

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: Katerina Kerska
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 11/13/24 Return: 11/18/24
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Baku, Azerbaijan Return City: Washington D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Conservative Climate Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Panels, roundtables, and meetings with U.S. industry and international partners pertaining to COP29 as well as a sea port tour, cultural tour, receptions, and dinners
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: 12/2/24

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

Name of Supervising Member: Rep. Tim Walberg Date: 12/2/24

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

2. Travel Destination(s): Baku, Azerbaijan

3. Date of Departure: November 13, 2024 Date of Return: November 18, 2024

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Harley Adsit, Grace Bellone, Lucas Drill, Jackie Hunley, Katerina Kerska, Maddie Mitchell, Jennie Wright

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	\$2,478.81	\$6,390	\$891.00	\$11.00
Accompanying Family Member	^Flight & local Transportation	^ For 5 nights because of early morning departure on the 18th		Shirvanshah Museum Ticket

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: Heather Reams Date: 12/2/24

Name: Heather Reams Title: Board Chair

Organization: Conservative Climate Foundation

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

Address: 10340 Democracy Lane, Suite 300 Fairfax, VA 22030

Telephone: 703-383-1330 Email: info@rightonclimate.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.



**CCF Delegation to COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan
November 13-18, 2024**

Note: All times are local (GMT/UTC+4) unless otherwise noted

Wednesday, November 13

Travel Day

COP Theme: World Leaders Climate Action Summit

Delegation (8) departs DC

- Flight: Turkish IAD-IST-GYD 9:25PM ET

Thursday, November 14

Travel Day

COP Theme: Finance, Investment, and Trade

Delegation (8) arrives in Baku

- Flight: Turkish IAD-IST-GYD 8:55PM

10:15 PM – 10:30 PM: Travel to Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard

10:30 PM – 11:30 PM: Dinner Available

Join the CCF delegation for a casual bite to eat upon arrival at the hotel to discuss agenda details and trip logistics.

- Location: White City, Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
- Attire: Casual

RON: Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard

Friday, November 15

COP Theme: Energy/Peace, Relief, and Recovery

7:00 AM – 9:30 AM: Breakfast Available

- Location: Green House, Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM: Travel to Copper Bar Restaurant

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: Welcome & Logistics Briefing

The CCF team will brief the delegation on the agenda for the week, conduct introductions, and provide an overview of the importance of conservative engagement in international climate conversations:

- Speakers:
 - Heather Reams, Chair, Conservative Climate Foundation
 - Elizabeth Daniels, Executive Director, Conservative Climate Foundation
 - Lisa Yonkers, Events Manager, Conservative Climate Foundation
- Location: Copper Bar, *Demirchi Tower, 25th Floor, 37 Khojali Avenue, Baku 1025*
- Attire: Business

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: International Roundtable on Leveraging Nuclear Energy for Decarbonizing the Global Economy

Policymakers and business representatives from the United States, Australia, and other regions will exchange perspectives on challenges, lessons learned, and best practices revitalizing nuclear power industries.

- Speakers:
 - Christina Baworowsky, VP of Policy and Advocacy, CRES Forum [Moderator]
 - John Kotek, Senior Vice President for Policy and Public Affairs, NEI
 - Cristina Talacko, Chief Executive Officer, Coalition for Conservation, Australia
 - Hon. Dr. David Gillespie MP, Australian House of Representatives, National Party of Australia
 - Senator Ralph Babet, United Australia Party, Australia
 - Patrick Gibbons, Partner, Orizontas Group, and Member of the Board of Directors of Coalition for Conservation, Australia
 - Matt Hinde, Head of EU Affairs, National Grid
 - Carl Marcotte, Senior Vice President, Marketing & Business Development, Candu Energy, AtkinsRéalis, Canada
 - Shinichi Kihara, Director-General for Energy and Environmental Policy, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Japan
 - Satoru Yasuraoka, Director for International Affairs, Nuclear Energy Policy Division, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, METI, Japan
 - Cosmin Ghita, CEO of SN Nuclearelectrica, Romania
 - Nat Keohane, President, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES)

- Sarah Adair, Managing Director, Public Policy, Duke Energy Corporation
- Malwina Qvist, Director, Nuclear Energy Program, Clean Air Task Force (CATF)
- Laura Tierney, Vice President of International Programs, Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE)
- Location: Copper Bar, *Demirchi Tower, 25th Floor, 37 Khojali Avenue, Baku 1025*
- Attire: Business

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: Working Lunch on Meeting Global Energy Demand

The CCF delegation will be joined by international companies balancing the task of meeting growing global energy demand with reducing emissions. A panel discussion will highlight ongoing initiatives, challenges, and lessons learned as the United States and countries around the globe strive to reduce emissions with all-of-the-above energy resources.

