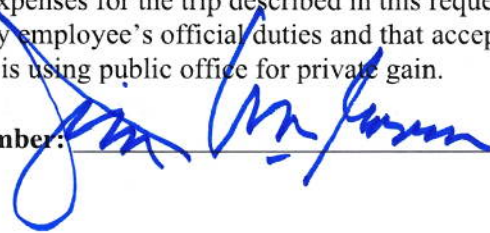
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\_\_\_\_\_
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Signature of Employing Member: 

Date: 4/24/24

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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 <b>Transportation</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Lodging</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Meal</b> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee			
For each Accompanying Family Member			


	<b>Other</b> 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](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).



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May 28, 2024

Mr. Thomas D'Aprile  
Office of the Honorable James P. McGovern  
370 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. D'Aprile:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Dallas and Austin, Texas, scheduled for May 29 to 31, 2024, sponsored by Information Technology and Innovation Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$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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### INVITEES

ITIF Education Series Staff Trip to Dallas and Austin, Texas  
 May 29 – 31, 2024

We invited staff on committees with jurisdiction over commerce, science and technology; and staff from the offices of Members who have demonstrated an interest in innovation issues.

First	Last	Title	Office
Ryan	Adam	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Thom Tillis
Erica	Andeweg	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Deb Fischer
Maggie	Angel	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Dick Durbin
Zach	Atran	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep Ted Lieu
Jacqueline	Baggett	Legislative Director	Office of Rep Brian Fitzpatrick
Nate	Beltran	Policy Advisor	Office of Rep Marc Veasey
Will	Binger	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Jeanne Shaheen
John	Bleed	Sr. Defense Policy Advisor	Office of Rep Blake Moore
Thomas	Boodry	Legislative Director	Office of Rep Mike Waltz
Dan	Butler	Legislative Director	Office of Rep Mike Gallagher
Heather	Campbell	Deputy Chief of Staff	Office of Rep Kay Granger
Jasmine	Caruthers	Legislative Counsel	Office of Rep Haley Stevens
Dan	Cheever	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Todd Young
Brian	Conlan	Deputy Legislative Director	Office of Senator Tammy Baldwin
Thomas	D'Aprile	Legislative Correspondent	Office of Rep Jim McGovern
Mike	DeFilippis	Legislative Director	Office of Rep Nicole Malliotakis
Edie	Doman	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep Dave Joyce
Jason	Edwards	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Patty Murray

Casey	Fitzpatrick	Deputy Chief of Staff	Office of Rep Kelly Armstrong
Ali	Fulling	Policy Advisor	Office of Rep Tim Walberg
Austin	Gage	Legislative Director	Office of Rep Hal Rogers
Megan	Gallagher	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep Patrick McHenry
Kathleen	Gayle	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Mike Rounds
Christian	Gentile	National Security Advisor	Office of Rep Barry Moore
Emily	Goldman	Legislative Counsel	Office of Rep Hank Johnson
Aaron	Gottesman	Counsel	Office of Senator Joni Ernst
Chris	Grimes	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep Mark Pocan
Alexander	Gristina	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep Frank Pallone
Jonathan	Hale	Senior Counsel	Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
Devon	Harris	National Security Advisor	Office of Rep Raja Krishnamoorthi
Emily	Heibein	Legislative Director	Office of Rep Bob Latta
Rob	Hicks	Legislative Director	Office of Rep Jay Obernolte
Elizabeth	Hill	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Martin Heinrich
Charlie	Hobbs	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Ted Budd
Chance	Hunley	Policy Advisor	Office of Rep Dusty Johnson
Chloe	Hunt	Chief of Staff	Office of Rep Sean Casten
Cate	Johnson	Staff Director	House Committee on Science, Space and Technology; Subcommittee on Research and Technology
Megan	Kanne	Legislative Director	Office of Rep Jan Schakowsky
Brooke	Kramer	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep Frank Lucas
Brenton	Krieger	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Tammy Duckworth
Levi	Lall	Counsel	Office of Rep Darrell Issa
Jaelin	Lespier	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep Darren Soto

Chris	Leuchten	Legislative Director	Office of Senator Kyrsten Sinema
James	Longley	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Shelley Moore Capito
Jeff	Lopez	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Ben Ray Lujan
Marshall	Macheled t	Legislative Director	Office of Rep Barry Moore
Dan	Markus	Professional Staff	House Foreign Affairs Committee
Michael	Marn	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Marsha Blackburn
Tanner	Mertens	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep Luetkemeyer
Kainan	Miranda	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep Ed Case
Alan	Muneoka	Legislative Correspondent	Office of Rep Ed Case
William	Newman	Legislative Aide	Office of Rep Mike Collins
Nick	O'Boyle	Deputy Chief of Staff	Office of Rep Ron Estes
Kate	O'Connor	Chief Counsel	House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
Olivia	Oo	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Jon Tester
Julia	Pan	Technology Fellow	Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
Ian	Pigg	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Marsha Blackburn
Duncan	Rankin	Senior Advisor	Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
Arielle	Roth	Policy Director	Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
Alex	Sachtjen	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator John Thune
Isabel	Sanchez	Executive Director	Future Forum Caucus
Eli	Schooley	Legislative Counsel	Office of Senator Gary Peters
Vanessa	Scott	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep Mario Diaz-Balart
James	Shea	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator John Kennedy
Benjamin	Strand	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Mazie Hirono

