

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

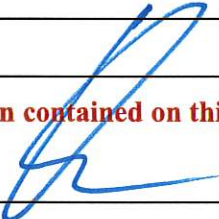
EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

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: John Kohler
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 5-28-25 Return: 6-1-25
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: 5-31-6-1 **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: New York, NY Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Software Education Foundation d.b.a Software.org: the BSA Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Met with different enterprise software companies to learn about artificial intelligence
Learned what Congress should be looking at when considering legislative action.
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: 6/24/25

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: Troy Balderson Date: 6/24/2025

Signature of Supervising Member: 

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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: _____

Software.org: The BSA Foundation

2. Travel Destination(s): New York, N.Y.

3. Date of Departure: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 Date of Return: Friday, May 30, 2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): John Kohler

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	\$526.22	\$739.10	\$361.40	
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: Victoria A. Espinel Digitally signed by Victoria A. Espinel
Date: 2025.06.12 08:35:02 -04'00' Date: 6/5/2025

Name: Victoria A Espinel Title: President

Organization: Software.org: The BSA Fondation

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

Address: 200 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 310, Washington, D.C.

Telephone: 202-594-7565 Email: william.a.milligan@gmail.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.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: John Kohler
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: _____
Software Education Foundation, Software.org dba the BSA Foundation
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: New York, NY
4. a. Date of Departure: May 28, 2025 Date of Return: June 1, 2025
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: May 30 - June 1, less than 48 hours
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 Senior Policy Advisor to Rep. Balderson, this trip is directly related to my duties covering AI, tech policy, and data privacy.

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: 4/29/25

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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: John Kohler

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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): Troy Balderson (OH-12)

Office Address: 2429 RHOB

Telephone Number: 5-5355

Email Address of Contact Person: john.kohler@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.

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Name of Traveler: John Kohler

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Signature: _____

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Troy Balderson (OH-12)

Office Address: 2529 RHOB

Telephone Number: 5-5355

Email Address of Contact Person: john.kohler@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.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: John Kohler
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Business Software Foundation
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: New York, NY
4. a. Date of Departure: May 28, 2025 Date of Return: June 1, 2025
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: 5/31-6/1
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 Senior Policy Advisor to Rep. Balderson, this trip is directly related to my duties covering AI, tech policy, and data privacy.

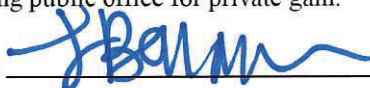
9. **Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

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: _____



4/28/25

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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:

Software.org;The BSA 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): _____

See Attachment A

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

6. Date of Departure: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 Date of Return: Friday, May 30, 2025

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

b. Destination(s): New York City, N.Y.

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. _____
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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:
See Attachment B
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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:

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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): _____
Approximate cost (within per diem): May 28: \$59.00, May 29: \$79.00, May 30:\$40.00
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: New York City and surrounding borough numerous companies who are at the forefront of AI.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: AC Hotel Times Square City: New York City Cost Per Night: \$369.55
 Reason(s) for Selecting: The hotel is located in a safe and convenient neighborhood and just exceeds
- 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	\$133 Amtrak train \$ 190 Ground	\$739.10	\$178.00
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		
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: April 22, 2025
 Name: Victoria Espinel Title: President
 Organization: Software.org: The BSA Foundation
 Address: 200 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 311, Washington, D.C.
 Email: williamm@software.org Telephone: 202 549 7565

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



House Staffdel to New York City
 Wednesday, May 28 – Friday, May 30, 2025
“AI & SOFTWARE ENABLING JOB & ECONOMIC GROWTH”

Attachment A: Question 4 – Names, titles, and explanation for invitation for all House invitees.

Software.org has hosted educational programming for delegations of congressional staff seeking to learn about technology development and implementation in seats of innovation, commerce, and political leadership.

The staff members listed below were invited because of their work on policy issues in the tech ecosystem including AI, emerging technologies, cybersecurity, and digital trade. The invitees work as committee staff or for Members who serve on the Energy and Commerce, Homeland Security, Judiciary, Science, Space & Technology, and Financial Services Committees, or are in House Leadership offices.

