

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. 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: Bradley Scott Schneider
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Julie Dann Schneider **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 6/13/25 Return: 6/19/25
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: N/A **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington Destination: Riyadh Return City: Washington
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Atlantic Council
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): _____
Forms Attached: _____

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 Member or officer; **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 in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature: _____

Date: June 27th, 2025

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.

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: Atlantic Council of the United States, Inc.;
Jeffrey M. Talpins Foundation

2. Travel Destination(s): Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Manama, Bahrain; Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; Dubai, United Arab Emirates

3. Date of Departure: June 13, 2025 Date of Return: June 18, 2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Representative Bradley Schneider, Julie Dann Schneider

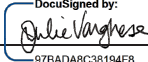
Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

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	\$16,151.07	\$1412.39	\$475.01	Total: \$1,415.52 Description attached
Accompanying Family Member	\$16,151.07	\$0 note: accompanying spouse shared with traveler	\$475.01	Total: \$2,577.26 Description attached

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: 6/26/2025

Name: Julie Varghese Title: Chief Operating Officer

Organization: Atlantic Council of the United States, Inc.

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

Address: 1400 L Street NW, 11th floor, Washington, D.C. 20005

Telephone: 202-213-8200 Email: jvarghese@atlanticcouncil.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Revised 6/5

TRAVELER FORM

Sam Janovich

Bridley Schneider

1. Name of Traveler: Bridley Schneider
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: [REDACTED]
Jeffrey M. Talpins Foundation; Atlantic Council of the United States, Inc.
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Manama, Bahrain; Abu Dhabi, UAE; Tel Aviv, Israel
4. a. Date of Departure: June 13, 2025 Date of Return: [REDACTED]
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? June 20th June 22nd
If yes, list dates at personal expense: [REDACTED]
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: Julie Dawn Schneider
 - (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.**
Travel to the middle east region aligns with Rep. Schneider's role as co-chair of the Abraham Awards Caucus and the Foreign Affairs Committee, particularly his work on the Middle East Subcommittee.

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: _____

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:

Atlantic Council of the United States, Inc.

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: Jeffrey M. Talpins Foundation

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 page 4

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

6. Date of Departure: June 13, 2025 Date of Return: June 20, 2025

7. a. City of departure: Dulles, Virginia

b. Destination(s): Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Manama, Bahrain; Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; Tel Aviv, Israel

c. City of return: Arlington, Virginia

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:
Please see page 5
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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:
Members will travel first class on the return flight, as the duration exceeds 14 hours.
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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): \$126.00/per day
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The members are visiting countries that have forged, or will likely forge, bilateral relations with Israel to support regional integration among US partners and allies.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
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|--------------------------|---|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Hotel Name: | <u>Mandarin Oriental Al Faisaliah</u> | City: | <u>Riyadh, Saudi Arabia</u> | Cost Per Night: | <u>\$384/night</u> |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: | <u>Proximity to meetings in Riyadh</u> | | | | |
| Hotel Name: | <u>InterContinental Bahrain</u> | City: | <u>Manama, Bahrain</u> | Cost Per Night: | <u>\$223.39/night</u> |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: | <u>Proximity to meetings in Manama</u> | | | | |
| Hotel Name: | <u>St. Regis Abu Dhabi</u> | City: | <u>Abu Dhabi, UAE</u> | Cost Per Night: | <u>\$285.00/night</u> |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: | <u>Proximity to meetings in Abu Dhabi</u> | | | | |

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 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	\$14,404.00	\$2,296.39	\$882.00
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$14,404.00	\$0	\$882.00

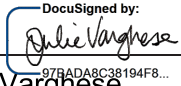
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$168	Visa fees
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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: June 10, 2025

Name: Julie Varghese _____ Title: Chief Operating Officer

Organization: Atlantic Council of the United States, Inc.

Address: 1400 L St NW, 11th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005

Email: jvarghese@atlanticcouncil.org Telephone: 202-213-8 200

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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June 10, 2025

The Honorable Bradley Schneider
U.S. House of Representatives
300 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, and Israel,¹ scheduled for June 13 to 22, 2025, sponsored by Atlantic Council of the United States, Inc., and Jeffrey M. Talpins Foundation. We note that this trip includes one day at your personal expense.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form 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. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Michael Guest
Chairman



Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

MG/MD:tn

Other, traveler: **\$1,415.52 (total)**

Saudi Arabia

- Luggage transfer: \$8.09
- English speaking coordinators, Saudi Arabia: \$172.24
- Printed documents, Saudi Arabia: \$3.55
- Security: \$19.53
- Diriyah (tour guide, entrance fee): \$257.53
- VIP Departure Assist, Riyadh Airport: \$173.23

Bahrain

- English speaking coordinators: \$137.79
- Printed documents, Bahrain: \$2.01
- Private meeting room: \$96.66

UAE

- VIP Airport Arrival: \$148.90
- English speaking coordinators: \$167.89
- Luggage transfer: \$16.05
- Meeting room: \$44.82
- Printed documents, UAE: \$3.34
- VIP Airport Departure: \$163.88

Other, accompanying family member: **\$2,577.26 (total)**

Saudi Arabia

- Luggage transfer: \$8.09
- English speaking coordinators, Saudi Arabia: \$172.24
- Printed documents, Saudi Arabia: \$3.55
- Security: \$19.53
- Diriyah (tour guide, entrance fee): \$257.53
- VIP Departure Assist, Riyadh Airport: \$173.23
- Full-day excursions (tour guide, entrance fee): \$480.87

Bahrain

- English speaking coordinators: \$137.79
- Printed documents, Bahrain: \$2.01
- Private meeting room: \$96.66
- Full-day excursions (tour guide, entrance fee): \$276.52

UAE

- VIP Airport Arrival: \$148.90
- English speaking coordinators: \$167.89
- Luggage transfer: \$16.05
- Meeting room: \$44.82
- Printed documents, UAE: \$3.34
- Full-day excursions (tour guide, entrance fee): \$404.35

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.

Invited and attending

Representative Bradley Schneider, Representative (IL-10)

- Representative Schneider has been invited to join this trip in his capacity as a founding co-Chair of the House Abraham Accords Caucus and as a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. His participation will be invaluable, as the delegation will engage in meetings and discussions focused on reinforcing the importance of maintaining and strengthening the Abraham Accords.

