

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: Melodie Ha
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: _____ Return: _____
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington DC Destination: Palo Alto Return City: Washington DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Hoover Institute, Stanford University
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: BIO-STRATEGIES AND LEADERSHIP CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
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: Melodie Ha Date: 10/18/2024

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Raja Krishnamoorthi Date: 10/18/24

Signature of Supervising Member: Raja Krishnamoorthi

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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.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

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

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Melodie Ha

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

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Melodie Ha

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Select Committee on the CCP

Office Address: 200 C St SW Room 3640

Telephone Number: 202-809-8189

Email Address of Contact Person: melodie.ha@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.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Melodie Ha
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Stanford University, Hoover Institution
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Palo Alto, California
4. a. Date of Departure: 10/01/2024 Date of Return: 10/06/2024
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: 10/04-10/05
5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
 - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
 - (2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
 - (3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes No Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**

I'm a senior professional staff member covering biotech issues for the Select Committee China Democrats. I was selected as a participant and representative of the Committee to attend this Bio-Strategies and Leadership program to learn more about the subject matter and network with peers.

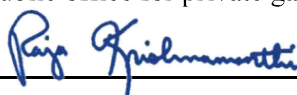
9. **Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**

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: 9/19/2024

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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:

Hoover Institution, Stanford University

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**

b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**

c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): see attached list of staffers chosen due to their portfolio and policy areas being discussed.

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

6. Date of Departure: 10/01/2024 Date of Return: 10/04/2024

7. a. City of departure: DC or Member's district

b. Destination(s): Stanford University, Stanford, California

c. City of return: Various Cities

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:
See attached
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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: **See attached**)
 - 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): **See attached**
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: **See attached**
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Dinah's Garden Hotel City: Palo Alto, CA Cost Per Night: \$245
 Reason(s) for Selecting: Within GSA FY 2024 nightly per diem limit and in close proximity to the events of the program.

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	\$800	\$735 (\$245/night)	\$168 (\$84/day)
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	\$200	Ground Transportation
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: 08/26/2024
 Name: Eryn Witcher Tillman Title: Associate Director of Media and Government Relations
 Organization: Hoover Institution, Stanford University
 Address: 1399 New York Avenue NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20005
 Email: ewitcher@stanford.edu Telephone: 202-760-3200

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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September 30, 2024

Ms. Melodie Ha
The Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party
3460 O'Neill House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Ha:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Palo Alto, California, scheduled for October 1 to 6, 2024, sponsored by Stanford University. We note that this trip includes two days at your personal expense.

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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Sarah Moront
*Senior Research Program Manager
Bio-Strategies and Leadership*

August 7, 2024

Dear Melodie,

I'm pleased to inform you that you have been selected to participate in the October 2-3, 2024, Bio-Strategies and Leadership Congressional Fellowship Program. This program includes seminars, a lab visit, and keynote addresses on Stanford University's campus in Palo Alto.

As a participant you will receive round-trip airfare, ground transportation in California, lodging near Stanford's campus, and meals that are part of the program.

To proceed, please confirm your agreement to attend by completing [this form](#) by the close of business on Wednesday, August 14. Due to ethics regulations, to maintain your spot, it is imperative that you complete this form on time. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of your spot.

On the registration form you will also find additional information regarding accommodations, airfare, agenda, attire, ground transportation, and trip extension. A full briefing packet will be sent closer to the program dates.

We will send you the details on how to book your flights after you complete the registration form. Once your flight is secured, we will provide the remainder of your ethics paperwork for submission **to your ethics committee for review by Monday, August 26, 2024.**

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Sarah Moront (smoront@stanford.edu). We look forward to and expect an excellent program.

Sincerely,

Sarah Moront
Senior Research Program Manager, Bio-Strategies and Leadership
Hoover Institution, Stanford University

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS - PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM ADDENDUM
HOOVER INSTITUTION, STANFORD UNIVERSITY OCTOBER 2024
BIO-STRATEGIES AND LEADERSHIP CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

4. Full list of invited attendees:

Nicolas Aguelakakis	Economist U.S. Joint Economic Committee
Olivia Babine	Executive Director House For Country Caucus
Anna Ferrara	Professional Staff Member Research and Technology Subcommittee of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Kevin Fox	Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director Office of Representative Ro Khanna (CA, 17)
J.P. Freire	Communications Director House Committee on Ways and Means
Carmen Frias	Chief of Staff Office of Senator Mark E. Kelly (AZ)
Niels Graham	Policy Analyst, Economics and Trade U.S.–China Economic and Security Review Commission
Melodie Ha	Senior Professional Staff Member House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party
James Hart	National Security Advisor Office of Senator Eric Schmitt (MO)
Landon Heid	Professional Staff Member House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party
Elnigar Iltebir	Professional Staff Member Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
Sarah Istel	Deputy General Counsel Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
Max Katz	Policy Advisor Office of Senator Martin T. Heinrich (NM)
Todd Kuiken	Policy Analyst, Science & Emerging Technology Congressional Research Service
Ruth McDonald	Senior Policy Advisor Office of Senator Amy Klobuchar (MN)
Chad Michaels	Chief of Staff Office of Representative David Schweikert (AZ, 01)