- Speakers:
 - Heather Reams, Chair, Conservative Climate Foundation [Moderator]
 - Lauren Calderwood, Head of Global Engagement and Thought Leadership, Orsted
 - David Roth, Director of International Public Policy, Amazon
 - Thad Segal, Senior Director, Energy Transition, ExxonMobil
- Location: Copper Bar, *Demirchi Tower, 25th Floor, 37 Khojali Avenue, Baku 1025*
- Attire: Business

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM: Travel to Hotel

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM: Travel to COP29 Blue Zone via Shuttle

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM: Meeting on U.S. Industry Participation at COP

The CCF delegation will meet with industry partners to discuss the value of American business and utility engagement at COP29, a history of U.S. involvement in international climate conversations, and how current policy debates in the United States play into global climate efforts.

- Speakers:
 - Eric Holdsworth, Managing Director, Clean Energy and Environmental Policy, Edison Electric Institute
 - Sarah Adair, Public Policy Director, Duke Energy
 - Katherine Neebe, Chief Sustainability Officer, Duke Energy

- Caroline Choi, Senior Vice President – Corporate Affairs, Edison International
- Dr. Mark Berry, Executive Vice President, Southern Company
- Lisa Jacobson, President, Business Council for Sustainable Energy
- Nat Keohane, President, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions
- Abigail Ross Hopper, CEO, Solar Energy Industries Association
- Location: COP29 Blue Zone, IETA Pavilion Board Room (H6)
- Attire: Business

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM: Visit CCF Partner Activities at COP29

The CCF delegation has an opportunity to explore additional activities within the Blue Zone at COP29, including country pavilions, stakeholder engagements, etc.

- Location: COP29 Blue Zone
- Attire: Business

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM: Travel to Hotel via Shuttle

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM: Executive Time

5:30 PM – 6:00 PM: Travel to The Hill Restaurant

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Conservative Climate Reception

The CCF delegation will be joined by industry partners and business leaders for a reception celebrating conservative climate solutions.

- Location: The Hill Restaurant, *108a, 1073 Abbasgulu Abbaszadeh, Baku 1073, Azerbaijan*
- Attire: Business Casual

7:00 PM – 7:30 PM: Travel to Shirvanshah Museum Restaurant

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM: CCF Delegation Dinner

The CCF delegation will be joined by industry partners and business leaders for a dinner celebrating conservative climate solutions.

- Location: Shirvanshah Museum Restaurant, *86 Salatin Asagrova, Baku 1009, Azerbaijan*
- Attire: Business Casual

9:00 PM: Travel to Hotel

RON: Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard

Saturday, November 16

COP Theme: Science, Technology, and Innovation/Digitalization

6:00 AM – 8:30 AM: Breakfast Available

- Location: Green House, Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM: Travel to Port of Baku

The CCF delegation will receive a briefing from Port of Baku representatives highlighting the importance of international trade and the role of the Port in meeting emissions reductions targets.

- Speakers:
 - Jamal Lutfalibayov, Protocol Department, Baku International Sea Trade Port
- Location: Port of Baku
- Attire: Business

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM: Tour and Briefing at Baku International Sea Trade Port

The Port of Baku, located on the ancient Silk Road connecting Europe and Asia, is a prime transport and logistics hub of Eurasia. An important segment of the Trans-Caspian International Transport Route, the Port of Baku is a modern operating system providing prompt cargo services. The Port of Baku was awarded the “Eco Ports” (Green Port) certificate from the European Sea Ports Organization and joined the UN Global Compact in 2022, with strategic activity of the port aimed to contribute to 11 of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals.

- Speakers:
 - Dr. Taleh Ziyadov, Director General, Port of Baku
- Location: Port of Baku
- Attire: Business (Protective gear – vests and hardhats – will be provided onsite.)