Representative Don Bacon, Representative (NE-2)

- Representative Bacon was invited to join this trip given his role in the House Abraham Accords Caucus and on the House Armed Services Committee, where he serves as the Chairman of the subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technology, and Innovation. He will play a key role in discussions focused on advancing the safety, integration, and security of US allies in the Middle East.

Representative Jimmy Panetta, Representative (CA-19)

- Representative Panetta was invited to join this trip based on his role in the House Abraham Accords Caucus and his position on the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade. Representative Panetta has historically been a champion of bipartisan legislation focused on security integration within the region. In his new committee assignment, he will be instrumental in discussions focused on strengthening trade partnerships between the United States and its Middle East partners.

Representative Zach Nunn, Representative (IA-3)

- Representative Nunn was invited to participate in this trip because of his role as Vice Chairman of The House Financial Services Committee's Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions. His participation will contribute to discussions on economic cooperation, regional financial stability, and efforts to counter illicit finance and malign foreign influence in the Middle East

Gil Thompson, Senior Policy Advisor, Representative Bradley Schneider's Office

- Gil Thompson was invited because of his considerable work on the Abraham Accords and related issues. Thompson is Representative Schneider's Senior Policy Advisor and primary staffer and advisor on the Middle East. Given Representative Schneider's role on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Thompson has engaged extensively on issues related to the Abraham Accords, including helping draft several landmark pieces of legislation on the Abraham Accords.

Valerie Foy, Chief Counsel, Director of Foreign Policy, Representative Don Bacon's Office

- Valerie Foy was invited because of her considerable work on the Abraham Accords and related issues. Foy is Representative Bacon's Chief Council and Director of Foreign Policy. In these roles, Foy serves as Representative Bacon's primary staffer and advisor on the Middle East, Abraham Accords, and related foreign policy issues. Given Representative Bacon's role on the House Armed Services Committee, Foy has worked on many Abraham Accords-related issues, including co-leading multiple landmark pieces of legislation on the Abraham Accords.

Jackie Bossman, Legislative Director, Representative Nunn's Office

- Jackie Bossman was invited because of her work on the Abraham Accords and related issues. Bossman is Representative Nunn's Legislative Director. She directs Representative Nunn's policy portfolio, including his work on the House Financial Services Committee. In this capacity, Bossman has worked on trade and financial legislation related to the Abraham Accords.

Note: Spouses were invited to accompany Members

Additional Invited Members

Representative Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative (FL-20)

- Representative Cherfilus-McCormick was asked to join this trip due to her leadership in her capacity as Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa.

Representative Gabe Amo, Representative (RI-1)

- Representative Gabe Amo was asked to join this trip due to his membership on the House Foreign Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa and his demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative Ann Wagner, Representative (MO-2)

- Representative Ann Wagner was asked to join this trip due to her membership on the House Financial Services Committee and House Select Committee on Intelligence as well as her demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords as co-chair of the House Abraham Accords Caucus.

Representative Maria Elvira Salazar, Representative (FL-27)

- Representative Maria Elvira Salazar was asked to join this trip due to her membership on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the House Financial Services Committee and her demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative George Latimer, Representative (NY-16)

- Representative George Latimer was asked to join this trip due to his membership on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and his demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative Donald Norcross, Representative (NJ-1)

- Representative Donald Norcross was asked to join this trip due to his leadership on the House Armed Services Committee, as the Ranking Member on the subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, and his demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative John James, Representative (MI-10)

- Representative John James was asked to join this trip due to his membership on the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade and his demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative Young Kim, Representative (CA-40)

- Representative Young Kim was asked to join this trip due to her membership on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and House Financial Services Committee along with her demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative Madeline Dean, Representative (PA-4)

- Representative Madeline Dean was asked to join this trip due to her membership on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and House Appropriations Committee along with her demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, Representative (FL-4)

- Representative Debbie Wasserman-Schultz was asked to join this trip due to her membership on the House Appropriations Committee and her demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative Mark Green, Representative (TN-7)

- Representative Mark Green was asked to join this trip due to his membership on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, his leadership as Chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, and his demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative Darrell Issa, Representative (CA-48)

- Representative Darrell Issa was asked to join this trip due to his leadership as Vice-Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and his demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative Craig Goldman, Representative (TX-12)

- Representative Craig Goldman was asked to join this trip due to his membership on the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade and his demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative Blake Moore, Representative (UT-1)

- Representative Blake Moore was asked to join this trip due to his membership on the House Ways and Means Committee and his demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

Representative Maggie Goodlander, Representative (NH-2)

- Representative Maggie Goodlander was asked to join this trip due to her membership on the House Armed Services Committee and her demonstrated interest in the Abraham Accords.

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:

The Atlantic Council is a nonpartisan platform with a program dedicated to strengthening regional cooperation among the United States, Israel, and Arab and Muslim countries. The Atlantic Council is primarily responsible for the planning, organizing, and conducting of the trip and will cover part of the expenses associated with the trip. The Jeffrey M. Talpins Foundation has provided a gift to the Atlantic Council that will be used by the Atlantic Council to help cover expenses associated with the trip. The Jeffrey M. Talpins Foundation will also provide limited support to the Atlantic Council in conducting the trip. The Jeffrey M. Talpins Foundation had no role in selecting trip participants or inviting them on the trip.

The Atlantic Council initially anticipated using financing from the N7 Foundation for the purpose of the trip but has since decided to rely solely on a gift provided by the Jeffrey M. Talpins Foundation.

16. Continued

Hotel name: The David Kempinski; City: Tel Aviv, Israel; Cost per night: \$510/night

Reason for selecting: Proximity to meetings in Tel Aviv

N7 Initiative Congressional Education Mission

Hosted by the Atlantic Council with financial support from the Jeffrey M. Talpins Foundation

June 13-18, 2025

Mission goals: The goal of this trip is to educate and inform Members of the Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, Ways and Means, and Financial Services Committees on emerging developments within the Abraham Accords and how they relate to U.S. foreign policy, trade, and defense goals. The trip includes stops to meet with the senior officials in current and potential Abraham Accords countries who can discuss the status of the Abraham Accords, the prospects for expanding and strengthening the Abraham Accords, and the impacts of current dynamics in the Middle East on U.S. and partner cooperation related to the Abraham Accords. The Atlantic Council will demonstrate through engagements with both U.S. officials based in the region and foreign government officials how the expansion and deepening of the Abraham Accords will transform U.S. policy and opportunities within the Middle East in the near future.

