

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: Tyler Fagan
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: April 25, 2025 Return: April 27, 2025
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Cambridge, MD Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Compass
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Attended panels and discussions about conservative economics, government efficiency, U.S.-China strategic competition, and conservative antitrust policy.
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: 5/8/2025

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. Mike Johnson Date: 5/8/2025

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: American Compass

2. Travel Destination(s): Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort

3. Date of Departure: April 25, 2025 Date of Return: April 27, 2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Tyler Fagan, Joel Gardner, Pranay Mittal, Ryan Rasins, Daniel West

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		\$598	\$595	
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: 05/01/25

Name: Abigail Ball Title: Executive Director

Organization: American Compass

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

Address: 300 Independence Ave. SE, Washington DC 20003

Telephone: 208-874-3967 Email: brad.littlejohn@americancompass

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: Tyler Fagan
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: American Compass
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Cambridge, MD
4. a. Date of Departure: 4/25/2025 Date of Return: 4/27/2025
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.**
As Legislative Director for Speaker Johnson, the retreat will allow me to hear from and discuss with policy experts and other congressional staffers current issues in economics, tech, and trade policy.
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: 3/21/25

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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) 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:

American Compass

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 25, 2025 Date of Return: 04/27/25

7. a. City of departure: April 27, 2025

b. Destination(s): Cambridge, MD

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:
American Compass's educational activities include hosting lectures, seminars, and panels on a wide variety of public policy topics. This trip will be a three-day retreat comprised of educational sessions on economic policy that supports American families, workers, and industry.
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13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)
 - b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)
 - c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
No regularly scheduled route exists.
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14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
 - b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
 - 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____
 - 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: Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay City: Cambridge, MD Cost Per Night: \$299
 Reason(s) for Selecting: Excellent conference facilities within easy striking distance of DC

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$40.62	\$598	\$504
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	None	
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: 05/01/25
 Name: Abigail Ball Title: Executive Director
 Organization: American Compass
 Address: 300 Independence Ave. SE, Washington DC 20003
 Email: brad.littlejohn@americancompass.org Telephone: 208-874-3967

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

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April 17, 2025

Mr. Tyler Fagan
Office of the Honorable Mike Johnson
521 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Fagan:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Cambridge, Maryland, scheduled for April 25 to 27, 2025, sponsored by American Compass.

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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American Compass Conservative Economics Workshop

Friday, April 25 – Sunday, April 27, 2024

Hyatt Chesapeake Bay | Cambridge, MD

Friday April 25

	CHARTER BUS (IF RIDING)	<i>Union Station</i>
10:30am	<i>Attendees arrive and board bus</i>	
11:00am	<i>Bus departs to Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay</i>	
1:00pm	<i>Bus arrives at Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay</i>	
1:00pm–5:00pm	REGISTRATION	
2:00pm–3:00pm	PEER/PIER REVIEW We'll be going around the horn, inviting each attendee to share what they're working on and everyone else to provide feedback. <i>Moderated by Oren Cass & Brad Littlejohn</i>	
3:00pm-5:00pm	CHECK-IN	
3:30pm-4:00pm	ON THE HORIZON Attendees will discuss the promise and perils of the current political environment and share their prognostications over what challenges and opportunities we are most likely to face over the coming year. <i>Moderated by Brad Littlejohn</i>	
5:00pm-6:30pm	WELCOME RECEPTION	
6:30pm-8:30pm	DINNER Exploring the New World Executive Director Oren Cass gives a keynote address on the opportunities and challenges facing the movement to change the economic policy consensus on the center-right. <i>Remarks by Oren Cass</i>	
8:30pm-11:00pm	NIGHTCAP & FELLOWSHIP An opportunity for attendees to gather and share a drink if they so choose before ending the day.	

Saturday, April 26

8:00am-9:00am

BREAKFAST

SESSION I: COMING INTO ALIGNMENT

9:00am-12:15pm

After real-time polling to determine the sense of the group on a variety of issues, and a review of the feedback from the prior day, we'll hear from panels on issues of ongoing debate within the realignment.

9:00am-9:30am

REAL-TIME POLLING

Attendees will respond via their mobile devices to a variety of poll questions, seeing the group's responses in real-time.

9:35am-10:30am

Panel with [Special Guest(s)]

Conservatives have struggled to successfully articulate a compelling vision of what it means to be pro-family. In the wake of the Dobbs ruling, conservatives have been put to the test. So far, they have utterly failed. Join [Special Guest, confirmation pending] for a discussion of what a genuine pro-family agenda looks like. [Special Guest] will discuss key policy initiatives that can back up the rhetoric and answer the audience's questions.

