

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

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

This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

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

Name of Traveler: August T. Desch

**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. Warren Davidson

Office Address: 2113 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Telephone Number: 202-225-6205

Email Address of Contact Person: gus.desch@mail.house.gov

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

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

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

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

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: August Desch
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Conservative Partnership Institute
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Washington, D.C. / Maryland
4. a. Date of Departure: 4/14/2025 Date of Return: 4/16/2025  
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.**

This trip includes lectures and seminars that will be informative to my work as a legislative assistant in Congress.

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: Wynn Davis Date: 3/14/25

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

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

This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

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

Name of Traveler: August Desch

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: 2113 Rayburn House office building

Telephone Number: 202-225-6205

Email Address of Contact Person: aug.desch@mail.house.gov

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

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

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

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

last updated 7/2023

HAND DELIVERED

2025 MAR 14 PM 2:31

# 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](http://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 Partnership Institute
2.  I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a.  The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
  - b.  The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
  - c.  The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.  
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_  
See Attached
5. Yes  No  Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: April 14th, 2025 Date of Return: April 16th, 2025
7. a. City of departure: Washington D.C.  
b. Destination(s): Cambridge, M.D.  
c. City of return: Washington D.C.
8. **Check only one.** I represent that
  - a.  The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
  - b.  The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
  - c.  The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

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

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

10.  Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

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

- a.  I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box;* **OR**
- b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

CPI is solely responsible for organizing and conducting this trip. CPI provides regular educational briefings and training sessions to congressional staff. These programs focus on operations, communication, and other tools needed to become better public servants.

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): \$64.00/day

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location is owned by the trip sponsor, economical, and conducive to education and training.

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

Hotel Name: Camp Rydin City: Cambridge, M.D. Cost Per Night: \$99.00  
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 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	\$100.00	\$198.00	\$128.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00
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: Ed Corrigan Date: 3/6/25  
 Name: Ed Corrigan Title: President and CEO  
 Organization: Conservative Partnership Institute  
 Address: 300 Independence Ave SE Washington, D.C. 20003  
 Email: sgast@compasslegal.org Telephone: 202.937.2309

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

## **Private Trip Sponsor Form Addendum**

### **Question #4: (Name, title, description)**

1. Chase Starr – Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep. Andrew Clyde (Invited as a Congressional staffer with interest in improving Congressional legislative strategy)
2. Matthew Arthur – Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep. Andy Harris (Invited as a Congressional staffer with interest in improving Congressional legislative strategy)
3. Clara Bradbury – Legislative Assistant, Rep. Scott Fitzgerald (Invited as a Congressional staffer with interest in improving Congressional legislative strategy)
4. Annika Erickson – Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep. Eli Crane (Invited as a Congressional staffer with interest in improving Congressional legislative strategy)
5. Dominick Namias – Deputy Director of Coalitions, House Veterans Affairs Committee (Invited as a Congressional staffer with interest in improving Congressional legislative strategy)
6. Will De Haan – Legislative Assistant, Rep. Josh Brecheen (Invited as a Congressional staffer with interest in improving Congressional legislative strategy)
7. Micky Wooten – Legislative Assistant, Rep. Mark Harris (Invited as a Congressional staffer with interest in improving Congressional legislative strategy)
8. Worth Loving – Policy Advisor, Rep. Mary Miller (Invited as a Congressional staffer with interest in improving Congressional legislative strategy)
9. Alexandra Adair – Legislative Assistant, Rep. Michael Rulli (Invited as a Congressional staffer with interest in improving Congressional legislative strategy)
10. Macayle Fuchs – Legislative Director, Rep. Paul Gosar (Invited as a Congressional staffer with interest in improving Congressional legislative strategy)
11. Taylor Holcomb – Legislative Aide, Rep. Tim Burchett (Invited as a Congressional staffer with interest in improving Congressional legislative strategy)
12. August Desch – Legislative Assistant, Rep. Warren Davidson (Invited as a Congressional staffer with interest in improving Congressional legislative strategy)
13. Rune Moore - Legislative Assistant, Rep. Addison McDowell (Invited as a Congressional staffer with interest in improving Congressional legislative strategy)
14. Dominic Panarese - Legislative Assistant, Rep. Brandon Gill (Invited as a Congressional staffer with interest in improving Congressional legislative strategy)
15. Timothy Reitz - Executive Director, House Freedom Caucus (Invited as a speaker to help teach Congressional staffer to improve their legislative strategy abilities)

