

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: Johanna R. Thomas
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 18, 2024 Return: August 21, 2024
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington D.C. Destination: Aspen, CO Return City: Washington D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Technology Policy Institute
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: All meetings and events attended are represented in the attached agenda, including brief descriptions.
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: Johanna R. Thomas Date: 08/28/24

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: Frank Pallone Jr. Date: 8/30/24

Signature of Supervising Member: Frank Pallone Jr.

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: _____

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.

Michael Guest, Mississippi
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August 8, 2024

Ms. Johanna Thomas
Committee on Energy & Commerce
2322 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Thomas:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Aspen, Colorado, scheduled for August 18 to 21, 2024, sponsored by Technology Policy Institute.

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

MG/SW:eme

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Johanna R. Thomas
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Technology Policy Institute
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Aspen, CO
4. a. Date of Departure: August 18, 2024 Date of Return: August 21, 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.
My duties as counsel on the Communications & Technology Subcommittee include helping facilitate the Committee's work in several areas of telecommunications and technology, such as AI, tech accountability, and wireless technological innovation. Given the topics to be discussed at this conference, attending and speaking at it will inform my understanding of how our current legislative efforts and proposals are impacting technological innovation both here and abroad.

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: Frank Pallone Jr. Date: 7-11-24

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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:

Technology Policy 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): _____

Attachment A

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

6. Date of Departure: August 18, 2024 Date of Return: August 20, 2024

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Aspen, CO

c. City of return: Washington, DC

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

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

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

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

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:
Attachment B

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: Aspen Mountain Lodge City: Aspen, CO Cost Per Night: \$313
Reason(s) for Selecting: Close in proximity to conference venue, lower rate than the St Regis Aspen host venue
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	\$650 airfare, \$100 ground transportation and parking	\$626	\$772
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	\$1250 registration fee is complimentary	complimentary to academic & government participant
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: June 28, 2024
 Name: Jane Creel Title: Vice President & Corporate Secretary
 Organization: Technology Policy Institute
 Address: 2001 L Street, Suite 500, NW Washington, DC 20036
 Email: jcreel@techpolicyinstitute.org Telephone: 202-495-7722

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



Sunday, August 18th

12:53 am – 4:07 pm	Depart Reagan National Airport (12:50 pm EDT), American Airlines Flights 1253/4901 Arrive Pitkin County Airport, Aspen, Colorado
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Shuttle to Lodging
4:40 pm – 5:00 pm	Lodging Check-in
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Astor Ballroom 2	TPI Tech Hub Preview & Early Registration The TPI Tech Hub is designed to provide attendees with an engaging experience that showcases the latest in technology and innovation. While participants grapple with the many difficult policy issues facing tech through our panels, keynotes, and breakout sessions, the Tech Hub is to remind attendees, particularly policymakers, of the amazing nature of tech and the benefits it brings us.
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Fountain Courtyard	Welcome Networking Reception Scott Wallsten, Senior Fellow & President, Technology Policy Institute
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm Fountain Courtyard	Colorado Welcome Remarks The Honorable John Hickenlooper, Senator (CO), US Senate (invited)

Monday, August 19th

7:30 am – 8:30 am Prefunction Area	Breakfast
8:00 am – 8:10 am Astor Ballroom 1	Welcome Remarks Scott Wallsten, Senior Fellow & President, Technology Policy Institute Dr. Wallsten, TPI President, will welcome all attending the event and give an overview of the program. His remarks will be brief.

Monday, August 19th continued

8:10 am – 9:00 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Panel Discussion: The Economic Impact of Artificial Intelligence

Artificial intelligence has the potential to have major economic impacts, potentially touching nearly every aspect of society and the economy. Still, history should caution us from over-hyping any new technology, no matter how promising it may seem. What do we expect the economic impacts of AI to be? What are its potential benefits and costs, and can we measure any of them yet? Where and when would we expect to see any effects in the data?