First Name	Last Name	Title	Employer
Steve	Ackerman	Legislative Director	Representative Russ Fulcher
Shahid	Ahmed	Chief of Staff	Representative Jennifer McClellan
Liz	Amster	Chief of Staff	Representative Jake Auchincloss
Cliff	Bayer	Chief of Staff	Representative Russ Fulcher
Arian	Beckwith	Legislative Director	Representative John James
Nate	Beltran	Technology Counsel	Representative Marc Veasey
Emily	Benavides	Chief of Staff	Representative Bob Latta
Parker	Bennett	Legislative Director	Representative John Joyce
Moira	Bergin	Subcommittee Director, Democratic/Counsel	House Homeland Security Committee Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection Subcommittee
Nora	Blalock	Legislative Director	Representative Kathy Castor
Luke	Blanchat	Chief of Staff	Representative Richard Hudson
Steven	Blattner	Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director	Representative Yvette Clarke
Robert	Boland	Chief of Staff	Office of the Majority Whip
Lorissa	Bounds	Chief of Staff	Representative Jay Obernolte
Matt	Brady	Legislative Aide	Representative Marionnette Miller-Meeks
Grace	Brightbill	Legislative Assistant	Representative Don Beyer
Francis	Brooke	Policy Lead	Office of Rep. Steve Scalise
Bailliee	Brown	Chief of Staff	Representative Scott Peters
Molly	Buening	Legislative Director	Representative Neal Dunn

Will	Burns	Senior Legislative Assistant	Representative Jay Obernolte
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John	Byers	Chief of Staff	Representative August Pfluger
Mike	Casca	Chief of Staff	Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
Ken	Clifford	Chief of Staff	Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks
Dante	Cutrona	Chief of Staff	Representative John Joyce
James	Decker	Chief of Staff	Representative Morgan Griffith
Matt	Dernoga	Legislative Director	Representative Nanette Diaz Barragan
Parul	Desai	Chief Counsel, Democratic	House Energy and Commerce Committee Communications and Technology Subcommittee
Giulia	DiGuglielmo	Legislative Director	Representative Darrell Edward Issa
Jessica	Donlon	General Counsel	House Energy and Commerce Committee
Kate	Durkin	Chief of Staff	Representative Jan Schakowsky
Laura	Engquist	Chief of Staff	Representative Troy Balderson
Susan	Falconer	Legislative Director	Representative Diana Harshbarger
Sarah	Feinmann	Chief of Staff	Representative Lizzie Fletcher
Cristian	Figueredo	Legislative Director/Financial Administrator	Representative Cliff Bentz
Liam	Fitzsimmons	Chief of Staff	Representative Frank Pallone
Roddy	Flynn	Chief of Staff	Rep. Sarah McBride
Sarah	Gilbert	Chief of Staff	Representative Neal Dunn
Waverly	Gordon	Deputy Staff Director, Democratic/General Counsel	House Energy and Commerce Committee
Jackson	Gross	Chief of Staff	Representative John James
Tiffany	Guarascio	Staff Director	Committee on Energy and Commerce
Liana	Guerra	Chief of Staff	Representative Darren Soto
Kate	Harper	Chief Counsel, Republican	House Energy and Commerce Committee Communications and Technology Subcommittee
Reggie	Harris	Chief of Staff	Representative Greg Landsman
Nick	Hawatmeh	Chief of Staff	Republican Conference Chair's Office
Scott	Hinkle	Chief of Staff	Representative Raul Ruiz
Liz	Hittos	Chief of Staff	Representative Gus Bilirakis
Lauren	Hodge	Chief of Staff	Representative Brett Guthrie
Lisa	Hone	Chief Counsel, Democratic	House Energy and Commerce Committee Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade Subcommittee
Lara	Hopkins	Chief of Staff	Representative Kathy Castor
Brett	Horton	Chief of Staff	Office of Rep. Steve Scalise