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM: Travel to Hotel

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: Working Lunch on COP29 Messaging

The CCF delegation will have lunch and discuss important messaging themes for conservatives at COP29 ahead of attending several events in the Green and Blue Zones.

- Speakers:
 - Elizabeth Daniels, Executive Director, Conservative Climate Foundation

- Location: Naghiyev Meeting Room, Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
- Attire: Business

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: Travel to COP29 Green Zone via Shuttle

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Carbon Capture: Innovation for a Cleaner Future

The 2023 IEA Roadmap to Net Zero found that carbon capture utilization and storage (CCUS) technologies must abate 1 billion tons (the annual emissions of ~250 million cars) of CO₂ in 2030 and 6 billion tons of CO₂ in 2050. Despite major global investments in this technology space, the deployment potential of CCUS continues to be held back by economics: for many project developers, the technology is still too expensive, and the regulatory uncertainties associated with CO₂ transportation and storage are too great. This panel will bring experts together to explore the multifaceted landscape of CCUS deployments in both the power and industrial sectors and examine the challenges and opportunities for CCUS technologies as the global demand for clean, reliable energy grows.

- Speakers:
 - Jeremy Harrell, CEO, ClearPath [Moderator]
 - Dr. Mark Berry, Senior Vice President, Southern Company
 - Roger Martella, Chief Sustainability Officer, GE Vernova
- Location: COP29 Green Zone, Water Conference Room
- Attire: Business

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Travel to COP29 Blue Zone, Security

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM: U.S. Republican Delegation Press Conference

Republican members of the U.S. House Committee on Energy & Commerce delegation will host a press conference on the role American liquified natural gas (LNG) plays in reducing global emissions.

- Speakers:
 - Rep. August Pfluger (TX-11)
 - Rep. Morgan Griffith (VA-09)
 - Rep. Troy Balderson (OH-12)
 - Rep. Jay Obernolte (CA-08)
 - Rep. John James (MI-10)
- Location: COP29 Blue Zone
- Attire: Business

4:30 PM – 4:45 PM: Travel to U.S. Center

4:45 PM – 5:30 PM: Nuclear Energy Panel with Bipartisan U.S. Delegation

Members of the U.S. House Committee on Energy & Commerce delegation will host a bipartisan panel discussion on the importance of nuclear energy in reducing global emissions with a focus on American innovation for advanced nuclear technologies.

- Speakers:
 - Rep. August Pfluger (TX-11)
 - Rep. Morgan Griffith (VA-09)
 - Rep. John James (MI-10)
 - Rep. Scott Peters (CA-50)
- Location: U.S. Center, COP29 Blue Zone
- Attire: Business

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM: Travel to Hotel via Shuttle

6:30 PM – 9:30 PM: CCF Reception & Signature Dinner

The Reception & Signature Dinner will feature welcome remarks and a keynote address by a representative from Azerbaijan about priorities for COP29 and engagement with the U.S. delegation.

- Speakers:
 - Heather Reams, Chair, Conservative Climate Foundation
- Location: Taghiyev II Ballroom, Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
- Attire: Business

RON: Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard

Sunday, November 17

COP Day of Rest

12:45 AM: Travel to Baku Airport (Bronwyn Lance)

Delegation (1) departs Baku (Bronwyn Lance)

- Flight: Turkish GYD-IST-IAD 3:55AM
 - Landed in D.C. 11:00AM ET

6:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Breakfast Available

- Location: Green House, Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard

10:00 AM – 11:00 PM: Roundtable on Critical Mineral Supply Chains

From solar panels and wind turbines to batteries for electric vehicles and energy storage, critical minerals play a key role in a clean energy future. Attendees will explore the need for

stable critical mineral supply chains, challenges, solutions, and what role the United States can and should play – in tandem with international partners – to develop all the above.