Relevance to official duties: The subject matter of the trip is important to Members of the Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, Ways and Means, and Financial Services Committees as they are likely to encounter future legislation concerning the expansion and deepening of the Abraham Accords.

Location: The purpose of travel to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and the United Arab Emirates is to meet with regional leaders and U.S. officials who are working to join or strengthen the Abraham Accords.

Please Note: On June 16 (Washington Time), the Atlantic Council notified the House Ethics Committee that it would be unable to support the Israel portion of the trip due to security concerns. In following correspondence with the House Ethics Committee, the decision to end the trip in the United Arab Emirates (On June 18) before the initially approved end-date of June 20th. In addition, due to the conflict which resulted between approval of the trip and the arrival of the delegation in the region, some meetings, confirmed in writing, had to be canceled due to officials' national security demands and new security requirements and postures at U.S. bases. Therefore, some of the meetings that occurred may be different from the approved tentative itinerary.



Itinerary

Friday, June 13, 2025: Travel

15:00 **Group 1 (Lufthansa flight): Arrive at Dulles Airport**

18:10 **Group 1: Flights depart from United States**

Lufthansa

Departure: Friday, June 13 at 18:10 (IAD)

Layover: 5 h 15 min (FRA)

Arrival: Saturday, June 14 at 19:55 (RUH)

20:00 **Arrive at Dulles Airport**

22:40 **British Airways Flights depart from United States**

British Airways

Departure: Friday, June 13 at 22:40 (IAD)

Layover: 4 h 30 (LHR)

Arrival: Sunday, June 15 at 1:15 (RUH)

Dress Code: Casual/Comfort

Saturday, June 14, 2025: Travel

19:55 **Lufthansa Flight arrive at King Khalid International Airport (RUH)**

20:55 **Lufthansa flight group transport to the Mandarin Oriental Al Faisaliah, Riyadh**

Location: King Fahd Branch Rd, Al Olaya, Riyadh 12212, Saudi Arabia

21:30 **Lufthansa flight group check-in at Mandarin Oriental Al Faisaliah**

Location: King Fahd Branch Rd, Al Olaya, Riyadh 12212, Saudi Arabia



Sunday, June 15th, 2025

- 1:15** *British Airways Flight Arrives at King Khalid International Airport*
- 2:00** *Transport to the Mandarin Oriental Al Faisaliah, Riyadh*
Location: King Fahd Branch Rd, Al Olaya, Riyadh 12212, Saudi Arabia
- 2:35** *British Airways Group Checks in at the Mandarin Oriental Al Faisaliah, Riyadh*
- 9:00-10:00** *Meet in the lobby and breakfast*
- 10:00 -12:30** **Briefing with Alison Dilworth, United States Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to Saudi Arabia**
Rationale: After brief introductions, Alison Dilworth, the senior U.S. diplomatic official in the Kingdom, provided a briefing to the Members and staff on the current situation in the Kingdom, including defense, diplomatic, trade, and investment updates since POTUS's last visit to the region and on updated conditions in the region, including hostilities between Iran and Israel. This presentation set the tone for the delegation's meetings in the country and was important in providing a strong common base of knowledge for delegation members. It was also relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Saudi ties.

Participants: Allison Dilworth (Chargé d'Affaires, US Embassy Riyadh), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Allison Minor, Adam Kozloski

Location: La Brasserie, Mandarin Oriental
Dress Code: Business Professional
- 12:30 – 13:30** **Rest/Executive Time**
- 13:30 – 14:00** **Transportation by bus to meet the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs**
- 14:00 – 15:15** **Meeting with H.E. Waleed Bin Abdulkarim al-Khereiji, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs**



Rationale: H.E. Waleed Bin Abdulkarim al-Khereiji provided a briefing to Members and staff on the Kingdom's current diplomatic relations with the United States and developments on the possible expansion of such relations with Israel, including the Kingdom's requirements for such normalization. The Deputy Foreign Minister also shared the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's position on the hostilities between Iran and Israel. This briefing was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Saudi ties and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: H.E. Waleed Bin Abdulkarim al-Khereiji (Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Allison Minor, Adam Kozloski

Location: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

15:15 – 15:45

Transportation to the Mandarin Oriental Al Faisaliah, Riyadh

15:45 – 16:45

Rest/Executive Time

16:45 – 17:30

Transportation to At-Turaif, Diriyah



17:30 – 19:30

Historical Tour of Site and Museum at At-Turaif, Diriyah

Rationale: At-Turaif is a 600-year old historical site and UNESCO World Heritage Site which is considered the birthplace of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the original home of the House Al Saud, the ruling family of Saudi Arabia. On-site guides provided a walking tour of the site and museum on the history of Saudi Arabia, the evolution of the Kingdom, and how the Kingdom views its place within the wider-Middle East. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Saudi ties and the site is not just historically relevant to Saudi policy and world-view but the target of a \$62.2 billion investment by the Saudi Public Investment Fund, a key example of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 project, which will heavily rely on integration and U.S. integration.

Participants: Museum and UNSECO-site Guides, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Allison Minor, Adam Kozloski

Location: At-Turaif, Diriyah

Dress Code: Rugged Casual

19:30 – 20:15

Transport to the Mandarin Oriental Al Faisaliah, Riyadh

20:15 – 20:30

Rest/Executive Time

20:30 – 22:00

Working Dinner with Atlantic Council Staff on the day's Saudi Arabia Engagements and future Prospects for Normalization

Rationale: Former U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and Non-resident Senior Fellow with the N7 Initiative, Michael Ratney, briefed Members and staff on the Saudi messaging points from earlier in the day and his experience as the most recent U.S. Ambassador in-country on efforts to move Saudi Arabia towards normalization with Israel. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Saudi ties.