Holten	Stringer	Professional Staff	House Committee on Science, Space and Technology; Subcommittee on Research and Technology
Stuart	Styron	Tech Policy Counsel	Office of Rep Anna Eshoo
Jeff	Van Oot	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Peter Welch
Jacob	Vurpillat	Communications Director	Rep. Sean Casten
Logan	Warberg	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Cynthia Lummis
Eli	Weiner	Legislative Aide	Office of Senator Michael Bennet
Joel	Wellum	Counsel	Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
Katie	Wood	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Jon Ernst
Marshall	Yates	Legislative Director	Office of Rep Thomas Massie

**AGENDA: ITIF EDUCATION SERIES TRIP TO DALLAS AND AUSTIN, TEXAS**

Wednesday, May 29 – Friday, May 31, 2024

**Wednesday, May 29**

- 7:40 AM **American Airlines Flight 454 Departs Washington, DC (DCA)**
- 10:02 AM **AA 454 Arrives Dallas Fort Worth (DFW)**
- 10:30 AM **Depart DFW**
- 11:00 – 12:00 PM **Walmart Supercenter Drone Package Delivery Presentation**  
801 W Main Street, Lewisville TX  
*Walmart has made more package deliveries by drone than any retailer in the USA. Customers in 7 states can order from up to 20,000 in stores and receive their delivery in 30 minutes or less. Presentations by Nick Devereau, Director of Policy, Wing; and Bailey Edwards, Head of Policy, Wing.*
- 12:00 – 12:45 PM **Trip Overview, Introductions, and Lunch in Transit**  
*Jackie Whisman, Chief Development Officer and Daniel Castro, Vice President and Director of ITIF's Center for Data Innovation, will provide an overview of ITIF, its history of hosting Congressional staff trips, and run through the trip's schedule. Staff will have an opportunity to flag policy areas of interest so the ITIF team can integrate them into the discussions over the next two days.*
- 12:45 - 2:15 PM **Uber, 2500 Pacific Avenue, Dallas TX**  
*Discussion of Uber's footprint in the US and abroad, and how the company works across sectors to help you go anywhere and get anything. We'll meet with two of Uber Eats territorial leads Aaron Emrich and Brandon Scott, who have both previously worked on several different product teams within Uber, about how Uber uses internal knowledge to stand up new product lines. We will also discuss the technical innovation behind the company's ability to quickly bring new products to market.*
- Drive Time: 50 Minutes*
- 3:15 – 4:30 PM **BNSF, 2650 Lou Menk Drive, Fort Worth TX**  
*The group will visit BNSF's Network Operations Center (NOC) and receive an overview from Brandon Mabry, General Superintendent, Transportation; a safety technology overview from Mark Schulze, Vice President, Safety, Training & Operations Support; and an operations technology overview from Jon Gabriel, Vice President, Service Design, Network Strategy Design and Innovation.*
- 5:30 – 7:30 PM **Dinner Discussion on Innovations in the Automotive Industry**  
Corrientes 348, 1807 Ross Avenue, Dallas TX  
*Daniel Castro, Vice President of ITIF and Director of ITIF's Center for Data Innovation, will moderate a discussion with industry leaders on how the auto industry is driving*

*innovation and how the Dallas/Fort Worth region has fostered an ecosystem that supports global technological advancement in the field.*

*Dinner Panelists:*

- *Charan Lota, Group Vice President and Executive Chief Engineer, Connected Technologies, Toyota*
- *Fern Yoon, Director, Automotive Systems, Texas Instruments*
- *Dennis Carter, Team Lead, EV Charging, LG*
- *Daisy Wall, Senior Director, Government Business, May Mobility*

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**Dallas Marriott Downtown**, 650 North Pearl Street

**Thursday, May 30**

7:45 AM

**Depart Hotel**

8:15 AM

**Airport Check In**

9:25 AM

**Southwest Flight 374 Departs Dallas, TX (DAL)**

10:25 AM

**SW 374 Arrives Austin, TX (AUS)**

10:45 AM

**Depart AUS**

11:00 – 1:00 PM

**Apple**, Building 1, 6900 West Parmer Lane, Austin TX  
*Guests will meet at Apple’s Austin campus and receive an overview of Apple’s environmental work and program goals with Meghan Stasz, Environmental Policy and Social Initiatives Lead, followed by a discussion period with Q&A. Following the discussion, the group will participate in a demo of Daisy, Apple’s recycling robot, which disassembles 29 different models of iPhones into discreet components. Daisy can disassemble up to 1.2 million iPhones a year, helping to more effectively recover valuable materials for recycling.*