- Speakers:
 - Ian Harrison, Board Member, Conservative Climate Foundation [Moderator]
 - Heather Reams, Chair, Conservative Climate Foundation
 - Stacy Ettinger, Senior Vice President of Supply Chain and Trade, Solar Energy Industries Association
 - Gabe Murtaugh, Director of Markets & Technology, Long Duration Energy Storage Council
 - Sam Lowe, Assistant Secretary, Renewable Superpower Taskforce, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment, and Water, Australia
 - Jeremy Harrell, CEO, ClearPath
 - Chris Tomassi, Head of Government Affairs, ClearPath
 - Shawn Affolter, Vice President of Government Relations, CRES Forum
 - Christina Baworowsky, Vice President of Policy and Advocacy, CRES Forum
 - Michael Leahy, Manager of Federal and International Government Affairs, Chevron
- Location: Naghiyev Meeting Room, Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
- Attire: Business

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM: Travel to Old City, Baku

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM: Cultural Lunch in Old City, Baku

The CCF delegation will be joined by a local Azeri tour guide for a cultural lunch experience in the Old City to discuss the history of the region and the city's sustainability efforts.

- Speakers:
 - Local Tour Guides
 - Elizabeth Daniels, Executive Director, Conservative Climate Foundation
- Location: Kurban Said Restaurant, *Old City 82, Qesr, Baku 1000, Azerbaijan*
- Attire: Casual

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Walking Cultural Tour of Old City, Baku

The CCF delegation will participate in a guided tour of the Old City, where they will learn about the history of the region, including how climate change has impacted shorelines, infrastructure, and frequency of natural disasters. The guided tour will include the Old City UNESCO World Cultural Site, including the medieval Palace of Shirvanshahs, the Maiden Tower, Highland Park, and Martyrs Lane.

- Speaker:
 - Local Tour Guides
- Location: Old City, Baku
- Attire: Casual

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM: Travel to Baku Marriott

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM: Executive Time

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM: Farewell Dinner

The CCF team will discuss key takeaways from the trip and departure logistics.

- Location: Green House, Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
- Attire: Casual

RON: Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard

Monday, November 18

Travel Day

COP Theme: Human Capital/Children and Youth/Health/Education

12:45 AM: Travel to Baku Airport

Delegation (8) departs Baku

- Flight: Turkish GYD-IST-IAD 3:55AM

Delegation (8) arrives in DC

- Flight: Turkish GYD-IST-IAD 11:00AM ET

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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: Katerina Kerska

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): Rep. Tim Walberg

Office Address: 2266 Rayburn House Office Building, 20515

Telephone Number: (202) 225-6276

Email Address of Contact Person: katerina.kerska@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.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Katerina Kerska
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Conservative Climate Foundation
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Baku, Azerbaijan
4. a. Date of Departure: November 13, 2024 Date of Return: November 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.**
As a legislative correspondent for a Member who is both a Vice Chair of the Conservative Climate Caucus and who sits on the Energy and Commerce Committee, the programming that will occur parallel to the official UN negotiations will allow me to learn about climate and energy issues and engage with the international community on behalf of my boss.

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: 10/11/24

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

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

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

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

Conservative Climate Foundation

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): Attached list

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

6. Date of Departure: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 Date of Return: Monday, November 18, 2024

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Baku, Azerbaijan

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:
Attached

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

Hotel Name: Baku Marriott Hotel City: Baku Cost Per Night: \$1,313
 Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to COP29. Limited availability of hotel rooms & space in the region

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	\$2,963.81	\$5,252.00	\$900.00
For each Accompanying Family Member	^Flight & local transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

	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: Heather Reams Date: 10/9/24
 Name: Heather Reams Title: Chair
 Organization: Conservative Climate Foundation
 Address: 10340 Democracy Lane, Suite 300 Fairfax, VA 22030
 Email: info@rightonclimate.org Telephone: 703-383-1330

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

Answer to Question 4 - Invite List

Reason for Invite: Members of Congress who's a member of the Conservative Climate Caucus or engaged on energy, environment, and climate issues.

- Congressman Cliff Bentz (R-OR)
- Congressman Buddy Carter (R-GA)
- Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR)
- Congressman John Curtis (R-UT)
- Congressman Chuck Edwards (R-NC)
- Congressman Brett Guthrie (R-KY)
- Congressman Richard Hudson (R-NC)
- Congresswoman Jen Kiggans (R-VA)
- Congressman Bob Latta (R-OH)
- Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA)
- Congressman Greg Murphy (R-NC)
- Congressman Tim Walberg (R-MI)

Reason for Invite: Congressional staff whose Member is a member of the Conservative Climate Caucus or engaged on energy, environment, and climate issues.

