

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: Kevin Rodgers
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 10/16/24 Return: 10/18/24
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Dulles Destination: LAX Return City: Dulles
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: ITIF
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Interactice meetings with biotech and Entertainment industry leaders
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box:*
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
b. If not, explain: _____

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

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 10/31/24

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: Nicole Malliotakis Date: 10/31/24

Signature of Supervising Member: 

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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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- Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF)
- Travel Destination(s): Los Angeles, CA and San Diego, CA
- Date of Departure: October 16, 2024 Date of Return: October 18, 2024
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): Kevin Rodgers
Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.
- 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	\$872	\$377	\$132	N/A
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

- 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: 10/25/2024

Name: Jackie Whisman Title: Chief Development Officer

Organization: ITIF

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

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

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

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

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TRAVELER FORM

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

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

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: Kevin Rodgers

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

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

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Nicole Malliotakis

Office Address: 351 Cannon HOB

Telephone Number: 202-225-3771

Email Address of Contact Person: kevin.rodgers@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: Kevin Rodgers
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Information Technology and Innovation Foundation
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Las Angeles, San Deigo CA
4. a. Date of Departure: 10/16/2024 Date of Return: 10/18/2024
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.**
Senior Policy Advisor covering the Ways & Means Committee, specifically health care, technology and tax. The trip will take us on multiple site visits including bio pharma, life sciences and media technology companies which ties into my work covering the W&M committee
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: _____

9/16/24

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): _____

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

6. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____

7. a. City of departure: _____

b. Destination(s): _____

c. City of return: _____

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

a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**

b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**

c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**
- a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____
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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

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

- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
 - b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**

- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)
- b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

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

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee			
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		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

19. **Check only one:**

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
- b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature:  Date: _____
 Name: _____ Title: _____
 Organization: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____ Telephone: _____

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

INVITEES

ITIF Education Series Staff Trip to Los Angeles and San Diego, CA
October 16 – 18, 2024

ATTACHMENT 1 – Question 4:

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

First	Last	Title	Office
Nick	Adams	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Laurel Lee, R (FL-015)
Claire	Alden	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Lance Gooden, R (TX-005)
Mana	Azarmi	Legislative Counsel	Office of Sen. Alex Padilla, D-CA
Jacqueline	Baggett	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick
Grace	Banfield	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Dan Kildee
David	Bean	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Larry Bucshon, R (IN-008)
Jack	Best	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Scott Fitzgerald, R (WI-005)
Brianne	Binder	Counsel	House Committee on the Judiciary
Kathleen	Bochow	Legislative Correspondent	Office of Sen. John Boozman, R-AK
Cole	Bornefeld	Legislative Correspondent	Office of Sen. Bill Hagerty, R-TN
Grace	Brightbill	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Don Beyer, D (VA-008)
Conner	Brown	Counsel	Office of Sen. Cynthia Lummis, R-WY
Alton	Burton	Policy Advisor	Office of Sen. Brian Schatz, D-HI
Kaitlin	Burt-Williams	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-SC
Carson	Cameron	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Kevin Kiley, R (CA-003)
Jon	Cardinal	Director of Economic Development	Office of Senate Majority Leader Schumer
Giulia	DiGuglielmo	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Darrell Issa, R (CA-048)
Patrick	Dumas	Staff Director Subcommittee on Health	House Committee on Ways and Means
Brian	Fahey	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Brett Guthrie, R (KY-002)
Cristian	Figueredo	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Cliff Bentz, R (OR-002)
Earl	Flood	Legislative Director and Counsel	Office of Rep. Robin Kelly, D (IL-002)
David	Foley	Counsel/Detailee	House Committee on the Judiciary
Austin	Gage	Legislative Director/Counsel	Office of Rep. Hal Rogers, R (KY-005)
Isrrael	Garcia	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Peter Aguilar
Laila	Goharion	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Rep. Katherine Clark
Emily	Goldman	Legislative Counsel	Office of Rep. Hank Johnson, D (GA-004)
Grace	Graham	Chief Health Counsel	House Committee on Energy and Commerce