Shourya	Jain	Tech Fellow	
Catherine	Johnson	Staff Director	Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Megan	Kanne	Senior Technology Policy Advisor	Representative Jan Schakowsky
Jacqui	Kappler	Chief Counsel, Democratic	House Judiciary Committee Courts, Intellectual Property, Artificial Intelligence and the Internet Subcommittee
Brian	Kennedy	Policy Director	House Homeland Security Committee
Kate	Kenworthy	Chief of Staff	Representative Kevin Mullin
Kyle	Kizzier	Chief of Staff	Representative Erin Houchin
John	Kohler	Senior Policy Advisor	Representative Troy Balderson
BJ	Koohmaraie	Policy Advisor (AI, Privacy)	Office of Rep. Steve Scalise
Kristin	Kopshever	Deputy Chief of Staff, Democratic	House Science, Space and Technology Committee
Levin	Lall	Counsel	Representative Darrell Issa
Christina	Lassiter	Legislative Director	Representative Kat Cammack
Yujin	Lee	Chief of Staff	Representative Rob Menendez
Jungkeun	Lee	Chief Counsel	Committee on the Judiciary
Graham	Lescalette	Chief of Staff	Representative Michael Rulli
John	Lin	Senior Counsel	House Energy and Commerce Committee Communications and Technology Subcommittee
Willie	Lyles	Chief of Staff	Representative Troy Carter
Shannon	Lynch	Director of Operations/Legislative Aide/Scheduler	Representative Kim Schrier
Meg	Makarewicz	Chief of Staff	Representative Debbie Dingell
Jeremy	Marcus	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Doris O. Matsui
Molly	Martin	Legislative Director	Representative Brett Guthrie
Mark	McDevitt	Chief of Staff	Representative Lori Trahan
Matt	McMurray	Chief of Staff	Representative Robin Kelly
Alan	McQuinn	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Jo	Middleton	Chief of Staff	Representative Diana DeGette
Joel	Miller	Chief Counsel	House Energy and Commerce Committee
Tyler	Moore	Chief of Staff	Representative Gabe Evans
Jeff	Morgan	Chief of Staff	Representative Paul Tonko
Tyler	Mortier	Legislative Assistant	Representative John Joyce
Sarah	Moxley	Subcommittee Staff Director	Committee on Armed Services
Louise	O'Rourke	Chief of Staff	Representative Kim Schrier

Andrew	Orlebeke	Legislative Director	Representative Jan Schakowsky
Patrick	Paolini	Legislative Director	Representative Jay Obernolte
John	Piazza	Chief of Staff	House Science, Space and Technology Committee
Jessica	Proud	Chief of Staff	Representative Nick Langworthy
Evangelos	Razis	Professional Staff Member	House Energy and Commerce Committee
Dylan	Rogers		Committee on Energy and Commerce
Andrew	Rubin	General Counsel, Democratic	House Science, Space and Technology Committee
Victoria	Rubin	Senior Professional Staff Member	Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Zac	Rutherford	Chief of Staff	Representative Diana Harshbarger
Dan	Scharfenberger	Chief of Staff	Representative Tom Kean
Dahlia	Sokolov	Policy Director	Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Arthur	Speck	Legislative Director	Representative Randy Weber
Nick	Strader	Chief of Staff	Representative Cliff Bentz
Shana	Teehan	Chief of Staff	Representative Julie Fedorchak
Blake	Thelander	Legislative Director	Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks
Johanna	Thomas	Senior Counsel	House Energy and Commerce Committee Communications and Technology Subcommittee
Jonathan	Vecchi	Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director	Representative Gus Bilirakis
Kelsey	Wall	Senior Policy Adviser	Representative Gary Palmer
Samantha	Warren	Chief of Staff	Rep. Bill Foster
Zach	Weidlich	Chief of Staff	Representative Craig Goldman
Heath	Wheat	Chief of Staff	Representative Rick Allen
Jeanette	Whitener	Chief of Staff	Representative Randy Weber
Colin	Yokanovich	Legislative Director	Representative Dan Crenshaw
Nate	Zimpher	Legislative Director	Representative Troy Balderson

Attachment B: Question 12 – Sponsor’s interest and role

Software.org: the BSA Foundation is an independent and nonpartisan 501(c)(3) organization.