Participants: Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Oren Eisner, Allison Minor, Adam Kozloski

Presenter: Ambassador Michael Ratney

Location: Mamo Michelangelo Italian Restaurant, King Fahd Rd, Al Olaya, Riyadh 12212, Saudi Arabia



The entirety of the allotted time for the working dinner was spent covering officially-connected activity.

Dress Code: Business Casual

Monday, June 16, 2025

4:45 – 5:45

Transportation to King Khalid International Airport (RUH) by bus

7:00

Flight to Manama

Gulf Air (GF 162)

Departure: Monday, June 16 at 7:00 (RUH)

Arrival: Monday, June 16 at 8:15 (BAH)

8:15

Arrive in Bahrain International Airport (BAH)

8:45 – 9:05

Drive to InterContinental Bahrain, an IHG Hotel

Location: King Faisal Hwy, Manama, Bahrain

9:05 – 10:10

Breakfast at InterContinental Bahrain, an IHG Hotel

Location: King Faisal Hwy, Manama, Bahrain

10:10 – 10:45

Transportation by bus to King Hamad Global Centre of Coexistence and Tolerance

10:45 – 11:20

Meeting with Mr. Abdulla Isa Al Mannai, Executive Director of the King Hamad Global Centre of Coexistence and Tolerance

Rationale: Executive Director Abdulla Isa Al Mannai provided a briefing to Members and staff on the King Hamad Global Centre of Coexistence and Tolerance's work on building inter-faith dialogues and connections between Jews, Christians, and Muslims in advancing Bahrain's work in expanding and deepening the Abraham Accords. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to the interfaith dialogues and other commitments to expanding normalization as a part of the Abraham Accords declaration, signed in 2020.

Participants: Abdulla Isa Al Mannai, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski, Cassidy McGoldrick



Location: Isa Cultural Center, Rd No 2407, Manama, Bahrain

Dress Code: Business Professional

11:20 – 11:30

Transportation by bus to Bahrain Shura Council

11:30 – 12:30

Meeting with Dr. Ali bin Mohammed Al Rumaihi, Shura Foreign Affairs, Defense, and National Security Committee Chairman

Rationale: Members and staff meet with upper (Shura) and lower (Nuwab) parliament leadership in Bahrain, including Dr. Ali bin Mohammed Al Rumaihi, the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs, Defense, and National Security Committee. They heard from Dr. Al Rumaihi and other council members about the development of a representative body in Bahrain and the council's work and position towards expanding the Abraham Accords and regional integration. The Members and Staff also heard the Shura Council's position on hostilities between Israel and Iran. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to the impact of U.S. military operations on defense, foreign affairs, trade, and regional investments in the Middle East.

Participants: Dr. Ali bin Mohammed Al Rumaihi (Chairman of the Shura Council Foreign Affairs, Defense, and National Security Committee), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Shura Council, 6HFV+58X, Manama, Bahrain

Dress Code: Business Professional

12:30 – 13:00

Transportation by bus to Qudaibiya Palace

13:00 – 14:15

Meeting with H.R.H. Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Prime Minister

Rationale: Prime Minister and Crown Prince, H.R.H. Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, shared the position of the Kingdom of Bahrain across diplomatic, defense, trade, and investment nexuses. Members and staff engaged with H.R.H. on the importance of the Abraham Accords across multiple nexuses and on the hostilities between Iran and Israel and how it affects regional normalization. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.- Bahrain ties and regional developments. The Prime Minister and Crown Prince, H.R.H. Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa are able to authoritatively speak to Bahraini positions on the Bahrain-U.S. relationship.



Participants: H.R.H. Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa (Prime Minister and Crown Prince of Bahrain), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski, Cassidy McGoldrick, Julie Dann Schneider

Location: Al-Sakhir Palace

Dress Code: Business Professional

14:15 – 14:30

Transportation by bus to meeting with Foreign Minister

14:30 – 15:15

Meeting with H.E. Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani, Foreign Minister

Rationale: The Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain, H.E. Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani provided a briefing to Members and staff on the Kingdom's current diplomatic relations with the United States and developments on supporting the expansion of regional relations with Israel. The delegation engaged with H.E. Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani on diplomatic topics such as intra-gulf relations, updates to the Bahrain-Israel Free Trade Agreement negotiations, and the status of the Abraham Accords. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Bahrain ties, regional trade and investment developments, and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: H.E. Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani (Foreign Minister of Bahrain), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski, Cassidy McGoldrick, Julie Dann Schneider

Location: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government Ave, Manama, Bahrain

Dress Code: Business Professional

15:15 – 15:30

Transportation by bus to meeting with Speaker of the Council

15:30 – 16:00

Meeting with H.E. Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam, Speaker of the Nuwab Council of Representatives

Rationale: The Speaker of the Council of Representatives (Nuwab), H.E. Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam provided a briefing to Members and staff on the Nuwab's position on the Abraham Accords, The war in Gaza, and the conflict between Israel and Iran. The position of the Speaker, as the leading elected official in Bahrain differs from the Kingdom's executive leadership and provided valuable insight to Member and Staff on general



population sentiment towards these issues. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Bahrain ties, regional trade and investment developments, and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: H.E. Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam (The Speaker of the Council of Representatives (Nuwab)), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski, Cassidy McGoldrick, Julie Dann Schneider

Location: Nuwab Council, 6HFR+CXG, Shaikh Daij Ave, Manama, Bahrain

Dress Code: Business Professional

16:00 – 16:10

Transportation by bus to meeting with Bahrain Economic Development Board and Minister of Industry and Commerce

16:10 – 16:40

Meeting with H.E. Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development and Chief Executive of the Bahrain Economic Development Board and H.E. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce.