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Juan Negrete Bautista	Professional Staff Member House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Beth Nelson	Health Policy Director Office of Senator Todd Young (IN)
Ariana Orne	Communications Director Office of Representative Raul Ruiz (CA, 25)
Jamie Susskind	Legislative Director Office of Senator Marsha W. Blackburn (TN)
Rebecca Voglewede	Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Tech Fellow Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
Sapana Vora	Senior Professional Staff Member Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Caroline Wadhams	Budget Director/Policy Director Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
XiYue Wang	Professional Staff Member House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party

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

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

15. b. 1) Meals have been arranged to comply with the full \$74 per diem rate for Santa Clara County.
- b. 2) The location of the Hoover Institution's headquarters on Stanford Campus will allow more California-based scholars to participate.

AGENDA WITH TRAVEL INFORMATION

OCTOBER 1-4, 2024 BIO-STRATEGIES AND LEADERSHIP CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
HOOVER INSTITUTION, STANFORD UNIVERSITY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Travel day - All times listed in local time unless otherwise indicated

5:10 PM

Depart DCA via Alaska Airlines flight 7

Nicolas Aguelakakis

Olivia Babine

Anna Ferrara

8:11 PM

Arrive at SFO

Kevin Fox

J.P. Freire

Carmen Gallus Frias

Niels Graham

Melodie Ha

James Hart

Landon Heid

Maximilian Katz

Todd Kuiken

Ruth McDonald

Charles Michaels

Juan Negrete-Bautista

Beth Nelson

Ariana Orne

Jamie Susskind

Rebecca Voglewede

Xiyue Wang

6:11 PM

Depart DCA via United Airlines flight 395

Sapana Vora

9:03 PM

Arrive at SFO

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Program day - all times listed in Pacific Time - programs will be in Annenberg Auditorium unless otherwise noted

7:30 AM	Group shuttle departs Dinah's Garden Hotel en route to Stanford University
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	Biology as a Strategic Domain Drew Endy, Hoover Institution Science and Senior Fellow and Stanford Associate Professor of Bioengineering, will provide an introduction to biotechnology in the 21st century and the biotic future; review tools and primers; and discuss the critical role of biotechnology in democracy, competitiveness, flourishing, and security for the U.S. and its allies.
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	The Bioeconomy: Competing and Succeeding at Scale Stephen Kotkin, Hoover Institution Senior Fellow, will moderate a conversation between Kevin Warsh, Hoover Institution Distinguished Visiting Fellow in Economics, and Rob Carlson, Managing Director of Planetary Technologies, who will discuss their work on the U.S. bioeconomy, how to enhance its trajectory, and how it plays into the larger U.S. economy.
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Biosecurity, Really: Dangers, Deterrents, & Defense Rear Admiral Ken Bernard, Hoover Institution Distinguished Visiting Fellow, and Steve Luby, Freeman Spogli Institute Senior Fellow, will discuss biothreats, bioterrorism, and U.S. strategies to better mitigate these threats in a discussion moderated by Philip Zelikow, Hoover Institution Senior Fellow.
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM	Lunch
12:45 PM - 2:15 PM	Shriram Bioengineering Center Lab Visits Drew Endy, Hoover Institution Science and Senior Fellow and Stanford Associate Professor of Bioengineering, will lead participants on a tour through five synthetic biology labs at Stanford University.
2:15 PM - 3:15 PM	Researcher Reality Roundtable Michael Fischbach, Stanford Bioengineering Professor, will discuss the current research in his lab, which uses synthetic biology to understand and reprogram the human microbiome (e.g., reprogramming skin microbes to inoculate individuals against skin cancer).

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

Strategic Frameworks for Key Impact Areas

Emily Tully, Hoover Institution Visiting Fellow, and Mike Kuiken, Hoover Institution Distinguished Visiting Fellow, will lead breakout group discussions on case studies to consider policy approaches to biotechnology.

4:45 PM - 5:45 PM

Pioneering Public Sector Success: Realities and Lessons Learned

Michael Koeris, Director of DARPA's Biotechnologies Office, and others will discuss the government's responsibilities in biotechnology and policy challenges across the biological science domain.

