

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at [gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov](mailto:gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov), within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

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

1. Name of Traveler: Steven Blattner
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 04/23/25 Return: 04/24/25  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: NY, NY Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: NCTA - The Internet and Television Association
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Met with the CEO of a new streaming service, Q&A with media personalities, presentation from media executives on content creation & TV production, a technology demonstration, a tour/presentation on the production and delivery of news content
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: 5/8/25

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: Yvette Clarke Date: 5/8/25

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.

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: NCTA - The Internet & Television Association

2. Travel Destination(s): New York, NY

3. Date of Departure: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 Date of Return: Thursday, April 24, 2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): See attached list

*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	\$268 - Amtrak \$100 - Ground Transportation	\$281	\$92	
Accompanying Family Member				

6.  All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box.

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

Signature:  Date: May 5, 2025

Name: Nilda Gumbs Title: Chief of Staff

Organization: NCTA - The Internet & Television Association

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

Address: 25 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20001

Telephone: (202) 222 - 2320 Email: ngumbs@ncta.com

*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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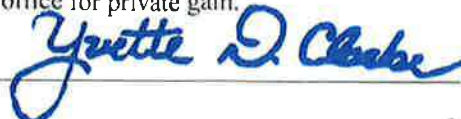
## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Steven Blattner
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: NCTA - The Internet and Television Association
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: New York, New York
4. a. Date of Departure: 4/23/25 Date of Return: 4/24/25  
b. Yes  No  Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: not accepting return travel
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:  
not requesting lodging for two nights
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 Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director for a senior Member of the House Committee on Energy & Commerce and the Ranking Member of the Oversight Subcommittee, it is imperative that I stay abreast of the latest issues in content production and distribution, advances in technology that fuel the interesting, and strengthen my understanding of the economic growth that the industry can drive.
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: 3/24/25

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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](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:

NCTA - The Internet & Television Association

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): Please see attached list

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

6. Date of Departure: April 23, 2025 Date of Return: April 24, 2025

7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.

b. Destination(s): New York, NY

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:

See supplemental responses

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): See supplemental form

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See supplemental form

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

Hotel Name: Moxy NYC Lower East Side City: New York, NY Cost Per Night: \$281

Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to tour stops and price of available hotel

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	\$268 Train	\$281	\$110
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	\$100	Shuttle Bus to Meetings
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: March 21, 2025  
 Name: Nilda Gumbs Title: Chief of Staff  
 Organization: NCTA - The Internet & Television Association  
 Address: 25 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20001  
 Email: ngumbs@ncta.com Telephone: 202-222-2320

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

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April 8, 2025

Mr. Steven Blattner  
Office of the Honorable Yvette Clarke  
2058 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Blattner:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to New York, New York, scheduled for April 23 to 24, 2025, sponsored by NCTA - The Internet and Television Association. We remind you that, because the trip sponsor employs a federal lobbyist, you may participate in officially-connected activity on one calendar day only. We note that you are not accepting return transportation expenses from the sponsor.

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

Mark DeSaulnier  
Ranking Member

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**NCTA New York City Congressional Travel List**  
 April 23 – 24, 2025

HOUSE						
First Name	Last Name	Office	Title	E-Mail Address	Reason for Inviting	
MK	Sowers	Womack, Steve (AR-03)	Legislative Assistant	<a href="mailto:MK.Sowers@mail.house.gov">MK.Sowers@mail.house.gov</a>	Member on Appropriations Committee	
Anneliese	Slamowitz	Barragan, Nanette (CA-44)	Legislative Assistant	<a href="mailto:anneliese.slamowitz@mail.house.gov">anneliese.slamowitz@mail.house.gov</a>	Member on E&C Committee	
Steven	Blattner	Clarke, Yvette (NY-09)	Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director	<a href="mailto:steven.blattner@mail.house.gov">steven.blattner@mail.house.gov</a>	Member on E&C Committee	
Mary	Huang	Matsui, Doris (CA-07)	Senior Communications and Technology Counsel	<a href="mailto:Mary.Huang@mail.house.gov">Mary.Huang@mail.house.gov</a>	Member on E&C Committee	
Dylan	Rogers	House Energy & Commerce	Professional Staff Member	<a href="mailto:dylan.rogers@mail.house.gov">dylan.rogers@mail.house.gov</a>	E&C Majority Committee Staff	
Nicholas	Adams	Lee, Laurel (FL-15)	Legislative Director	<a href="mailto:nick.adams@mail.house.gov">nick.adams@mail.house.gov</a>	Member on E&C Committee	
Georgia	Mclean	Menendez, Robert (NJ-08)	Legislative Assistant	<a href="mailto:Georgia.mclean@mail.house.gov">Georgia.mclean@mail.house.gov</a>	Member on E&C Committee	
Landon	Hoffman	Lee, Laurel (FL-15)	Senior Advisor	<a href="mailto:Landon.Hoffman@mail.house.gov">Landon.Hoffman@mail.house.gov</a>	Member on E&C Committee	
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**Primary Trip Sponsor Form  
Supplemental Responses**

**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:**

NCTA is the principal trade association for the cable television and broadband industry. Attendance by Congressional staff on this trip provides the best opportunity to demonstrate the industry's significance to the U.S. economy, U.S. innovation, and job growth.