Alexander	Gristina	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Frank Pallone, D (NJ-006)
Jay	Gulshen	Senior Professional Staff	House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Cecily	Hahn	Senior Counsel	Office of Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-WI
Emily	Hebein	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Bob Latta, R (OH-005)
Andrew	Heineman	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Jerry Nadler, D (NY-012)
Natalie	Hellmann	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Buddy Carter, R (GA-001)
James	Hitchcock	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Jim Banks, R (IN-003)
Charlie	Hobbs	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. Ted Budd, R-NC
Matt	Hodge	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Dan Crenshaw, R (TX-002)
Jeremy	Hoffner	Legislative Correspondent	Office of Sen. Raphael Warnock, D-GA
Andrew	Hogin	Deputy Chief of Staff for State Relations	Office of Sen. Bill Hagerty, R-TN
Garrison	Holmberg	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. Jerry Moran, R-KS
Jacquelyn	Incerto	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Michael Burgess, R (TX-026)
Julie	Jochem	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Mikie Sherrill
Claire	Kim	Senior Counsel	Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Levi	Lall	Counsel	Office of Rep. Darrell Issa, R (CA-048)
Kennon	Later	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Tom Tiffany, R (WI-007)
Jason	Liang	Congressional Innovation Fellow	Office of Rep. Don Beyer, D (VA-008)
Jeffrey	Lopez	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Sen. Ben Ray Lujan, D-NM
Dana	Luciano	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. John Sarbanes, D (MD-003)
Geoffrey	MacLeay	Chief Counsel	Office of Sen. Thom Tillis, R-NC
Bailey	McCue	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. John Boozman, R-AK
Meghan	McCully	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. Tim Scott, R-SC
Andrew	Mercado	Economist and Professional Staff Member	House Committee on the Judiciary
Christopher	Miller	Deputy Legislative Director	Office of Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith, R-MS
Nick	Myers	Deputy Staff Director	Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Gianluca	Nigro	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Brendan Boyle, D (PA-002)
Kennedy	O'Dell	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. Bob Casey, D-PA
John	Quinn	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. David Schweikert, R (AZ-001)
Benjamin	Rakes	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Ben Cline, R (VA-006)
Drew	Robertson	Legislative Counsel	Office of Rep. Madeline Dean, D (PA-004)
Kevin	Rodgers	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Rep. Nicole Malliotakis
Dan	RuBoss	Senior Tax & Economic Advisor and Member Outreach Director	Senate Committee on the Budget
Alex	Sachtjen	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. John Thune, R-SD
Eli	Schooley	Legislative Counsel	Office of Sen. Gary Peters, D-MI
Bazyen	Selassie	Deputy Legislative Director/Legislative Counsel	Office of Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-MN
Mitchell	Shea	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Steve Scalise, R (LA-001)

Emily	Silverberg	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Paul Tonko, D (NY-020)
Sarah	Skirmont	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Linda Sanchez
David	Steury	Health Policy Director	Office of Rep. Diana DeGette
Benjamin	Strand	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Sen. Mazie Hirono, D-HI
Chris	Taylor	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Mikie Sherrill
Alex	Thiessen	Legislative Aide	Office of Sen. Eric Schmitt, R-MO
Alex	Urry	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Rep. Hakeem Jeffries
Huston	Wallace	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Deborah Ross, D (NC-002)
Annie	Wang	Deputy Legislative Director	Office of Sen. Raphael Warnock, D-GA
Jackie	Weinrich	Health Policy Advisor	Office of Rep. Doris Matsui, D (CA-007)
Adam	Wek	Legislative Director	Office of Sen. John Thune, R-SD
Wei Li	Werner	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. Tim Kaine, D-VA
Calla	Wickenhauser	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. John Hoeven, R-ND
Nick	Wooldridge	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Blake Moore
Colin	Yokanovich	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Rep. Dan Crenshaw, R (TX-002)

ATTACHMENT 2 – Question 12:

ITIF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2006 whose mission is to formulate and promote public policies to advance technological innovation and productivity. Recognizing the vital role of technology in ensuring American prosperity, ITIF focuses on innovation, productivity and digital economy issues. Our interest in the trip is to help staff better understand how new technologies and technology applications are developing and what the trends are likely to be in the future, so that they can better understand and respond to the technological challenges facing our nation.