1:15 – 2:00 PM

**Drive Time & Boxed Lunch**

2:00 – 3:30 PM

**Saronic Technologies**, 400 Industrial Boulevard, Austin TX  
*Justin Davis, Head of Strategy, will lead a tour and discussion at the venture-backed defense tech company that is redefining maritime superiority by providing the most intelligent Autonomous Surface Vessels available to the US Navy and our allies. Time permitting, the visit will include a demonstration of the vehicles.*

4:00 – 5:30 PM

**Waymo**, 500 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin TX  
*Waymo, formerly known as the Google Self Driving Car Project, is a leading American autonomous vehicle technology company that operates a fully autonomous ride-hailing service, Waymo One. Its latest ride-hail market is Austin, Texas, which has not yet opened to the general public. Waymo is pleased to offer participants an opportunity to learn more about Waymo, get a unique glimpse into how it rolls out its service in a new city,*

*and take demonstration rides in its Waymo autonomous vehicles. Dan Pritchell, Showcases Lead, will present to the group.*

5:30 – 7:30 PM

**Dinner Discussion on the Texas Semiconductor Ecosystem** at Texas Association of Business, 316 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200, Austin, TX

*The group will hear from industry leaders and state representatives about how Texas is poised to become a major hub for semiconductor manufacturing in the next decade and how the federal government can help facilitate manufacturing activity to compete with chip production in other countries. Invited speakers:*

- *Adriana Cruz, Office of Governor Greg Abbott, ExDir, Economic Development*
- *S.V. Sreenivasan, UT-Austin, Texas Institute of Electronics*
- *David Staack, Texas A&M University*
- *Larry Peterson, National Security Innovation Council Board Member*
- *Dan Holladay*

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**Hampton Inn & Suites Austin Downtown/Convention Center**, 200 San Jacinto Blvd

**Friday, May 31**

9:00 – 10:30 AM

**Samsung**, 12100 Samsung Boulevard, Austin TX

*Samsung Austin Semiconductor is one of the most advanced semiconductor manufacturing facilities in the world. Samsung has been an integral part of the Central Texas community by being drivers of job generation, economic impact and engagement with the community. Their Austin and Taylor sites are part of Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. based in South Korea. The fabrication facilities produce semiconductor chips for customers across vital industries, including the automotive, AI, consumer technology, defense, and aerospace industries. The U.S. Department of Commerce recently announced preliminary terms with Samsung Electronics to establish leading-edge semiconductor ecosystem in Central Texas as part of the U.S. CHIPS and Science Act funding. Samsung has been operating in the U.S. for more than 45 years, with over 20,000 employees across the country. As a part of this visit, trip attendees will be led on a walking tour through an exhibition hall and working fab to learn more about the history of the site, the semiconductor industry and the complexities involved in semiconductor manufacturing operations.*

*Tour and discussion led by Jon Taylor, Corporate Vice President of Yield Engineering and Manufacturing Engineering, Samsung Austin Semiconductor; and Kwee Lan Tao, Human Resources Management, Workforce Development, Samsung Austin Semiconductor.*

11:00 AM

**Airport Check In/Lunch**

12:30 PM

**Southwest Flight 5904 Departs AUS**

4:40 PM

**SW 5904 Arrives DCA**



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Thomas,

Greetings from ITIF, a leading non-partisan 501(C)(3) engaging on issues at the nexus of tech/innovation and public policy. I'm writing to invite you to join Congressional staff colleagues and ITIF experts on our next Education Series Staff Trip to **Dallas and Austin, Texas; Wednesday, May 29 through Friday, May 31, 2024.**

From the Texas Triangle to "Silicon Hills" headlines regularly tout the region's burgeoning tech and innovation ecosystem. This trip will allow participants to learn first-hand from practitioners on the leading edge of sectors ranging from semiconductors, to transportation and autonomous technologies, to AI, to the future of retail. We anticipate a full schedule, likely to include stops at Samsung, Uber, Microsoft, Waymo, Walmart and others, along with roundtable dinner discussions both nights.

For over a decade ITIF has been hosting similar groups of roughly 15 Hill staff on visits with key players in a range of science and technology fields. These trips are great opportunities to meet the engineers, scientists, investors and entrepreneurs pushing the frontiers of knowledge and bringing new innovations to market. Attendees have found the engagement with leading technology executives, prominent venture capitalists and academic leaders informative and thought-provoking as they address public policy challenges and opportunities in the innovation economy.

Below is a tentative schedule:

**Wednesday, May 29:** Morning flight from Reagan National (DCA) to Dallas (DFW) followed by lunch, site visits in Dallas and a roundtable dinner discussion. Overnight in Dallas.

**Thursday, May 30:** Morning flight to Austin, followed by site visits throughout the day, to include lunch and dinner discussions. Overnight in Austin.

**Friday, May 31:** Final site visits in the morning ahead of an early afternoon flight from AUS to DCA.

All travel expenses and meals are paid for by ITIF and the trip complies with House and Senate rules governing privately sponsored travel. We will provide ethics documents in advance of the deadline once the itinerary is finalized.

Please let me know by April 8 if you can participate, and be sure to CC our event producer,

Lauren Comito ([lcomito@itif.org](mailto:lcomito@itif.org)). If you're unable to participate but would recommend a colleague, feel free to let us know.

We hope you can join us!

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