6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Keynote Dinner - Synthetic Biology in Action

Emily Leproust, Twist CEO, Sophia Wang, MycoWorks co-founder, and Christina Smolke, Antheia CEO, will discuss current applications of emerging biotechnologies and challenges.

8:00 PM

Group shuttle departs campus en route to Dinah's Garden Inn

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Program day - all times listed in Pacific Time - programs will be in Annenberg Auditorium unless otherwise noted

- 7:30 AM** **Group shuttle departs Dinah's Garden Hotel en route to Stanford University**
- 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM** **Breakfast**
- 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM** **Investment Shortfalls: R&D and Infrastructure**
- Doug Friedman, CEO of BioMADE, will offer a perspective on public-private sector partnerships and will think through opportunities for government action on R&D and infrastructure.
- 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM** **Biocomputing Convergence: Artificial Intelligence and Synthetic Biology**
- Russ Altman, Stanford Professor, will moderate a discussion with Ropheal Townshend, Atomic AI CEO, and Brian Hie, Stanford Assistant Professor, on the possibilities and challenges at the intersection of artificial intelligence and synthetic biology.
- 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM** **What's Our China Strategy?: Emerging Biotechnologies on the Global Stage**
- John Cumbers, CEO of SynBioBeta, and Niko McCarty, Asimov Press founder, will provide an analysis of America's strategy to compete with China and win on biotechnologies.
- 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM** **Lunch**
- 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM** **The Role of Technology in Democracy**
- Drew Endy, Hoover Institution Senior and Science Fellow and Stanford Associate Professor of Bioengineering, and Condoleezza Rice, Tad and Dianne Taube Director of the Hoover Institution and Senior Fellow on Public Policy, will discuss the intersection of biotechnology and democracy, and will provide considerations for policymakers.
- 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM** **Strategic Frameworks for Key Impact Areas**
- Mike Kuiken, Hoover Institution Distinguished Visiting Fellow, will discuss case studies that advance America's competitiveness in the biotechnology sector.
- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM** **Alliances: Global Engagement Strategies for Flourishing & Democracy**
- Michelle Rozo, Vice Chair of the National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology, will virtually discuss the government's responsibilities in biotechnology and policy challenges across the biotechnology domain.

5:15 PM - 6:00 PM

An Open Discussion on Realities, Coordination, and Policy Recommendations

Mike Kuiken, Hoover Institution Distinguished Visiting Fellow, and Drew Endy, Hoover Institution Senior and Science Fellow and Stanford Associate Professor of Bioengineering, will conclude the program with a review of the sessions' key findings and discuss considerations for policy ideas across the biological science domain.

6:15 PM - 8:30 PM

Dinner - Biotechnology, Culture, & the Arts: Awestronomy

Ahmed Best, Adjunct Professor at Stanford University's Hasso Plattner Institute of Design, will discuss the intersection of biotechnology, culture, and artistic disciplines.

8:45 PM

Group shuttle departs campus en route to Dinah's Garden Inn

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Travel day - All times listed in local time unless otherwise indicated

8:00 AM

Depart SFO via Alaska Airlines flight 8

Olivia Babine

Anna Ferrara

Kevin Fox

4:10 PM

Arrive at DCA

J.P. Freire

Carmen Gallus Frias

Niels Graham

James Hart

Landon Heid

Maximilian Katz

Todd Kuiken

Ruth McDonald

Charles Michaels

Juan Negrete-Bautista

Beth Nelson

Ariana Orne

Jamie Susskind

Rebecca Voglewede

Xiyue Wang

8:52 AM

Depart SFO via Alaska Airlines flight 1954

Sapana Vora

5:09 PM

Arrive at DCA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

10:41 AM

Depart SFO via Alaska Airlines flight 3424

Nicolas Aguelakakis

Upon ethics' approval, sponsor will cover airfare for traveler requesting trip extension; traveler will pick up all other expenses associated with their trip extension when program concludes

8:59 PM

Arrive at DCA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

1:26 AM

Depart SFO via Alaska Airlines flight 8

4:00 PM

Arrive at DCA

Melodie Ha

Upon ethics' approval, sponsor will cover airfare for traveler requesting trip extension; traveler will pick up all other expenses associated with their trip extension when program concludes

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: _____

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: _____

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: _____
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: _____ Return: _____
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: _____ Destination: _____ Return City: _____
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: _____
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: _____

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: Melodie Ha Date: _____

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: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Supervising Member: Peggy Friedman

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Sapana Vora	Senior Professional Staff Member Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Caroline Wadhams	Budget Director/Policy Director Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
XiYue Wang	Professional Staff Member House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party