Our organization works to help policymakers and the broader public better understand the impact that software has on our lives, our economy, and our society. As such, congressional trips such as this raises awareness and deepens understanding around emerging software technologies and their impacts to society, the economy, and the environment.

Software.org planned and organized all aspects of the trip, made lodging and travel arrangements, and corresponded with businesses involved to set up events and tours at each location. Software.org is the sole sponsor for this trip, including responsibility for covering cost of meals throughout the trip.

**Bicameral Staffdel to New York City
Wednesday, May 28 – Friday, May 30, 2025
“AI & SOFTWARE ENABLING JOB & ECONOMIC GROWTH”**

SCHEDULE

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Grand Central Room, 52nd Fl. 10 Hudson Yards, New York City
- Overview:**
Jared will give a 30-minute talk about SAP’s approach to AI. This will be followed by a 30-minute tour of the Experience Center focusing on Joule and SAP’s business AI applications. The group will then have a question-and-answer session.
- Featured Speaker(s):
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- 3:30 - 5:00 PM **Company Visit: Salesforce at Bryant Park**
1095 Avenue of the Americas, New York
- Overview:**
Itai and Enki will share how Salesforce is incorporating AI into their products to empower their customers, safely and responsibly, and how we are investing in ethical AI. After the discussion, the delegation will tour the Salesforce offices.

Featured Speaker(s):

- **Itai Asseo**, Head of Incubation and Brand Strategy, Salesforce AI Research
- **Enki Toto**, Director, Salesforce Ventures Impact Fund

5:00-5:30 PM Shuttle Bus to Dinner

5:30 PM Reception & Dinner Program TBD

8:00 PM Return to **AC Hotel**.

DAY 2 - THURSDAY, MAY 29

8:15 AM Shuttle Bus to **Microsoft** *1.5 miles, 20-minute drive*

8:45 AM **Company Visit: Microsoft at One Dag Plaza**

885 2nd Avenue, New York, NY
Continental Breakfast provided.

Overview:

Program will be featuring a panel of experts discussing the changing needs of an AI-enabled economy including bolstering the talent pipeline and reskilling the existing workforce.

Microsoft's Public Policy team and Responsible AI team will present on the seismic developments in Responsible Artificial Intelligence. The company's commitment to Responsible AI is founded on six core principles: fairness, inclusiveness, safety and reliability, transparency, accountability, and security. Speakers will also touch on emerging product integration.

Featured Speaker(s):

- **Ryan Harkins**, Senior Director, State Affairs & Public Policy, Microsoft
- **Megan O'Neill**, Senior Program Manager, UN & International Relations, Microsoft
- **Howie Wachtel**, Senior Director and Head of UN & International Policy, Microsoft

10:30 AM Shuttle bus to Autodesk *8 miles, 30-minute drive*

11:30 AM **Company Visit: Newlab, Autodesk**

Floor 1, Brooklyn Navy Yard, 19 Morris Ave, Brooklyn
Lunch provided

Overview:

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Featured Speaker(s):

- **John Locke**, Senior Principal Research Scientist, Americas
- **Ray Wang**, Principal Research Scientist, Autodesk

1:20 PM Shuttle bus to IBM *4.0 miles, 25-minute drive*

2:00 PM **Company Visit: IBM Innovation Studio** *1 Madison Avenue, New York, NY*

Overview:

IBM business leaders and legal experts will share perspectives on enterprise use cases of AI, applications for conversational AI assistants, and other topics of interest raised by participants in interactive dialogue.