- Harley Adsit, Communications Director, Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA)
- Bill Ball, Senior Policy Advisor, Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA)
- Grace Bellone, Executive Director, Conservative Climate Caucus (Rep. John Curtis R-UT)
- Francis Brooke, Legislative Director, Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA)
- Anthony Cruz, Communications Director, Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA)
- Lucas Drill, Counsel, House Committee on Natural Resources
- Angie Giancarlo, Senior Advisor, House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy & Water Development
- Jihun Han, Chief of Staff, Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR)
- Jackie Hunley, Legislative Director, Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA)
- Katerina Kerska, Legislative Correspondent, Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI)
- Bronwyn Lance, Chief of Staff, Rep. Chuck Edwards (R-NC)
- Joe MacFarlane, Legislative Director, Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR)
- Mary Martin, Chief Counsel, House Committee on Energy & Commerce
- Josh Mathis, Staff Director, House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
- Tyler Menzler, Chief of Staff, Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA)
- Maddie Mitchell, Legislative Director, Rep. Jen Kiggans (R-VA)
- Vivian Moeglein, Staff Director, House Committee on Natural Resources
- Jennie Wright, Chief Counsel, House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

Answer to Question 12

The Conservative Climate Foundation (CCF) is a not-for-profit charitable and educational organization organized, operated, and recognized as a tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code as amended. The organization's mission is to engage and inform the public and policymakers about reducing global and domestic emissions with common sense, economic and environmentally sustainable strategies and solutions based on conservative principles. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is holding its 29th annual Conference of the Parties (COP) in Baku, Azerbaijan. CCF is bringing together policy leaders, business leaders, lawmakers and members of their staff to participate in a dialogue at COP29 with foreign governments and partners regarding global climate change issues. The delegation will showcase how conservative principles and policies can continue to make an impact on the issue of climate change on the world stage.



**CCF Delegation to COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan
November 13-18, 2024**

This is a working agenda and is subject to change

Note: All times are local (GMT/UTC+4) unless otherwise noted

Wednesday, November 13

Travel Day

COP Theme: World Leaders Climate Action Summit

Delegation departs DC

- Preferred flight: Turkish IAD-IST-GYD 9:25PM ET
- Backup flight: United/Luftansa IAD-FRA-GYD 10:05PM ET

Thursday, November 14

Travel Day

COP Theme: Finance, Investment, and Trade

Delegation arrives in Baku

- Preferred flight: Turkish IAD-IST-GYD 9:55PM
- Backup flight: United/Luftansa IAD-FRA-GYD 1:20AM (11/15)

10:15 PM – 10:30 PM: Travel to Baku Marriott Hotel

10:30 PM – 11:30 PM: Welcome Reception/Dinner Available

Join the CCF delegation for a casual bite to eat upon arrival at the hotel to discuss agenda details and trip logistics.

- Location: Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
- Attire: Casual

RON: Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard

Friday, November 15

COP Theme: Energy/Peace, Relief, and Recovery

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM: Welcome Briefing

The CCF team will brief attendees on the agenda for the week, conduct introductions, and provide an overview of the importance of conservative engagement in international climate conversations.

- Speakers:
 - Heather Reams, Chair, Conservative Climate Foundation
 - Elizabeth Daniels, Executive Director, Conservative Climate Foundation
 - Lisa Yonkers, Events Manager, Conservative Climate Foundation
- Location: TBD
- Attire: Business

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM: Travel to TBD

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM: Azerbaijan Energy Site Visit and Briefing

Participants will learn from SOCAR (State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic) and the Azerbaijan Renewable Energy Agency about ongoing energy projects in the region, technologies they are utilizing to decrease emissions, and how energy produced in Azerbaijan contributes to global energy security.

- Speakers:
 - TBD, SOCAR
 - TBD, Azerbaijan Renewable Energy Agency
- Location: TBD
- Attire: Business

11:00 AM – 11:30 PM: Travel to Working Lunch

11:30 PM – 12:30 PM: Working Lunch on Meeting Energy Demand

Attendees will discuss challenges and opportunities to meet growing global energy demand with industry leaders and representatives of allied countries, as well as what meeting this demand will mean for the clean energy transition.