Timothy Bresnahan, Landau Professor in Technology and the Economy, Emeritus, Stanford University
Carol Corrado, Distinguished Principal Research Fellow in Economics, The Conference Board
Michael Rosenbaum, Founder & Executive Chairman, Arena Analytics
Hal Varian, Chief Economist, Google
Scott Wallsten, Senior Fellow & President, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

9:05 - 9:50 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Panel Discussion: How Should We Regulate the Digital World?

Rapid technology advancement has brought with it new challenges for policymakers. This panel will explore the complex and evolving landscape of digital governance and its implications. It will cover the costs, benefits, and key challenges and opportunities shaping the future of digital regulation, and the potential impacts on businesses, consumers, and society at large. The discussion will cover a range of policy initiatives, including the EU's Digital Markets Act, Digital Services Act, and AI Act, as well as the White House Executive Order on AI and other federal and state efforts to regulate AI and privacy in the United States. It will also explore global approaches to digital regulation, focusing on the UK, G7 nations, and China.

Peter Brown, Senior Policy Advisor, Strategy and Innovation Unit, European Parliament
Andrew DeVore, Vice President & Associate General Counsel, Amazon
Kat Duffy, Senior Fellow, Digital & Cyberspace Policy, Council on Foreign Relations
Adam Thierer, Resident Senior Fellow, R Street Institute
Alan Raul, Partner, Privacy and Cybersecurity Practice, Sidley Austin LLP (moderator)

9:55 am – 10:25 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Fireside Chat: AI and Copyright Policy

Key unsettled questions in generative AI is the implication and application of copyright. Is it acceptable to use copyrighted information to train AI models if the model does not regurgitate the copyrighted material? Similarly, how should copyright policy treat outputs from AI models? This chat will explore these and other copyright issues.

Shira Perlmutter, Register of Copyrights, US Copyright Office
Joel Waldfogel, Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota (moderator)

10:25 am – 10:45 am

Break

Monday, August 19th continued

10:45 am – 11:30 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Panel Discussion: The Policy Implications of New Broadband Competition

Broadband policy is based heavily on the idea that true broadband can only be provided by wires. This general assumption affects how policymakers and others talk about competition and how policy addresses it as well as how we think about availability and universal service. Consumer adoption of new technologies for home broadband, particularly fixed wireless access and service from low earth orbit satellites, challenge the long-held assumptions about possible market structure. On the other hand, it is still true that coaxial cable and fiber have more capacity than the newer wireless alternatives. This panel will discuss how we should incorporate new technology into broadband policy.

Johannes Bauer, Quello Chair in Media and Information Policy, College of Communication Arts & Sciences, Michigan State University
Michelle Connolly, Professor of Economics, Duke University
Jay Schwarz, Vice President, Global Public Policy, Comcast NBCUniversal
Edward Smith, Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Government Affairs, T-Mobile US (invited)
Scott Wallsten, Senior Fellow & President, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

11:35 am – 12:05 pm
Astor Ballroom 1

Panel Discussion: The Telecom Regulators

Telecommunications regulators from the United States, Canada, and Europe will discuss the latest developments in policy and rulemaking proceedings. How are different countries address the digital divide, and what are their policy priorities going forward?

Anna Gomez, Commissioner, US Federal Communications Commission
Konstatinos Masselos, President, Hellenic Telecom & Post Commission (EETT), Greece and Vice-Chair of the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC)
Adam Scott, Vice-Chair of Telecommunications, Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), Canada
Geoffrey Starks, Commissioner, US Federal Communications Commission (pending)
Bryan Tramont, Managing Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP (moderator)

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm
Astor Ballroom 1

Panel Discussion: Trust, Safety, and Elections

The lines between free speech, misinformation, and content moderation have become increasingly blurred in an era of rapid digital content creation and the proliferation of AI-generated content. This panel brings together legal scholars and industry experts to explore the complex interplay between the First Amendment, content moderation practices, and the integrity of our democratic and commercial processes, from elections to consumer trust and safety.