ITIF is co-chaired by former members of Congress Ron Kind and Phil English and governed by a board of distinguished IT and innovation policy leaders and experts. Senators Chris Coons and Todd Young are the Foundation’s Honorary Senate Co-Chairs, and Congresswoman Suzan DelBene and Darrell Issa are the Foundation’s Honorary House Co-Chairs.

This trip is part of the “ITIF Education Series” – a set of regular trips with Members of Congress and/or senior House and Senate staff to high-tech and innovation hubs around the country to hear from company leaders about new developments and issues, and to participate in educational forums on IT and innovation policy issues.

ITIF is the sole sponsor and is organizing and executing all aspects of this trip.

Michael Guest, Mississippi
Chairman
Susan Wild, Pennsylvania
Ranking Member

David P. Joyce, Ohio
John H. Rutherford, Florida
Andrew R. Garbarino, New York
Michelle Fischbach, Minnesota

Veronica Escobar, Texas
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October 11, 2024

Mr. Kevin Rodgers
Office of the Honorable Nicole Malliotakis
351 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Burbank and San Diego, California, scheduled for October 16 to 18, 2024, sponsored by Information Technology and Innovation Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

MG/SW:amr

ITIF EDUCATION SERIES STAFF TRIP TO LOS ANGELES AND SAN DIEGO

October 16 – 18, 2024

Wednesday, October 16

8:50 AM EDT **United Airlines Flight 1519 Departs Dulles International Airport (IAD)**

11:21 AM PST **UA Flight 1519 Arrives Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)**

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM **Drive Time and Trip Overview**

ITIF Vice President Stephen Ezell and Chief Development Officer Jackie Whisman will provide an overview of ITIF, discuss the trip agenda, and provide framing remarks for the upcoming visits and discussions.

1:00 – 2:30 PM

Fox Studios (10201 W Pico Boulevard, Century City)

Tour of the Fox Studios backlot, a fully-functioning entertainment hub for all facets of production and post-production projects, followed by a discussion with Fox Sports executives on their use of emerging technologies in the production process.

Drive Time: 40 Minutes

3:15 – 5:15 PM

Disney Animation (2100 West Riverside Drive, Burbank)

Staffers visit with Disney executives, animators, engineers and visual effects artists. They will learn about the intersection of art and technology through technology demonstrations and interactive discussion with those on the front lines in this area. Throughout the demonstrations and discussion, they will see how the business of film production both leverages and drives technology innovation, as well as how the film and visual effects business is impacted by trade, intellectual property and tax policy.

5:30 – 7:30 PM

Dinner Discussion on Content Protection and the Film Industry

*(Elena's Estiatorio's Bar and Lounge, 1333 N Hollywood Way, Burbank CA)
Featuring Ben Sheffner, SVP and Associate General Counsel, Motion Picture Association*

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Hilton Garden Inn Burbank Downtown

401 South San Fernando Boulevard, Burbank CA

Thursday, October 17

7:00 – 7:40 AM **Breakfast Available at Hotel**

7:45 AM **Bus Departs Hotel**

Drive Time: 15 Minutes

8:00 – 10:00 AM

Universal Studios (3900 Lankershim Blvd, Gate 2, Studio City)

NBCUniversal technology and policy experts will provide a briefing on content theft and a new emerging form of piracy. The presentation will include a live demonstration of how consumers typically obtain unlawful content via new devices and apps, as well as the legal and policy efforts the industry is undertaking to reduce the theft of film and television content. The group will visit physical sets, post-production offices with demonstrations on digital editing, and participate in a theme park experience at Universal Studios. Throughout the visit, we will discuss copyrights, trademarks, and the licensing marketplace and the incredible resources that are invested in creating original content and park experiences, as well as discussing the importance of protecting valued intellectual property.