Featured Speaker(s):

- **Ash Minhas**, Engagement Leader
- **Christina Montgomery**, IBM Vice President and Chief Privacy & Trust Officer
- **Dr. Lisa Precht**, IBM WorldWide Watsonx Customer Care & Conversational AI Lead, IBM Client Engineering

3:30 PM Shuttle bus to The Nederlander Theater *1.5 miles, 15-minute drive*

4:00 PM **Visit to: The Nederlander Theater** *208 W 41st St, New York, NY*

Overview:**Featured Speaker(s):**

- **Liza Luxenberg**, Aurora Productions & Redwood, the musical

5:15 PM Shuttle bus to The Smith *1.0 miles, 15-minute drive*

5:30-8:00 PM **Reception & Dinner Program: "AI in Broadway & Entertainment"**
The Smith, Private Dining Room, 1150 Broadway, (27th & Broadway) NYC

Overview:

This working dinner discussion will explore the intersection of AI and the entertainment industry.

8:00 PM Return to **AC Hotel**

DAY 3- FRIDAY, MAY 31

8:30 AM Group assembles in the lobby of the **AC Hotel**

8:45 AM Walk to Adobe *0.5 miles, 15 minute walk*

9:00 AM **Company Visit: Adobe** *Adobe, 1540 Broadway, New York City*
Continental Breakfast provided.

Overview:

Adobe will be demoing our text-to-image tool, Adobe Firefly, and the Content Authenticity Initiative (CAI) while discussing how these tools are intertwined with our approach to responsible AI Innovation.

Featured Speaker(s):

- **Nick Gatz**, Senior Manager of Government Relations
- **Chris Parkerson**, Sr. Manager of Adobe's Security Enablement team

10:30 AM Walk to AC Hotel, Claim luggage. *0.5 miles, 15-minute walk*

11:00 AM Walk to New York Penn Station. *0.5 miles, 15-minute walk*

12:40 PM **Train #171** departs from **New York Penn Station**

4:29 PM Train arrives in Washington, DC **Union Station**

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) 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:

Software.org;The BSA 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): _____

See Attachment A

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

6. Date of Departure: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 Date of Return: Friday, May 30, 2025

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

b. Destination(s): New York City, N.Y.

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. _____
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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:
See Attachment B
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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:

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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): _____
Approximate cost (within per diem): May 28: \$59.00, May 29: \$79.00, May 30:\$40.00
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: **New York City and surrounding borough numerous companies who are at the forefront of AI.**

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

Hotel Name: AC Hotel Times Square City: New York City Cost Per Night: \$369.55
 Reason(s) for Selecting: The hotel is located in a safe and convenient neighborhood and just exceeds

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	\$133 Amtrak train \$ 190 Ground	\$739.10	\$178.00
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		
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: April 22, 2025
 Name: Victoria Espinel Title: President
 Organization: Software.org: The BSA Foundation
 Address: 200 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 311, Washington, D.C.
 Email: williamm@software.org Telephone: 202 549 7565

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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Attachment A: Question 4 – Names, titles, and explanation for invitation for all House invitees.

Software.org has hosted educational programming for delegations of congressional staff seeking to learn about technology development and implementation in seats of innovation, commerce, and political leadership.

The staff members listed below were invited because of their work on policy issues in the tech ecosystem including AI, emerging technologies, cybersecurity, and digital trade. The invitees work as committee staff or for Members who serve on the Energy and Commerce, Homeland Security, Judiciary, Science, Space & Technology, and Financial Services Committees, or are in House Leadership offices.