**Conservative Partnership Institute's (CPI)  
Intrepidus Fellowship Symposium  
April, 14-16th, 2025**

**Monday, April 14th:**

- 9:00 am**                    **Depart from Washington, D.C. 20003**
- 11:00 am**                    **Arrive at Cambridge, MD 21613**
- 11:00 - 12:30 pm**        **Check-in and Orientation**
- 12:30 – 2:30 pm**        **Lunch & Session 1: Understanding Congress**  
Key terms, strategies, and tactics to understand how Congress works. Identifying certain terms will assist in the preparation for future actions.  
*Speaker: Tim Reitz, Executive Director of House Freedom Caucus*
- 2:30 – 3:00 pm**            **Executive Time**
- 3:00 – 4:30 pm**            **SESSION 2: The Legislative Process**  
An overview of the legislative process, starting with an idea, to a bill's introduction, to the debates and voting in both chambers, and finally to signing by the President.  
*Speaker: Cesar Ybarra, Vice President, State Freedom Caucus Network*
- 4:30 – 5:30 pm**            **SESSION 3: Budget Process Class**  
As conservatives seek to influence spending levels, knowing where to look and how to work is vital. Learn an overview of the President's Budget, the Congressional budget process, and how the two branches work together to set annual spending levels.  
*Speaker: Matt Dickerson, Director of Budget Policy at Economic Policy Innovation Center*
- 5:30 – 6:30 pm**            **Executive Time**
- 6:30 – 8:00 pm**            **Dinner & Session 4: Keynote Speaker: Navigating D.C.**  
Navigating D.C. under a new administration—how leaders adapt, build influence, and drive policy in a shifting landscape.  
*Speaker: Mark Meadows, Senior Partner, Conservative Partnership Institute*

**Tuesday, April 15th:**

- 8:00 – 9:00 am**            **Breakfast Buffet**
- 9:00 – 11:00 am**        **SESSION 5: Immigration Policy**

A detailed understanding of fallacies in today's immigration system, policy loopholes, and real world impacts on everyday Americans.

*Speaker: Grant Newman, Immigration Accountability Project*

**11:00 - 11:30 am**      **Executive Time**

**11:30 – 12:30 pm**      **Lunch & Session 6: Conservative Foreign Policy**

An introduction to foreign and defense policy from a conservative lens. Rightsizing American foreign policy is vital for American interests abroad.

*Speaker: Reid Smith, Stand Together*

**12:30 – 3:00 pm**      **Executive Time**

**3:00 – 4:00 pm**      **Session 7: Fundamentals of House and Senate Appropriations**

A summary of the appropriations process in the House and Senate. Learning how the development and execution of appropriations will advance conservative policy priorities.

*Speaker: Justin Ouimette, Vice President, State Freedom Caucus Network and former Executive Director, House Freedom Caucus*

**4:00 – 4:30 pm**      **Executive Time**

**4:30 – 5:30 pm**      **Session 8: Second Amendment Fundamentals Bootcamp**

The Second Amendment to the Constitution is vital to the Bill of Rights. Learn an overview of the Second Amendment, the key firearms laws currently in place, and how conservatives should be thinking through Second Amendment policy.

*Speakers: James Holland, President, Conservative Partnership Campus*

**5:30 – 6:00 pm**      **Executive Time**

**6:00 – 7:30 pm**      **Dinner and Session 9: Keynote Speaker: The Practice of Bold Leadership**

A former SEAL Team member shares insights on the key principles of effective leadership. Learn firsthand how top leaders make decisive choices, foster trust within their teams, and communicate with clarity and precision.

*Speaker: Cameron Hamilton, former Navy SEAL*

**Wednesday, April 16th:**

**8:00 – 9:00 am**      **Breakfast & Check Out**

**9:00 am**      **Travel from Cambridge, MD 21613**

**11:30 am**      **Arrive at Washington, D.C. 20003**