NCTA is the sole organizer and planner of this trip and all the events associated with the trip. NCTA worked with its member companies to arrange for the tours of their facilities and to determine availability of the facilities and staff for tours, presentations, and other planned events.

**15. I represent that either:**

**b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation.**

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

April 23, 2025: Approximately \$10 breakfast, \$20 lunch, and \$62 dinner

April 24, 2025: Approximately \$18 breakfast

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

Many of NCTA's member companies have major facilities in New York City, allowing us to visit multiple locations in one day and provide staff with a diverse learning experience that will provide insight into future technologies and services that cable and broadband providers are seeking to provide

## NYC Congressional Staff Trip

April 23 – 24, 2025

New York City, NY

### Wednesday, April 23, 2025

6:00 – 8:48 AM

Acela Train to NYC  
Depart: Union Station; Arrive: Penn Station

9:00 – 9:10 AM

Travel to AMC Networks - 11 Pennsylvania Plaza (10 min.)

**9:10 – 10:15 AM**

**AMC Networks (1 hr. 5 min.)**  
**Breakfast & Panel**  
**Welcome:** Kristin Dolan, CEO, AMC Networks

*AMCN will host a breakfast with a panel discussion with key leaders from across the company that represent important parts of the business – from creative/production, distribution and sales, and marketing and publicity. The panel discussion will provide staff with information on the contribution of the cable industry to economic growth and job creation and a sense of the challenges and opportunities for the industry that could be affected by policy decisions in Washington.*

10:15 – 10:45 AM

Travel to FOX - 1211 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue (15 min.)

**10:45 – 12:00 PM**

**FOX (1 hr. 15 min.)**  
**Q&A** with Jay Wallace and Dana Perino

*Fox Corporation will host a Q&A with Fox News Media President and Executive Editor Jay Wallace and Dana Perino, Co-Ancor of 'America's Newsroom with Bill Hemmer & Dana Perino' and co-host of 'The Five'. Staff will learn about the technology and production elements used to power America's most-watched cable channel.*

12:00 – 12:15 PM

Travel to NBCUniversal - 30 Rockefeller Plaza (15 min.)

**12:15 – 2:15 PM**

**Comcast/NBCUniversal (2 hr.)**  
**Tour & Lunch and Learn**  
**Presenters:** Justin Markle, Head of Wireless Partnerships and Development, Comcast and Rob Alderfer, Vice President of Technology Policy, Charter

*The Comcast/NBCU studio tour and presentation will educate staff on the content creation and TV production process. Staff will have an opportunity to observe a control room to see how content is monitored and hear from technical experts how they manage multiple streams of content to ensure that it is successfully delivered to homes across America. Staff also will have an opportunity to see the NBCU studios. On this stop, staff can observe the number of jobs that support the content development process and get a feel for the amount of investment that goes into running a successful network. Staff will also receive an educational briefing by Comcast and Charter on spectrum policy issues and the importance of unlicensed and shared spectrum to the future of WiFi connection across the country.*

2:15 – 2:45 PM

Travel to Disney/ESPN - 89 South Street Pier 17 (30 min.)

**2:45 – 3:45 PM**

**Disney/ESPN (1 hr.)  
ESPN Technology Tour**

*Tour of ESPN's REMY (remote studio) technology. Use of the technology means there is no production done at the New York studio – the control rooms for the programs taped there are all elsewhere (e.g., L.A., Bristol). Attending the ESPN tour and presentation will provide staff with information on how cable integrates new and innovative technologies into television production and how policy decisions can promote or hamper such developments.*

3:45 – 4:15 PM

Travel to Charter's Spectrum/NY1 - 75 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue (30 min.)

**4:15 – 5:15 PM**

**Spectrum/NY1 (1 hr.)  
Tour and Presentation**

*This presentation will focus on the production and delivery of news content. Attendees will tour the newsroom and studio booths of NY1, and presenters will discuss how news is gathered and produced in remote locations, delivered back to the control room, and edited into the program stream, including during live transmissions. The Spectrum NY1 tour and presentation will educate staff about television news production to provide context that can inform later policy discussions regarding cable regulation and wireless spectrum policy. If available, one of NY1's on-air personalities will meet with the group and speak about the production and value of cable news.*

5:30 – 6:50 PM

Check-In to Hotel (1 hr. 20 min.)  
Moxy NYC Lower East Side - 145 Bowery, New York, NY 10002

6:50 – 7:00 PM

Travel to Dinner (10 min.)

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Dinner (2 hr.)  
Ainslie Bowery - 199 Bowery, New York, NY 10002

**Friday, May 31, 2024**

10:00 – 12:50 PM

Acela Train to DC  
Depart: Penn Station; Arrive: Union Station

\*All meals paid for and provided by NCTA