Rationale: The Minister of Sustainable Development and Chief Executive of the Bahrain Economic Development Board, H.E. Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif, and the Minister of Industry and Commerce, H.E. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, provided a briefing to Members and staff on Bahrain's investments in the U.S., Israel, and across the region. The briefing also included elements of trade friction, such as aluminum tariffs, and investment and financial tools and positions. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Bahrain ties, regional trade and investment developments, and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: H.E. Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif, The Minister of Sustainable Development and Chief Executive of the Bahrain Economic Development Board, H.E. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, The Minister of Industry and Commerce, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski, Cassidy McGoldrick,



Location: EDB, Arcapita Building, Arcapita Bahrain Bay, Building 551, Road 4612, Block 346, Manama/Sea Front, Bahrain

Dress Code: Business Professional

16:40 – 16:45

Transportation by bus to meeting with Minister of Finance and National Economy

16:45 – 17:25

Meeting with H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy

Rationale: The Minister of Finance and National Economy, H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa provided a briefing to Members and staff on Bahrain's investments and broader national development and integration strategy. The briefing also included elements U.S.-Bahrain relations and mutual defense relations due to the Minister's high standing within the government. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Bahrain ties, regional trade and investment developments, mutual defense ties, and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, The Minister of Finance and National Economy, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Ministry of Finance and National Economy, Building 100, Road 1702, Block 317, Diplomatic Area, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.

Dress Code: Business Professional

17:25 – 17:40

Transportation by bus to InterContinental Bahrain, an IHG Hotel

17:40 – 19:00

Briefing with Ambassador Steve C. Bondy, United States Ambassador to Bahrain

Rationale: Ambassador Steve Bondy provided a briefing to Members and staff on the U.S.'s current diplomatic relationship with Bahrain. The delegation engaged with the Ambassador on the U.S.'s political and military relationships with the kingdom as well as to debrief on the previous meetings throughout the day. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Bahrain ties as well as legislation related to regional military, political, and economic stability.



Participants: Ambassador Steve C. Bondy (US Ambassador to Bahrain), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Allison Minor, Adam Kozloski, Cassidy McGoldrick

Location: Private room, InterContinental Bahrain, King Faisal Hwy, Manama, Bahrain

Dress Code: Rugged Casual/Business Casual

20:00

Dinner

Location: Coco's, Rd No 3803, Manama, Bahrain

22:00

End of Meetings/Day

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

7:00 – 8:30

Check-out of hotel and breakfast

Location: Selections, InterContinental Bahrain

8:30 – 9:00

Transportation by bus to Bahrain International Airport

10:40

Flight to Abu Dhabi

Etihad (EY 642)

Departure: Tuesday, June 17 at 10:40 (BAH)

Arrival: Tuesday, June 17 at 12:50 (AUH)

13:10 – 14:00

Transportation by bus to Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Location: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Abu Dhabi, King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud St - Al Bateen - W33 - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates



14:00 – 15:00

Meeting with Moath Alwarai, Director of the Policy Planning Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Rationale: The Director of the Policy Planning Department, Moath Alwarai provided a briefing to Members and staff on the UAE's current diplomatic relations with the United States and developments on supporting the expansion of the Abraham Accords. The Director also discussed the UAE's interfaith efforts to support the Abraham Accords and their position on the conflict between Israel and Iran. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-UAE ties and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: Moath Alwarai (Director of the Policy Planning Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Allison Minor, Adam Kozloski

Location: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud St - Al Bateen - W33 - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Dress Code: Business Professional

15:00 – 15:15

Transportation by bus to the U.S. Embassy Abu Dhabi

15:15 – 17:00

Meeting with Ambassador Martina Strong, Ambassador of the United States to the United Arab Emirates and Eric Gaudiosi, U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission

Rationale: U.S. Ambassador Martina Strong, military officials from Al Dhafra Air Base, and the State Department County Team provided a briefing to Members and staff on the U.S.'s current diplomatic relationship with the UAE, security risks and an assessment of the conflict between Israel and Iran, and other developments. The delegation engaged with the Ambassador on the U.S.'s political, economic, and financial relationship with the UAE. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation related to U.S.-UAE ties. The meeting was held in a bifurcated fashion as indicated below to accommodate a classified briefing for those cleared. The contents of the briefing was the same beside the classification.

Participants in Classified Briefing: Ambassador Martina Strong (US Ambassador to UAE), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn



Participants in Unclassified Briefing: Eric Gaudiosi (U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission), Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Allison Minor, Adam Kozloski, Cassidy McGoldrick

Location: U.S. Embassy, Abu Dhabi, Airport Road Embassies District, Sector - Plot 38 ريدان - Al Rawdah - W59-02 - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Dress Code: Business professional

17:00 – 17:10

Transportation by bus to Mubadala Headquarters

17:10 – 18:10

Meeting with Humaid Alshimmari Deputy Group CEO and Chief Corporate and Human Capital Officer of Mubadala Investment Company (Abu Dhabi's Sovereign Wealth Fund)

Rationale: Deputy Group CEO of the Mubadala Investment Company, Humaid Alshimmari provided a briefing to Members and staff on the Mubadala's current investments in the region and the United States, with a focus on how these investments have advanced the Abraham Accords and regional relations. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-UAE ties as well as investment restrictions or incentives related to foreign sovereign wealth funds.

Participants: Humad Alshimmari (Deputy Group CEO of Mubadala Investment Company), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Allison Minor, Adam Kozloski, Cassidy McGoldrick

Location: Al Mamoura Building, Abu Dhabi, Near Muroor (4th) Road & Mohammed Bin Khalifa (15th) Street - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

Dress Code: Business Professional

18:10 – 18:30

Transportation by bus to the Abrahamic Family House

18:30 – 19:15

Guided Tour and Briefing of the Abrahamic Family House

Rationale: Guides supported by UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs staff, provided a guided tour of the Abrahamic Family House, a first-of-its-kind multi-faith facility in the UAE and the broader gulf region. Members and Staff toured the facility, learned of the interfaith work being conducted on the site and engaged in discussion with the guides and staff on the impact of this work on the Abraham Accords. It was relevant to the trip's



mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-UAE ties as well as investment restrictions or incentives related to foreign sovereign wealth funds.

Participants: Humad Alshimmari (Deputy Group CEO of Mubadala Investment Company), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Allison Minor, Adam Kozloski, Cassidy McGoldrick, Julie Dann Schneider, Carrie Panetta

Location: Al Mamoura Building, Abu Dhabi, Jacques Chirac Street, Saadiyat Island, Cultural District, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Dress Code: Business Professional

19:15 – 20:00

Transportation by bus for dinner

19:15 – 20:00

Briefing from Atlantic Council Staff on the UAE's engagement with the Abraham Accords ahead of dinner with H.E. Dr. Anwar Gargash

Rationale: Director of the N7 Initiative, Allison Minor, and Non-resident Senior Fellow with the N7 Initiative, Adam Kozloski, briefed Members and staff on H.E. Dr. Anwar Gargash on his formal and informal position within the UAE power structure and his role as the chief architect and intellectual behind the UAE's current foreign policy. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-UAE ties.