Feat. [Special Guest]

Moderated by Chris Griswold

10:30am-10:45am

BREAK

10:45am-12:00pm

**CONSERVATIVE ECONOMICS ROUNDTABLES /
SMALL BRUNCHES**

After the break, participants will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of small group discussions focused on debates critical to developing a new economic consensus. Topics:

- **Government Efficiency:** *DOGE has been an effective wrecking ball if that's what you think*

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government needs right now, but where do we go from here? What does government efficiency in service of greater state capacity look like?

- ***The Right to Organize:*** *Does organized labor have a role in a conservative political project? What are the risks and rewards of partnering with unions as they reconsider their relationship with the Democratic Party?*
- ***Checks, Please:*** *How should we think about the relationship between the courts and the executive, historically, theoretically, and practically? (i.e., let's mitigate the potential for a constitutional crisis!)*
- ***Unlikely Bedfellows:*** *Elon Musk and the tech bros have made their presence felt as powerful force within the New Right coalition. Does this offer conservatives a chance to develop creative new synergies or is it more of an uneasy co-belligerency?*
- ***Ready for Takeoff:*** *What does a positive, conservative vision for a world with powerful AI look like? Butlerian Jihad or bicycle for the mind?*
- ***American Birthright:*** *In a "nation of immigrants," is it time to reconsider birthright citizenship or should we focus solely on fixing the border? As a political matter, does the Right risk overplaying its hand here?*

Moderated by Oren Cass, Brad Littlejohn, Chris Griswold, Abigail Ball, Daniel Kishi, and Mark DiPlacido

12:00pm-1:00pm

LUNCH DEBRIEF

Participants will share reactions to topics discussed in the panels. Discussion questions will be provided.

Hosted by Brad Littlejohn

SESSION II: POLICY MAKING IN PRACTICE

1:00pm-4:30pm

Attendees will hear from a special guest about current and future conservative policy and practice on globalization and trade, followed by small break-out discussions digging into a variety of policy issues.

1:00pm-2:15pm

Remarks and Q&A with Special Guest (Peter Thiel)

Conservatives are rethinking their approach to globalization and trade policy. This discussion will dig into the intellectual foundations of the New Right's approach to global trade and explore the current and future fault lines.

Moderated by Oren Cass

2:30-4:00pm

BREAKOUTS

Assigned breakout discussion to discuss and debate details of current policy proposals will be divided by policy areas of interest and practice and led by members and special guests.

- Trade and Globalization
- New Right and the Law
- Family-First Technology
- Supporting Family Formation
- Rebuilding the Industrial Base
- National Security in a Multipolar World

Moderated by Oren Cass, Brad Littlejohn, Chris Griswold, Abigail Ball, Daniel Kishi, and Mark DiPlacido

4:00pm-6:00pm

BREAK

6:00pm-8:00pm

DINNER

Open buffet for attendees to eat at their convenience and discuss the weekend's programming so far

8:00pm-10:00pm

PAST AS PROLOGUE

Attendees in small groups will be challenged with trivia about past political realignments, major legislative efforts, and other miscellany.

Hosted by Oren Cass

10:00pm-11:00pm

NIGHTCAP & FELLOWSHIP

An opportunity for attendees to gather and share a drink if they so choose before ending the day.

Sunday, April 27

8:00am-9:00am

BREAKFAST

9:00am-10:00am

EXECUTIVE TIME [religious observance]

SESSION III: REALIGNMENT ON THE JOB

10:00am-12:30pm

Attendees will meet in groups organized by profession to discuss challenges and opportunities in their own work, before reconvening to compare notes.

10:00am-10:30am

BUILDING THE COALITION

Programs Director Brad Littlejohn will share ideas on how Compass plans to expand and enrich its membership network going forward through new events and programming.

Hosted by Brad Littlejohn

10:30am-11:15am

BREAKOUT: SHOP TALK

Attendees will be divided into small groups based on profession to discuss and debate these ideas for the membership network, and how they might be most strategically put to use in their own areas of work.

Moderated by Brad Littlejohn and other Compass staff

11:30am-12:15pm

BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER

Closing plenary discussion, tying together all of the debates and conversations from the weekend.

Hosted by Oren Cass

12:30pm-1:30pm

CLOSING LUNCH

CHARTER BUS (IF RIDING)

Front Lobby

1:30pm

Attendees load their luggage onto the bus.

2:00pm

Bus departs to Union Station

4:00pm

Bus arrives at Union Station

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