First Name	Last Name	Title	Employer
Steve	Ackerman	Legislative Director	Representative Russ Fulcher
Shahid	Ahmed	Chief of Staff	Representative Jennifer McClellan
Liz	Amster	Chief of Staff	Representative Jake Auchincloss
Cliff	Bayer	Chief of Staff	Representative Russ Fulcher
Arian	Beckwith	Legislative Director	Representative John James
Nate	Beltran	Technology Counsel	Representative Marc Veasey
Emily	Benavides	Chief of Staff	Representative Bob Latta
Parker	Bennett	Legislative Director	Representative John Joyce
Moira	Bergin	Subcommittee Director, Democratic/Counsel	House Homeland Security Committee Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection Subcommittee
Nora	Blalock	Legislative Director	Representative Kathy Castor
Luke	Blanchat	Chief of Staff	Representative Richard Hudson
Steven	Blattner	Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director	Representative Yvette Clarke
Robert	Boland	Chief of Staff	Office of the Majority Whip
Lorissa	Bounds	Chief of Staff	Representative Jay Obernolte
Matt	Brady	Legislative Aide	Representative Marionnette Miller-Meeks
Grace	Brightbill	Legislative Assistant	Representative Don Beyer
Francis	Brooke	Policy Lead	Office of Rep. Steve Scalise
Bailliee	Brown	Chief of Staff	Representative Scott Peters
Molly	Buening	Legislative Director	Representative Neal Dunn

Will	Burns	Senior Legislative Assistant	Representative Jay Obernolte
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John	Byers	Chief of Staff	Representative August Pfluger
Mike	Casca	Chief of Staff	Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
Ken	Clifford	Chief of Staff	Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks
Dante	Cutrona	Chief of Staff	Representative John Joyce
James	Decker	Chief of Staff	Representative Morgan Griffith
Matt	Dernoga	Legislative Director	Representative Nanette Diaz Barragan
Parul	Desai	Chief Counsel, Democratic	House Energy and Commerce Committee Communications and Technology Subcommittee
Giulia	DiGuglielmo	Legislative Director	Representative Darrell Edward Issa
Jessica	Donlon	General Counsel	House Energy and Commerce Committee
Kate	Durkin	Chief of Staff	Representative Jan Schakowsky
Laura	Engquist	Chief of Staff	Representative Troy Balderson
Susan	Falconer	Legislative Director	Representative Diana Harshbarger
Sarah	Feinmann	Chief of Staff	Representative Lizzie Fletcher
Cristian	Figueredo	Legislative Director/Financial Administrator	Representative Cliff Bentz
Liam	Fitzsimmons	Chief of Staff	Representative Frank Pallone
Roddy	Flynn	Chief of Staff	Rep. Sarah McBride
Sarah	Gilbert	Chief of Staff	Representative Neal Dunn
Waverly	Gordon	Deputy Staff Director, Democratic/General Counsel	House Energy and Commerce Committee
Jackson	Gross	Chief of Staff	Representative John James
Tiffany	Guarascio	Staff Director	Committee on Energy and Commerce
Liana	Guerra	Chief of Staff	Representative Darren Soto
Kate	Harper	Chief Counsel, Republican	House Energy and Commerce Committee Communications and Technology Subcommittee
Reggie	Harris	Chief of Staff	Representative Greg Landsman
Nick	Hawatmeh	Chief of Staff	Republican Conference Chair's Office
Scott	Hinkle	Chief of Staff	Representative Raul Ruiz
Liz	Hittos	Chief of Staff	Representative Gus Bilirakis
Lauren	Hodge	Chief of Staff	Representative Brett Guthrie
Lisa	Hone	Chief Counsel, Democratic	House Energy and Commerce Committee Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade Subcommittee
Lara	Hopkins	Chief of Staff	Representative Kathy Castor
Brett	Horton	Chief of Staff	Office of Rep. Steve Scalise