Participants: Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Cassidy McGoldrick, Julie Dann Schneider, Carrie Panetta

Presenters: Allison Minor (Director of the N7 Initiative), Adam Kozloski (Non-Resident Senior Fellow)

Location: Bus en-route to dinner

The entirety of the allotted time for this briefing was spent covering officially-connected activity.



20:00 – 22:20

Working dinner with H.E. Dr. Anwar Gargash, Diplomatic Advisor to the UAE President.

Rationale: The Diplomatic Advisor to President of the United Arab Emirates, H.E. Dr. Anwar Gargash will share the position of the United Arab Emirates across diplomatic, defense, trade, and investment nexuses. While he is officially the Diplomatic Advisor, he is viewed as one of the most powerful and connected people in the country. Members and Staff will engaged H.E. on any issue touching U.S. – UAE relations with a focus on the four nexuses outlined. It was relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation related to U.S.- UAE ties and regional developments.

Participants: H.E. Dr. Anwar Gargash (Diplomatic Advisor to the UAE President), Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Allison Minor, Adam Kozloski, Cassidy McGoldrick, Julie Dann Schneider, Carrie Panetta

Location: Private room, Lebanese Terrace, Emirates Palace, Corniche St - Al Ras Al Akhdar - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

The entirety of the allotted time for the working dinner will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

Dress Code: Business Professional

22:30 – 23:00

Transportation by bus to St. Regis Abu Dhabi

Location: The St. Regis Abu Dhabi, Nation Towers - Corniche St - Al Bateen - W44 - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

23:00

End of Meetings/Day

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

1:00 – 3:30

Transportation by bus to Dubai (for those traveling out of DXB)

21:00 – 23:30

Dinner (for those traveling out of Dubai)

Location: Burj Khalifa, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Blvd - Downtown Dubai - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

22:45

Panetta's depart for Zayed International Airport (AUH)

Location: Al Matar - Zayed International Airport - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates



23:30

Rest of participants depart for Dubai International Airport

Location: Dubai International Airport Road, Al Garhoud, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Thursday, June 19, 2025

1:35 (GMT) – 16:55 (PST)

Flight to SFO departs

Turkish Airlines (TL 869/TK 1951)/United (UA969)

Departure: Thursday, June 19 at 1:35 (AUH)

Layover: 1 h 30 min (IST)

Layover: 5 h 10 min (AMS)

Arrival: Thursday, June 19 at 16:55 (SFO)

Travelers: Representative Jimmy Panetta, Carrie Panetta

2:20 (GMT) – 8:40 (ET)

Flight to Washington, D.C. departs

Emirates (EK 231)

Departure: Thursday, June 19 at 2:20 (DXB)

Arrival: Thursday, June 19 at 8:40 (IAD)

Travelers: Representative Bradley Schneider, Julie Dann Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Donald Bacon, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Allison Minor, Cassidy McGoldrick

End of Trip

Non-Congressional Meeting Participants

- **Ambassador Michael Ratney**, former US Ambassador to Saudi Arabia
- **Oren Eisner**, President, Jeffrey M. Talpins Foundation
- **Allison Minor**, Director, N7 Research Institute, Atlantic Council
- **Adam Kozloski**, Nonresident Senior Fellow at the N7 Initiative, Atlantic Council
- **Cassidy McGoldrick**, Program Assistant, N7 Initiative, Atlantic Council



JEFFREY M. TALPINS
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The Honorable Brad Schneider
United States House of Representatives
Washington, District of Columbia

March 1, 2025

Dear Congressman Schneider,

On behalf of the N7 Initiative, I am delighted to invite you to participate in the upcoming N7 Abraham Accords Congressional Education Mission.

The first-of-its-kind education mission will take place between **June 13th and June 20th**. It will begin in Saudi Arabia, continue to Bahrain, and then to the United Arab Emirates. The mission will conclude in Israel.

The purpose of the trip is to engage with strategic foreign leaders to demonstrate continued U.S. and Congressional interest in the Middle East, Middle East integration, and Arab-Israeli normalization. The mission will explore the potential for expanding the Abraham Accords, including the prospect of normalization with Saudi Arabia, as well as the obstacles faced in developing regional ties with Israel. Through meetings with the most senior government leaders, military leaders, business leaders, and faith leaders, Members will gain valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities for regional integration. Further information on the N7 Initiative as well as a preliminary itinerary are attached.

N7 will cover all costs and expenses associated with the trip for you and your spouse or a staff member. Our team will follow up with your office to share further details. Should you have questions in the interim, please reach out to Ryan Arant, N7 Director, at +1-202-460-6873 or at RArant@AtlanticCouncil.org. We greatly value your participation and hope that you can join us this fall for this important trip.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WFW'.

William F. Wechsler
Senior Director, N7 Initiative



N7 Initiative Congressional Education Mission

Hosted by the Atlantic Council with financial support from the Jeffrey M. Talpins Foundation and the N7 Foundation for Middle East Integration

June 13-20, 2025

Mission goals: The goal of this trip is to educate and inform Members of the Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, Ways and Means, and Financial Services Committees on emerging developments within the Abraham Accords and how they relate to U.S. foreign policy, trade, and defense goals. The trip includes stops to meet with the senior officials in current and potential Abraham Accords countries who can discuss the status of the Abraham Accords, the prospects for expanding and strengthening the Abraham Accords, and the impacts of current dynamics in the Middle East on U.S and partner cooperation related to the Abraham Accords. The Atlantic Council will demonstrate through engagements with both U.S. officials based in the region and foreign government officials how the expansion and deepening of the Abraham Accords will transform U.S. policy and opportunities within the Middle East in the near future.

Relevance to official duties: The subject matter of the trip is important to Members of the Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, Ways and Means, and Financial Services Committees as they are likely to encounter future legislation concerning the expansion and deepening of the Abraham Accords.