- Speakers:
 - TBD, Conservative Climate Foundation
 - TBD, European Union
- Location: TBD
- Attire: Business

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM: Travel to Baku Marriott

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: Executive Time

2:00 PM – 2:30PM: Travel to COP29, Badging and Security

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM: COP29 Climate Negotiations Briefing

Attendees will hear from the U.S. Department of State on the current status of climate negotiations at COP29, including an update on climate financing from developed and undeveloped nations, decarbonization goals, and the United States' role in global emissions reduction.

- Speakers:
 - TBD, U.S. Department of State
- Location: COP29 Blue Zone
- Attire: Business

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM: Visit CCF Partner Activities at COP29

The CCF delegation has an opportunity to explore additional activities within the Blue Zone at COP29, including country pavilions, stakeholder engagements, etc.

- Location: COP29 Blue Zone
- Attire: Business

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM: Travel to TBD

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM: International Business Roundtable on Strengthening Energy Security

Legislative and business representatives from the United States and various countries will exchange perspectives on challenges, lessons learned and best practices for revitalizing nuclear power industries and securing reliable supply chains of critical minerals that are essential for multiple clean energy technologies.

- Speakers:
 - TBD
- Location: TBD
- Attire: Business

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM: Travel to TBD

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM: Conservative Climate Reception

The CCF delegation will be joined by industry partners and business leaders for a reception celebrating conservative climate solutions.

- Location: TBD
- Attire: Business Casual

6:30 PM – 7:00 PM: Travel to Shirvanshah Museum Restaurant

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM: Dinner

The CCF delegation will be joined by industry partners and business leaders for a dinner celebrating conservative climate solutions.

- Location: Shirvanshah Museum Restaurant, *86 Salatin Asagrova, Baku, Baku 1009, Azerbaijan*
- Attire: Business Casual

9:00PM: Travel to Baku Marriott

RON: Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard

Saturday, November 16

COP Theme: Science, Technology, and Innovation/Digitalization

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: Roundtable on Critical Mineral Supply Chains

From solar panels and wind turbines to batteries for electric vehicles and energy storage, critical minerals play an important role in a clean energy future. Attendees will explore the importance of onshoring and friendshoring supply chains (extraction, refining, manufacturing) in the United States and allied nations.

- Speakers:
 - TBD, Conservative Climate Foundation
 - TBD, Australia
 - TBD, Canada
- Location: TBD
- Attire: Business

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM: Travel to Working Lunch

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Working Lunch on Climate and Trade

What does the future of carbon accounting look like? Attendees will explore current and existing proposals to account for carbon emissions, including the European Union's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), and the implications these policies will have on energy production and manufacturing in the United States.

- Speakers:
 - TBD, Conservative Climate Foundation
- Location: TBD
- Attire: Business

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM: Travel to COP29, Badging and Security

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM: Roundtable on Carbon Capture Technologies

Carbon capture, utilization, and storage technologies are promising to reduce emissions in hard-to-abate energy production sectors, such as oil and natural gas. Attendees will learn about the latest technologies and how they are being applied around the world to both reduce carbon from energy production and decarbonize other sectors, such as cement and asphalt.

- Speakers:
 - TBD, Conservative Climate Foundation
- Location: TBD
- Attire: Business

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM: Visit CCF Partner Activities at COP29

The CCF delegation has an opportunity to explore additional activities within the Blue Zone at COP29, including country pavilions, stakeholder engagements, etc.

- Location: COP29 Blue Zone
- Attire: Business

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM: Travel to Baku Marriott

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM: Executive Time

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM: Travel to TBD

5:30 PM – 8:30 PM: CCF Reception & Signature Dinner

The Reception & Signature Dinner will feature welcome remarks and a keynote address by a representative from Azerbaijan about priorities for COP29 and engagement with the U.S. delegation.

- Speakers:
 - Heather Reams, Chair, Conservative Climate Foundation
 - TBD, Azerbaijan
- Location: TBD
- Attire: Business

RON: Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard

Sunday, November 17

COP Day of Rest

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Travel to bp Site Visit

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM: bp Site Visit

The CCF delegation will receive a tour of a bp production site in Baku, which will highlight sustainability efforts, regulatory challenges, and safety protocols for energy production in the region.

