

# 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: Jackie Schmitz
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 8/27/24 Return: 8/28/24  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Philadelphia, PA Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s); Who Paid for the Trip: Center for Transportation and the Environment
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Opening remarks from CTE and SEPTA; tribute to former Federal Transit Administrator Fernandez; panel on "Thinking Systematically about ZEB Deployments"; meeting with transit agency executives; lunch discussion with various conference participants.
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: Jackie Schmitz Digitally signed by Jackie Schmitz Date: 2024.09.03 14:11:33 -04'00' Date: 9/3/24

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: Rick Larson Date: 9/6/24

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.

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE)

2. Travel Destination(s): Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

3. Date of Departure: August 27, 2024 Date of Return: August 28, 2024

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Jackie Schmitz

**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	Train: \$50	Hotel: \$231.57	Tues Dinner: \$24 Wed Lunch: \$76	Conference Registration Fee: \$995
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: 9/5/24

Name: Taylor Pitel Title: Director of Membership and Policy

Organization: Center for Transportation and the Environment

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

Address: 730 Peachtree Street, Suite 450, Atlanta, GA 30308

Telephone: (262) 232-2089 Email: taylor@cte.tv

*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: Jackie Schmitz

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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: jacqueline A Schmitz

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

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Committee on Transportation and

Office Address: 2164 Rayburn House Office Building

Telephone Number: 2022254472

Email Address of Contact Person: jackie.schmitz@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

**NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.**

**KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM.** Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Jackie Schmitz
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Center for Transportation and the Environment
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
4. a. Date of Departure: August 27, 2024 Date of Return: August 28, 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.**

The Center for Transportation and the Environment is a non-profit that assists transit agencies in zero-emission fleet transition. They

have expertise on the opportunities and challenges related to fleet transition, including ideas for federal policies related to

the Low- and No-Emission program, which is overseen by the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit on which I serve as Staff Director.

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: 7/25/24

# 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) 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:

Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE)

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 addendum for list of invitees.

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

6. Date of Departure: August 27, 2024 Date of Return: August 28, 2024

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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. \_\_\_\_\_
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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:

CTE is the sole sponsor and organized and conducted the event. CTE's mission is to facilitate the development and commercialization of zero-emission transportation technologies. This trip provides education and information sharing between the staffer and a broad spectrum of the zero-emission transportation industry.

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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:

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Hotel Name: Philadelphia Marriott Downtown City: Philadelphia Cost Per Night: \$199

Reason(s) for Selecting: This is the location of the event and where the room block is.

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	\$50	\$199	\$76
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		\$995 - registration fee
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: 8/8/24  
 Name: Taylor Pitel Title: Policy Director  
 Organization: Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE)  
 Address: 730 Peachtree St NE, Suite 450, Atlanta, GA 30308  
 Email: taylor@cte.tv Telephone: 262-232-2089

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

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August 20, 2024

Ms. Jacqueline Schmitz  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
2164 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Schmitz:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, scheduled for August 27 to 28, 2024, sponsored by Center for Transportation and the Environment. We remind you that, because the trip sponsor employs a federal lobbyist, you may participate in officially-connected activity on one calendar day only.

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:amr



**Addendum for House Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form - 2024 Zero Emission Bus Conference (ZEB Con)**

**Addendum to item #4:**

**Congressional Staff**

**Jackie Schmitz, Staff Director, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee: Highways and Transit Subcommittee**

Ms. Schmitz's participation in this conference, specifically the Policymaker Guided Tour and Discussion Session, will offer her an exclusive chance to see zero-emission technology firsthand and speak directly with industry stakeholders about their experiences in the zero-emission transportation sector.

**Ben Siegrist, Senior Professional Staff, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee: Highways and Transit Subcommittee**

Mr. Siegrist's participation in this conference, specifically the Policymaker Guided Tour and Discussion Session, will offer him an exclusive chance to see zero-emission technology firsthand and speak directly with industry stakeholders about their experiences in the zero-emission transportation sector.

**Congressional Staff Itinerary: 2024 Zero Emission Bus Conference (ZEB Con)**

Addendum to item #10:

**Tuesday, August 27, 2024**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Schedule Item</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>2:05 – 3:56 pm</b>	<b>AMTRAK Train</b>	<b>Board: Washington, DC - Union Station</b> <b>Arrive: Philadelphia, PA – William H Gray III 30<sup>th</sup> St. Sta.</b>
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Hotel Check In</b>	<b>Philadelphia Marriott Downtown</b> 1201 Market St. Philadelphia, PA 19107

**Wednesday, August 28, 2024**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Schedule Item</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Hotel Check Out</b>	<b>Philadelphia Marriott Downtown</b> 1201 Market St. Philadelphia, PA 19107
<b>8:30 – 8:50 am</b>	<b>Opening Welcome</b> Featuring: -Dan Raudebaugh, Executive Director, CTE -Leslie Richards, CEO & General Manager, SEPTA  General Topic Covered: Welcoming guests to ZEB Con and delivering the opening remarks.	<b>Salon E</b>
<b>8:50 – 9:00 am</b>	<b>A Tribute to Excellence</b> Featuring: -Nuria Fernandez, Former FTA Administrator -Mary Leary, Associate Administrator for Research, Demonstration and Innovation -Terry Garcia Crews, FTA Region 3 Regional Administrator  General Topics Covered: Expressing gratitude and acknowledging Administrator Nuria Fernandez for her contributions and support in advancing zero-emission buses during her tenure as the FTA Administrator.	<b>Salon E</b>
<b>9:00 – 10:15 am</b>	<b>Thinking Systemically About ZEB Deployments</b>	<b>Salon E</b>

	<p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Carly Macias, Zero Emission Fleet Strategic Planning Manager, King County Metro Transit</li> <li>-Richard Harrington, Engineering Director, Go Ahead London</li> <li>-Jorn Schwarze, CTO, Cologne KVB</li> <li>-Warren Berry, Director of Zero Emissions Systems Planning, NJ Transit</li> </ul> <p>General Topics Covered: Illustrating the phased approaches guiding the methodical roll-out of ZEBs across their systems. From strategic capital projects, to sophisticated software, and scaled workforce upskilling, this session will highlight successes from some of the world's largest ZEB operators.</p>	
<b>10:15 – 10:35 am</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Floor Pre-Function</b>
<b>10:35 – 11:45 am</b>	<p><b>Exclusive Transit Agency Discussion Session</b></p> <p>Moderator: Dan Raudebaugh, Executive Director, CTE</p> <p>Topics Covered: Introducing participating transit agencies, their current ZEB operations, insights gained from deploying and operating ZEBs, and agency needs for sustained ZEB deployments.</p>	<b>Rooms 403</b>
<b>11:45 – 12:45 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Franklin Hall</b>
<b>3:17 – 5:09 pm</b>	<b>AMTRAK Train</b>	<p><b>Board: Philadelphia, PA – William H Gray III 30<sup>th</sup> St. Sta.</b></p> <p><b>Arrive: Washington, DC - Union Station</b></p>