Location: The purpose of travel to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, and Israel is to meet with regional leaders and U.S. officials who are working to join or strengthen the Abraham Accords. The Atlantic Council will also take Members to several locations in Israel that impact the Israel's regional diplomatic relations and the Abraham Accords, such as the northern border with Lebanon and the Gaza Envelope.

Itinerary



Friday, June 13, 2025: Travel

19:00 *Bus arrives outside the Capitol Building*

20:00 *Arrive at Dulles Airport*

22:40 *Flights depart from United States*

British Airways

Departure: Friday, June 13 at 22:40 (IAD)

Layover: 3 h (LHR)

Arrival: Saturday, June 14 at 22:45 (RUH)

Saturday, June 14, 2025: Travel

22:45 *Flights arrive at King Khalid International Airport (RUH)*

23:15 *Transport to the Mandarin Oriental Al Faisaliah, Riyadh*

Location: King Fahd Branch Rd, Al Olaya, Riyadh 12212, Saudi Arabia

23:55 *Check-in at the Mandarin Oriental Al Faisaliah, Riyadh*

Sunday, June 15th, 2025

7:45 *Meet in the lobby*



8:00 – 10:00

Working Breakfast with Alison Dilworth, United States Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to Saudi Arabia

Rationale: After brief introductions, Alison Dilworth, the senior U.S. diplomatic official in the Kingdom, will provide a briefing to the Members and staff on the current situation in the Kingdom, including defense, diplomatic, trade, and investment updates since POTUS's last visit to the region. This presentation will help set the tone for the delegation's meetings in the country and is important to provide a strong common base of knowledge for delegation members. It is also relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Saudi ties.

Participants: Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: La Brasserie, Mandarin Oriental

The entirety of the allotted time for the working breakfast will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

10:00 – 11:00

Transportation by bus to meet with Minister of Defense

11:00 – 12:00

Meeting with H.R.H. Khalid bin Salman, Minister of Defense

Rationale: H.R.H. Khalid bin Salman will provide a briefing to Members on the Kingdom's position on defense relations with the United States and developments on integrated defense architectures in Middle East. The delegation will have a chance to engage with H.R.H Khalid bin Salman on relevant defense and military topics. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Saudi defense ties and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: H.R.H Khalid bin Salman, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Ministry of Defense



12:00 – 13:00

Transportation by bus to lunch with Ministry of Foreign Affairs

13:00 – 14:00

Working Lunch with H.R.H. Faisal bin Farhan, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Rationale: H.R.H. Faisal bin Farhan will provide a briefing during this working lunch to Members and staff on the Kingdom's current diplomatic relations with the United States and developments on the possible expansion of such relations with Israel. The delegation will have a chance to engage with H.R.H. Faisal bin Farhan on diplomatic topics such as Syria, Lebanon, and the Abraham Accords. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Saudi ties and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: H.R.H. Faisal bin Farhan, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The entirety of the allotted time for the working breakfast will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

14:00 – 14:30

Transportation by bus for meeting with Ministry of Investment

14:30 – 15:30

Meeting with Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al-Falih, Minister of Investment

Rationale: Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al-Falih will provide a briefing to Members and staff on the Kingdom's investment plan with a specific focus on announced and future investments in the United States and strategic partners in the region. The delegation will have a chance to engage with Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al-Falih on topics such as regional investment structures and specific announced investments in the United States. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Saudi ties, foreign investment restrictions or encouragements, and strategic U.S. investment in region.

Participants: Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al-Falih, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Ministry of Investment

15:30 – 16:00

Transportation by bus to return to hotel



16:00 – 17:00

Briefing by Atlantic Council Staff

Rationale: Ahead of the delegation's meeting with the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia, H.R.H Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Atlantic Council staff will brief Members and staff on important biographical information on H.R.H as well as his recent policy positions and the relevance of his positions to the United States. Atlantic Council staff will also summarize key take-aways from previous U.S. and foreign government meetings ahead of this capstone engagement in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Saudi ties. As Prime Minister, H.R.H Prince Mohammed bin Salman influences all aspects of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's policy and Saudi-U.S. relations.

Participants: Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Presenter: Adam Kozloski, Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the N7 Initiative, Atlantic Council

Location: Mandarin Oriental Al Faisaliah, Riyadh

The entirety of the allotted time for the briefing will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

17:00 – 18:30

Rest



18:30 – 19:00

Transportation by bus to dinner with Crown Prince

19:00 – 21:00

Working Dinner with H.R.H. Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Prime Minister and Crown Prince

Rationale: H.R.H Prince Mohammed bin Salman will share the positions of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia across diplomatic, defense, trade, and investment nexuses. Members will have the chance to engage H.R.H. on any issue touching U.S. – Saudi relations with a focus on the four nexuses outlined. It is relevant to the trip’s mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Saudi ties and regional developments. As Prime Minister and Crown Prince, H.R.H. Prince Mohammed bin Salman influences all aspects of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia’s policy and Saudi-U.S. relations.

Participants: H.R.H. Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Al Yamamah Palace

The entirety of the allotted time for this working dinner will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

21:00

Return to the Mandarin Oriental Al Faisaliah, Riyadh by bus

Location: King Fahd Branch Rd, Al Olaya, Riyadh 12212, Saudi Arabia

Monday, June 16, 2025

5:00 – 5:45

Transportation to King Khalid International Airport (RUH) by bus

7:00

Flight to Manama

Gulf Air (GF 162)

Departure: Monday, June 16 at 7:00 (RUH)

Arrival: Monday, June 16 at 8:15 (BAH)

8:15

Arrive in Bahrain International Airport (BAH)

8:45 – 9:05

Drive to InterContinental Bahrain, an IHG Hotel

Location: King Faisal Hwy, Manama, Bahrain

9:05 – 10:00

Breakfast at InterContinental Bahrain, an IHG Hotel

Location: King Faisal Hwy, Manama, Bahrain



10:00 – 10:15

Transportation by bus to US Naval Forces Central Command HQ

10:15 – 11:45

Meeting with Vice Admiral George Wikoff, United States Fifth Fleet

Rationale: Vice Admiral George Wikoff will provide a briefing to Members and staff on the U.S. Central Command's (CENTCOM) activities in the Middle East along with the efforts of the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) multinational command. This briefing will include an update on regional-defense relations and integration, direct military action and impact, sanctions enforcement (such as on Iranian weapons to Yemen), and the impact of piracy and Houthi attacks on trade and economic developments in the region as a whole. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to the impact of U.S. military operations on defense, foreign affairs, trade, and regional investments.