Paolo Carozza, Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame, School of Law
Karen Courington, Vice President, Trust & Safety Consumer, Google
Megan McArdle, Columnist, The Washington Post (invited)
Matt Perault, Director of Technology Policy Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Sarah Oh Lam, Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

Monday, August 19th continued

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Afternoon Break
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Astor Ballroom 2	Networking Reception & Tech Hub Experience
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Ballroom Level	Concurrent Breakout Session Dinner (Chatham House Rule Applies & Participants Select 1 to Attend)

Session I – Unleashing Spectrum Potential: Aligning Allocation with Economic Imperatives

This group will discuss the latest developments and future directions in U.S. spectrum policy. This session will focus on topics such as NTIA's national spectrum strategy, the rollout of CBRS/SAS, mid-band spectrum, the FCC's lapsed auction authority. The group will also debate how to move beyond the traditional "beauty contests" and administrative decision-making processes in deciding spectrum band governance, and instead harness the power of economic incentives to guide spectrum to its highest-value uses. We'll discuss the role of policymakers in creating an enabling framework, as well as the opportunities and challenges for different stakeholders in a more market-oriented spectrum ecosystem.

Shawn Bone, Senior Director, Public Policy, Verizon
Scott Blake Harris, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Crest Hill Advisors
Dale N. Hatfield, Executive Fellow, Silicon Flatirons, University of Colorado, Boulder
Carolyn Kahn, Chief Spectrum Economist, The MITRE Corporation
Evan Kwerel, Senior Economic Advisor, Office of Economics and Analytics, US Federal Communications Commission
Hector Lopez, Director, NERA
Svetlana Matt, Director, Public Policy, DISH
Giulia McHenry, Chief, Office of Economics and Analysis, US Federal Communications Commission
Tom Power, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, CTIA
Jennifer Warren, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs & Public Policy, Lockheed Martin
Martin Weiss, Director, The FutureG Office, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research & Engineering, US Department of Defense & Professor, University of Pittsburgh
Ashkhen Kazaryan, Senior Fellow, Free Speech & Peace, Stand Together (co-moderator)
Sarah Oh Lam, Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute (co-moderator)

Session II - Synthesizing Perspectives on AI for Effective Policy

This working group will discuss the complex landscape of artificial intelligence and its implications for society, the economy, and governance. Building upon the insights from the preceding on-the-record panels and firesides, this session aims to synthesize the various perspectives and explore a holistic approach to AI policy.

Through a candid and constructive dialogue, the working group aims to foster a nuanced understanding of the complexities involved and generate actionable insights to guide policymakers, industry leaders, and other stakeholders in navigating the AI landscape responsibly and effectively.

John Bailey, Non-Resident Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
Jennifer Huddleston, Senior Fellow, Technology Policy, Cato Institute
Nathaniel Lovin, Lead Programmer, Technology Policy Institute
Duane Pozza, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP
Ben Sheffner, Senior Vice President & Associate General Counsel, Law & Policy, Motion Picture Association
Shane Tews, President, Logan Circle Strategies (moderator)

Monday, August 19th continued

Session III – Closing the Digital Divide: An Assessment of BEAD's Early Progress

This group will take a deep dive into the progress, challenges, and opportunities of the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. As states are now planning for and allocating BEAD funds, it is a critical time to assess early progress, identify best practices and pitfalls to avoid, and explore strategies to maximize the impact of this once-in-a-generation investment in closing the digital divide. The discussion will be informed by the latest report cards from AEI's Broadband Barometer project evaluating each state's approach. We'll examine which states are leading the pack, which are falling behind, and what lessons can be drawn at this stage to optimize BEAD implementation going forward.

Elizabeth Chernow, Executive Director, Public Policy, Comcast Corporation

Janice Hauge, Professor of Economics, University of North Texas

Brandy Reitter, Executive Director, Colorado Broadband Office, State of Colorado

Katharine Saunders, Vice President & Deputy General Counsel, Network Regulatory Strategy, Verizon

Arpan Sura, Wireless Advisor, Office of Commissioner Brendan Carr, US Federal Communications Commission

Thomas Tyler, Jr., Deputy Director, ConnectLA, Office of Broadband Development and Connectivity, State of Louisiana

Greg Rosston, Gordon Cain Senior Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR) and Director, Public Policy Program, Stanford University (moderator)