Shourya	Jain	Tech Fellow	
Catherine	Johnson	Staff Director	Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Megan	Kanne	Senior Technology Policy Advisor	Representative Jan Schakowsky
Jacqui	Kappler	Chief Counsel, Democratic	House Judiciary Committee Courts, Intellectual Property, Artificial Intelligence and the Internet Subcommittee
Brian	Kennedy	Policy Director	House Homeland Security Committee
Kate	Kenworthy	Chief of Staff	Representative Kevin Mullin
Kyle	Kizzier	Chief of Staff	Representative Erin Houchin
John	Kohler	Senior Policy Advisor	Representative Troy Balderson
BJ	Koohmaraie	Policy Advisor (AI, Privacy)	Office of Rep. Steve Scalise
Kristin	Kopshever	Deputy Chief of Staff, Democratic	House Science, Space and Technology Committee
Levin	Lall	Counsel	Representative Darrell Issa
Christina	Lassiter	Legislative Director	Representative Kat Cammack
Yujin	Lee	Chief of Staff	Representative Rob Menendez
Jungkeun	Lee	Chief Counsel	Committee on the Judiciary
Graham	Lescalette	Chief of Staff	Representative Michael Rulli
John	Lin	Senior Counsel	House Energy and Commerce Committee Communications and Technology Subcommittee
Willie	Lyles	Chief of Staff	Representative Troy Carter
Shannon	Lynch	Director of Operations/Legislative Aide/Scheduler	Representative Kim Schrier
Meg	Makarewicz	Chief of Staff	Representative Debbie Dingell
Jeremy	Marcus	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Doris O. Matsui
Molly	Martin	Legislative Director	Representative Brett Guthrie
Mark	McDevitt	Chief of Staff	Representative Lori Trahan
Matt	McMurray	Chief of Staff	Representative Robin Kelly
Alan	McQuinn	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Jo	Middleton	Chief of Staff	Representative Diana DeGette
Joel	Miller	Chief Counsel	House Energy and Commerce Committee
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Jeff	Morgan	Chief of Staff	Representative Paul Tonko
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Dylan	Rogers		Committee on Energy and Commerce
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Dan	Scharfenberger	Chief of Staff	Representative Tom Kean
Dahlia	Sokolov	Policy Director	Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Arthur	Speck	Legislative Director	Representative Randy Weber
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Heath	Wheat	Chief of Staff	Representative Rick Allen
Jeanette	Whitener	Chief of Staff	Representative Randy Weber
Colin	Yokanovich	Legislative Director	Representative Dan Crenshaw
Nate	Zimpher	Legislative Director	Representative Troy Balderson

Attachment B: Question 12 – Sponsor’s interest and role

Software.org: the BSA Foundation is an independent and nonpartisan 501(c)(3) organization.

Our organization works to help policymakers and the broader public better understand the impact that software has on our lives, our economy, and our society. As such, congressional trips such as this raises awareness and deepens understanding around emerging software technologies and their impacts to society, the economy, and the environment.

Software.org planned and organized all aspects of the trip, made lodging and travel arrangements, and corresponded with businesses involved to set up events and tours at each location. Software.org is the sole sponsor for this trip, including responsibility for covering cost of meals throughout the trip.

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 - A presentation from Salesforce Ventures, including:
 - Salesforce's Fund strategy - Enki Toto

- Our Venture's Team Structure - Enki Toto
- How Salesforce Ventures delivers value to our portfolio companies - Laura Rowson
- Salesforce Ventures key investment themes - Laura Rowson
- Q&A

Featured Speakers:

- **Nancy DeVore**, Senior Director of Strategic Relations (AMER)
- **Laura Rowson**, Principal, Salesforce Ventures
- **Enki Toto**, Principal, Salesforce Ventures

5:00 PM Shuttle Bus to **Gibneys**
0.5 mile, 10-minute drive

5:30 PM **Dinner Program: "AI in Financial Services"**
Gibneys NYC, 2nd Floor Dining Rm, 228 W 39th St, NYC 10018

Featured Speaker(s):

- Logan Allin, Managing Partner & Founder of Fin Capital
- Terah Lyons, Managing Director & Global Head of AI & Data Policy, JPMorgan Chase & Co.
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8:00 PM Return to **AC Hotel**.
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Featured Speaker(s):

- **Aimee Sprung**, Director, Microsoft State Government Affairs
- **Casey Weston**, Senior Manager, Public Policy & Economic Graph

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Featured Speaker(s):

- **Roslyn Dockett**, VP, Technology and Science Policy
- **Saleem Hussain**, Head of AI Partnerships
- **Anup Samanta**, Engagement Leader & Quantum Ambassador