The stop at Super Nintendo World provides a real-world demonstration of how entertainment industry intellectual property is transformed into a fully-immersive attraction for consumers. The presentation will include a behind-the-scenes tour of a new attraction that uses cutting-edge technology and includes a visit to the control room and the ride maintenance bay. The attendees will then experience the ride itself. These demonstrations are the only way to adequately show policy makers the stringent measures undertaken to ensure the safest and best possible experience for their guests. Both stops contain proprietary information, uniquely available only in the room, related to safety and overall user experience. Additionally, this portion of the visit ties directly into the previous discussion about the importance of intellectual property protection – tying the challenges inherent in making investments in unique and proprietary park attractions to the harm that comes when their intellectual property is diminished through unlawful theft. Guests are strictly taken to one experience in the park for the educational demonstration and then are immediately escorted out of the park.

Drive Time: 2 Hours

12:00 – 12:45 PM

Lunch Stop (In-N-Out Burger, 5950 Avenida Encinas, Carlsbad)

Drive Time: 15 Minutes

1:00 – 2:30 PM

Ionis Pharmaceuticals (2855 Gazelle Court, Carlsbad)

Ionis is focused on harnessing advanced technology to create medicines that target RNA and DNA to treat a variety of conditions—from common cardiometabolic disorders to intractable neurological conditions and rare diseases with few or no treatment options. Ionis scientists and researchers will discuss the challenges, successes, and future of RNA-targeting medicines, which will be followed by a tour of Ionis labs and research facilities focused on delivering RNA medicines that hold the potential to change the lives of patients living with serious diseases. The discussion will focus on the biology and evolving

science behind the drug development process and the future of innovation and R&D in the biotech industry.

****Closed Toe Shoes Required****

Drive Time: 30 Minutes

3:00 – 4:30 PM **Qualcomm** (5775 Morehouse Drive, Building N, San Diego)
Tour of the Qualcomm Museum, a showcase of our nearly 40 years of history, the impact of our technologies and our vision for the future. You'll see some products and technologies you will no doubt recognize and expect to see here, as well as some things that may surprise you. This will be followed by a policy discussion centered on next generation technologies.

Drive Time: 20 minutes

5:00 – 7:00 PM **Biotechnology Dinner Discussion**
(George's on the Cove, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla)
ITIF Vice President Stephen Ezell will moderate a conversation with biotechnology entrepreneurs and investors, who will provide background on their businesses and insight on the region's biotechnology innovation ecosystem.

RON **Courtyard Marriott Mission Valley/Hotel Circle**
595 Hotel Circle South, San Diego

Friday, October 18

8:00 – 9:15 AM **Breakfast Available at Hotel in the "Longboard Flex Space"**

9:15 AM **Bus Departs Hotel**

Drive Time: 15 minutes

9:30 – 10:45 AM **Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research (NIBR)**
(10675 John Jay Hopkins Drive, Bldg E, San Diego)
The Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research (NIBR) is the innovation engine of Novartis. We collaborate across scientific and organizational boundaries with a focus on powerful new technologies that have the potential to help produce therapeutic breakthrough for patients. NIBR San Diego's site leadership and leading scientists will discuss the groundbreaking science taking place at Novartis, followed by a facility tour that highlights cryogenic electron microscopy and advanced automation. The discussion will focus on the biology and evolving science behind the drug discovery process and the future of research and development in the biotech industry.

****Closed Toe Shoes Required****

Drive Time: 20 Minutes

11:10 AM **Flight Check In**

12:55 PM PDT

United Airlines Flight 2615 Departs San Diego (SAN)

9:01 PM EST

United Airlines Flight 2615 Arrives IAD