Session IV – By Grabthar's Hammer, What a Challenge: Navigating the Frontier of Space Policy and Governance

David Goldman, Vice President, Satellite Policy, SpaceX

Kalpak Gude, Head of Domestic Regulatory Affairs, Project Kuiper, Amazon

Jen Hindon, Partner, Co-Chair, Telecom, Media & Technology Practice and Chair, Space and Satellite Group, Wiley Rein LLP

Julie Kearney, Space Bureau Chief, US Federal Communications Commission

Wolfgang Kopf, Senior Vice President for Group Public and Regulatory Affairs, Deutsche Telekom AG

Jennifer Manner, Senior Advisor, Space & Satellite Policy, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), US Department of Commerce

Robert McDowell, Partner & Chair, Global Communications Practice Group, Cooley LLP

Tom Stroup, President, Satellite Industry Association

Megan Stull, Senior Manager, Regulatory Policy and Government Affairs, Apple (invited)

Scott Wallsten, Senior Fellow & President, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

Tuesday, August 20th

7:30 am – 8:30 am
Prefunction Area

Breakfast

8:30 am – 9:00 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Fireside Chat: The New FTC Commissioners

After a long delay, Congress finally confirmed two Republicans to join the three Democrats on the Federal Trade Commission. This discussion will cover how they view their role in the minority, where they think antitrust policy is and should be headed, and what might be key issues in the next administration.

Andrew Ferguson, Commissioner, US Federal Trade Commission

Melissa Holyoak, Commissioner, US Federal Trade Commission

Brian Sullivan, Senior National Correspondent, CNBC & Anchor, Last Call (moderator)

Tuesday, August 20th continued

9:05 am – 9:50 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Panel Discussion: Antitrust: The Next Four Years

This panel will discuss the future of antitrust enforcement and policy. Key topics will include the Department of Justice's revised merger guidelines, the impact of the Federal Trade Commission's antitrust enforcement strategy, such as the agency's withdrawal from the long-standing consumer welfare standard in favor of labor market considerations and protecting smaller rivals. The discussion will also explore how the outcome of the November 2024 presidential election could affect current and future antitrust priorities and enforcement at the DOJ and FTC over the next four years with respect to big tech.

Robert Crandall, Adjunct Fellow, Technology Policy Institute
Ginger Jin, Professor of Economics, University of Maryland
Michael Katz, Professor of Economics, University of California Berkeley
William Kovacic, Global Competition Professor of Law and Policy,
Professor of Law and Director, Competition Law Center
Thomas Lenard, Senior Fellow and President Emeritus, Technology Policy
Institute (moderator)

9:50 am – 10:00 am

Break

10:00 am – 10:45 am
Fountain Courtyard

Panel Discussion: View From the Hill

This panel will discuss the fall legislative agenda from the perspective of the leading senior Congressional staff with the “four corners” of House and Senate committees with oversight of tech and telecom policy.

John Lin, Counsel, Communications and Technology Subcommittee, House
Energy and Commerce Committee (majority)
Edgar Rivas, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of US Senator John
Hickenlooper, US Senate (majority)(invited)
Jamie Susskind, Legislative Director, Office of US Senator Marsha
Blackburn, US Senate (minority)
Johanna Thomas, Counsel, Communications and Technology
Subcommittee, House Energy and Commerce Committee (minority)
Brian Sullivan, Senior National Correspondent, CNBC & Anchor, Last Call
(moderator)

10:50 am – 11:35 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Panel Discussion: Tech and the Courts: What's a Major Question?

Federal agencies that regulate tech and telecom firms act under delegated authority from Congressional statute, but in many cases, statutes may be ambiguous or silent as to the intended scope of authority. In cases such as the FTC's non-compete clause ban, the FCC's Title II reclassification order, and the SEC's crypto rules, who should legislate the major questions? Should Congress legislate on tech issues of “vast political and economic significance” with general or specific delegations of authority to expert federal agencies in tech policymaking?