3:30 PM Shuttle bus to The Studio Seaview Theater *1.7 miles, 20-minute drive*

4:00-5:00 PM **Visit to: Studio Seaview Theater** *305 West 43rd Street, NYC 10036*

Featured Speaker(s):

- **Carol Fishman**, General Manager, Studio Seaview

5:15 PM Shuttle bus to The Smith *1.6 miles, 20-minute drive*

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Featured Discussants:

- **Andrew Byrnes**, Principal, Byrnes Impact (moderator)
- **Ido Gal**, Producer and Data Analyst, Seaview / Tectonic Theater Project
- **Oliver Roth**, President & Co-Founder, Standing Room Theatrical Solutions
- **Heather Shields**, Producer & General Manager, City Salt Theatricals/The Business of Broadway

8:00 PM

Return to **AC Hotel**, *1.5 miles, 20-minute drive*

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- **Stephanie Copp**, Public Policy Manager, Adobe
- **Noah Kaplan**, Government Relations Specialist, Adobe
- **Santiago Lyon**, Head of CAI Advocacy and Education, Adobe
- **Mina Pham**, Senior Enterprise Sales Account Manager, Adobe
- **Jeffrey Young**, Solutions Consulting Manager, Adobe

11:00 AM

Walk to AC Hotel, Claim luggage. *0.5 miles, 15-minute walk*

11:30 AM

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Michael Guest, Mississippi
Chairman
Mark DeSaulnier, California
Ranking Member

John H. Rutherford, Florida
Andrew R. Garbarino, New York
Ashley Hinson, Iowa
Nathaniel Moran, Texas

Deborah K. Ross, North Carolina
Glenn F. Ivey, Maryland
Sylvia R. Garcia, Texas
Suhas Subramanyam, Virginia



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May 23, 2025

Mr. John Kohler
Office of the Honorable Troy Balderson
2429 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Kohler:

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 May 28 to June 1, 2025, sponsored by Software Education Foundation d.b.a. Software.org: the BSA Foundation ("Software.org"). We note that this trip includes two days at your personal expense.

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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One-Way

New York, NY
Moynihan Train Hall at Penn Sta.

Washington, DC
Union Station

JUNE 1, 2025

TRAIN	NORTHEAST REGIONAL	DEPARTS	ARRIVES
105	Jun 1, 2025	12:34 PM New York, NY Moynihan Train Hall at Penn Sta.	4:05 PM Washington, DC Union Station
1 Coach Seat			

PASSENGERS (1)

KOHLER, JOHN ADULT

AMTRAK GUEST REWARDS

No member number provided. Join at Amtrak.com

Proper identification is required for all passengers. This document is valid for only passengers listed. See www.amtrak.com/ID for details.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- VLD DATE TRAIN TICKETED; NO SHOW: FORFEIT VALUE
- COACH: NO CHANGES, 25% CANCEL FEE
- ADULT FULL FARE ID REQUIRED
- Board your train from the Moynihan Train Hall, located across from Penn Station at 8th Ave. in the historic James A. Farley Post Office Building.
- eTickets for Reserved services are valid only for the specific train number, date and accommodation type booked.
- Passengers are encouraged to arrive at the station 30 minutes before departure or 60 minutes if in need of ticketing and/or baggage assistance, or if you're boarding at a Canadian station. Check the recommended arrival times for your departure station at Amtrak.com/at-the-station.
- Tickets are non-transferable and are valid only for the personal use of the passenger(s) named on the ticket.
- Changes to your itinerary may result in an increase to your fare and may result in fees or forfeiture of value. Learn more at Amtrak.com/changes.
- If your train is canceled, you can modify your reservation in the Amtrak app or on Amtrak.com.
- Carry-on baggage is limited to 1 personal item under 14x11x7 inches & 25 lbs. per item, and 2 bags under 28x22x14 inches & 50 lbs. per bag, per passenger. You may be charged a baggage fee or denied boarding if your items exceed these limitations. Learn more at Amtrak.com/baggage.
- At most stations where checked baggage service is available, baggage check-in normally must be completed 45 minutes prior to departure.
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