- Speakers:
 - TBD, bp
- Location: TBD
- Attire: Casual

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: Lunch with bp

Executives from bp will give an overview of their initiatives in the region, share how they are working with Azerbaijan to advance clean energy solutions, and discuss the role bp plays in strengthening global energy security.

- Speakers:
 - TBD, bp
- Location: TBD
- Attire: Casual

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM: Travel to Old City, Baku

1:30 PM – 4:00 PM: Cultural Tour of Old City, Baku

The CCF delegation will participate in a guided tour of the Old City, where they will learn about the history of the region, including how climate change has impacted shorelines, infrastructure, and frequency of natural disasters.

- Speakers:
 - TBD
- Location: Old City, Baku
- Attire: Casual

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM: Travel to Baku Marriott

4:30 PM – 7:00 PM: Executive Time

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM: Farewell Dinner

The CCF team will discuss key takeaways from the trip and departure logistics.

- Location: Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
- Attire: Casual

RON: Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard

Monday, November 18

Travel Day

COP Theme: Human Capital/Children and Youth/Health/Education

2:45 AM: Travel to Baku Airport

Delegation departs Baku

- Preferred flight: Turkish GYD-IST-IAD 3:55AM
- Backup flight: United/Luftansa GYD-FRA-IAD 4:35AM

Delegation arrives in DC

- Preferred flight: Turkish GYD-IST-IAD 11:00AM ET
- Backup flight: United/Luftansa GYD-FRA-IAD 2:40PM ET

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November 13, 2024

Ms. Katerina Kerska
Office of the Honorable Tim Walberg
2266 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Kerska:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Azerbaijan,¹ scheduled for November 13 to 18, 2024, sponsored by Conservative Climate 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.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$480] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

¹ Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Guest". The first letter "M" is large and loops around the start of the name.

Michael Guest
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Wild". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "S" and "W" being particularly prominent.

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

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Katerina Kerska, Legislative Correspondent
Congressman Tim Walberg
2266 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Katerina,

On behalf of the Conservative Climate Foundation (CCF), I am pleased to invite you to join our fourth annual bicameral Republican delegation to COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, from Wednesday, November 13 – Monday, November 18, 2024.

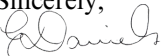
The Conservative Climate Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, was founded in 2021 to support Republican Members of Congress and their staff to better understand climate and energy issues and conservative solutions to address them. CCF is dedicated to convening Republicans through organizing educational programming, networking opportunities with industry, think tanks, and innovators, as well as international delegations and domestic site visits.

Since ratification by the U.S. Senate in 1992, the United States has formally participated in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Each year the UNFCCC hosts the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (COP) to identify and assess international climate measures. In 2021, CCF brought the first-ever coordinated delegation of four Republican U.S. lawmakers to COP26 in Scotland. In 2022, the Foundation brought five Members and congressional staff to COP27 in Egypt, and last year CCF brought a delegation of 25 Republican staff to COP28 in Dubai, UAE.

Please join us this November at COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, for programming and media opportunities that will occur parallel to the official UN negotiations. CCF will arrange and pay for all travel, accommodations, and meals related to our trip's agenda, and we will assist in coordinating with the House Ethics Committee to facilitate this privately-sponsored travel.

Republican engagement at this international forum allows conservatives to highlight how U.S. energy leadership, innovation, resources, and commonsense policies can lead to lower global emissions, economic and job benefits, and deepened U.S. alliances. It is imperative the international community listen to and engage with conservative U.S. Members of Congress, and CCF is well-positioned to help educate on the importance of innovative, market-oriented solutions.

Please note, spots are limited, so we request your RSVP as soon as possible. We will be sharing additional agenda details in the coming months. If you or your staff would like to discuss this opportunity further, please contact me at elizabeth@rightonclimate.org.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth Daniels,
Executive Director, Conservative Climate Foundation



AGENDA

November 13 - 18, 2024

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Wednesday, November 13 (PM)

- Depart D.C.

Thursday, November 14

- Arrive in Baku, Azerbaijan

Friday, November 15

- Programming

Saturday, November 16

- Programming
- CCF Signature Dinner

Sunday, November 17

- Programming/Site Visits

Monday, November 18 (AM)

- Depart Baku, Azerbaijan

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