Corbin Barthold, Director of Appellate Advocacy, TechFreedom
Harold Feld, Senior Vice President, Public Knowledge
Jonathan Nuechterlein, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP
Jennifer Tatel, Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP
Sarah Oh Lam, Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

Tuesday, August 20th continued

- 11:35 am – 11:45 am Break
- 11:45 am – 12:15 pm
Astor Ballroom 1
Fireside Chat: Future of Media
- After seemingly boundless growth in streaming, including number of platforms, number of subscribers, and amount of original content, the market may be entering a new phase. It is probably no longer correct to call streaming “nascent,” but is it correct to call it a mature market?
- Laura Martin, Senior Entertainment & Internet Analyst, Needham & Company LLC
Brian Sullivan, Senior National Correspondent, CNBC & Anchor, Last Call (moderator)
- 12:15 pm – 12:30 pm Break for Lunch
- 12:30 pm – 1:15pm
Fountain Courtyard
Courtyard Luncheon Keynote:
- Meta’s President of Global Affairs, Nick Clegg, will address the forum speaking about what the intersection of technology, social media, and information consumption mean for democracy.
- Nick Clegg, President, Global Affairs, Meta (invited)
- 1:15 pm – 2:00 pm
Fountain Courtyard
Panel Discussion: TikTok, Trade, and Transistors: Balancing Free Speech, Economic Growth, and National Security
- In the rapidly evolving global tech economy and growing geopolitical tensions, balancing free speech, economic growth, and national security has become increasingly difficult. This panel explores the complex interplay between trade, technology, and values, focusing on China's pivotal role in this dynamic landscape. How do we foster technological progress and economic efficiency through free trade, free speech, and scientific cooperation while safeguarding our national security and upholding human rights? How do we stay true to our belief in the importance of free speech? Join us as our experts navigate these critical questions, providing insights and strategies for managing the intricate balance required to thrive in today's interconnected world.
- Brendan Carr, Commissioner, US Federal Communications Commission (invited)
Thomas Hazlett, HH Macaulay Endowed Professor of Economics, Clemson University
Falan Yinug, Director, Economic Strategy, Qualcomm (invited)
David Gross, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP (moderator)
- 2:30 pm – 2:45 pm Depart St Regis Aspen Resort via Complimentary Shuttle
Arrive Pitken County Airport, Aspen, Colorado
- 4:35 pm – 12:50 am Depart Aspen, Colorado, American Airlines Flights 4901/1740
Arrive Washington Reagan National Airport, Washington, DC (12:50 am EDT)

*Program times noted are U.S. Mountain Daylight Saving Time (UTC-06:00) unless otherwise indicated.

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12. The Technology Policy Institute (TPI) is a 501(c)3 research & educational think tank examining the role and economics of emerging and existing technologies. TPI's annual summer Aspen Forum brings together policymakers, academics & industry to explore a myriad of issues related to technology and tech policy. The event is wholly organized and executed by TPI staff.

As an independent economic think tank, the Technology Policy Institute (TPI) plays a crucial role in organizing and conducting the trip, ensuring a balanced agenda for their annual summer Aspen Forum. Here's how TPI fulfills this role:

- **Organizing the Event:** TPI takes full responsibility for organizing and executing the Aspen Forum. This includes coordinating logistics, securing venues, and managing the overall event planning process.
- **Curating a Detailed Itinerary:** TPI's staff develops a comprehensive itinerary for the Aspen Forum. This itinerary serves as a blueprint for the entire event, outlining the schedule, session topics, and speakers.
- **Incorporating Diverse Perspectives:** TPI ensures that the agenda includes a wide range of perspectives by bringing together policymakers, academics, and industry professionals. This diverse mix of participants contributes to a balanced and comprehensive discussion on technology and tech policy.
- **Coordinating Venue and Travel Logistics:** TPI takes into account factors such as travel times, cost, and accommodations when planning the trip.
- **TPI's role in organizing and conducting the trip** involves creating a balanced agenda that addresses various technology-related issues, incorporates diverse perspectives, and allows for exploration and relaxation. In its 15th year, TPI Aspen Forum is an important policy conference for technology and communication matters.