Participants: Vice Admiral George Wikoff, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: US Naval Forces Central Command Headquarters, 1 Juffair Avenue, Banz Warehouse, Bay 6, Manama, Bahrain



11:45 – 14:30

Tour and walking brief of Fifth Fleet Headquarters followed by a working lunch with US forces

Rationale: Following his briefing, Vice Admiral George Wikoff will provide a tour and walking brief of the U.S. Fifth Fleet Headquarters, to provide more informational depth to the delegation. During the tour, the Members and staff will interact with members of the U.S. Armed Forces who can share specific information on operations or on challenges at U.S. CENTCOM. Members and appropriately cleared-staff may opt for a classified walking tour of locations such as U.S. CENTCOM's Naval Command's Operations Room, while other staff will receive a general unclassified tour. Following the tour and walking brief, the delegation will eat at the U.S. Fifth Fleet Mess Hall with Vice Admiral George Wikoff, his staff, and other members of the U.S. Armed Forces to learn more about their duties, operations, and insights. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to the impact of U.S. military operations on defense, foreign affairs, trade, and regional investments in the Middle East.

Participants: Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: US Naval Forces Central Command Headquarters, 1 Juffair Avenue, Banz Warehouse, Bay 6, Manama, Bahrain

The entirety of the allotted time for the working lunch will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

14:30 – 15:30

Transportation by bus to Royal Palace Reception Rooms

14:30 – 15:30

Briefing by Atlantic Council Staff

Rationale: Ahead of the delegation's meeting with the King of Bahrain, H.M. King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and Prime Minister and Crown Prince, H.R.H. Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Atlantic Council staff will brief Members and staff on important biographical information on these two leaders, their recent policy positions, and the relevance of such positions to the United States. Atlantic Council staff will also summarize key take-aways from U.S. Fifth Fleet ahead of this capstone engagement in the Kingdom of Bahrain. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Bahrain ties and the King and Crown Prince and Prime Minister, influence all aspects of the Kingdom of Bahrain's policy and Bahrain-U.S. relations.

Participants: Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary



Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Presenter: Adam Kozloski, Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the N7 Initiative, Atlantic Council

Location: On bus en-route

The entirety of the allotted time for the briefing will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

15:30 – 17:45

Meeting with H.M. King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and with H.R.H. Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Prime Minister

Rationale: The King of Bahrain, H.M. King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and Prime Minister and Crown Prince, H.R.H. Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, will share the position of the Kingdom of Bahrain across diplomatic, defense, trade, and investment nexuses. Members and staff will have the chance to engage their H.R.H. on any issue touching U.S. – Bahrain relations with a focus on the four nexuses outlined. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.- Bahrain ties and regional developments. The King of Bahrain, H.M. King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and Prime Minister and Crown Prince, H.R.H. Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa are able to authoritatively speak to Bahraini positions on the Bahrain-U.S. relationship.

Participants: Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: TBA

17:45 – 18:30

Transportation by bus to meeting with Foreign Minister

18:30 – 20:00

Meeting with H.E. Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani, Foreign Minister

Rationale: The Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain, H.E. Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani will provide a briefing to Members and staff on the Kingdom's current diplomatic relations with the United States and developments on supporting the expansion of regional relations with Israel. The delegation will have a chance to engage with H.E. Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani on diplomatic topics such as intra-gulf relations, updates to the Bahrain-Israel Free Trade Agreement negotiations, and the status of the Abraham Accords. It is relevant to the trip's mission as



the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Bahrain ties, regional trade and investment developments, and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: H.E. Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

20:00 – 21:00

Transportation by bus to dinner

21:00 – 23:00

Working Dinner with Ambassador Steve C. Bondy, United States Ambassador to Bahrain and U.S. Fifth Fleet Commander, Vice Admiral George Wikoff

Rationale: Ambassador Steve Bondy will provide a briefing to Members and staff on the U.S.'s current diplomatic relationship with Bahrain. The delegation will engage with the Ambassador and Vice Admiral George Wikoff on the U.S.'s political and military relationships with the kingdom as well as to debrief on the previous meetings throughout the day. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Bahrain ties as well as legislation related to regional military, political, and economic stability.

Participants: Ambassador Steve C. Bondy, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Private room, InterContinental Bahrain

The entirety of the allotted time for the working dinner will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

23:00

End of day

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

7:00 – 8:30

Check-out of hotel and breakfast



Location: Selections, InterContinental Bahrain

8:30 – 9:00

Transportation by bus to Bahrain International Airport

10:40

Flight to Abu Dhabi

Etihad (EY 642)

Departure: Tuesday, June 17 at 10:40 (BAH)

Arrival: Tuesday, June 17 at 12:50 (AUH)

13:10 – 14:00

Transportation by bus to St. Regis Abu Dhabi

Location: The St. Regis Abu Dhabi, Nation Towers - Corniche St - Al Bateen - W44 - Abu Dhabi - United Arab Emirates

14:00 – 14:45

Meeting with Ambassador Martina Strong, Ambassador of the United States to the United Arab Emirates

Rationale: U.S. Ambassador Martina Strong will provide a briefing to Members and staff on the U.S.'s current diplomatic relationship with the UAE. The delegation will have a chance to engage with the Ambassador on the U.S.'s political, economic, and financial relationship with the UAE. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation related to U.S-UAE ties. Additionally, this first meeting in the UAE is intended to provide the U.S. perspective as a scene setter ahead of meetings with foreign officials.

Participants: Ambassador Martina Strong, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: St. Regis Abu Dhabi

14:45 – 15:00

Transportation by bus to lunch



15:00 – 16:30

Working Lunch with H.H. Abdullah bin Zayed al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Rationale: The Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of the UAE, H.H. Abdullah bin Zayed al Nahyan will provide a briefing to Members and staff on the UAE's current diplomatic relations with the United States and developments on supporting the expansion of the Abraham Accords. Further, the Deputy Prime Minister will discuss the UAE's interfaith efforts to support the Abraham Accords. The delegation will have a chance to engage with H.H. Abdullah bin Zayed al Nahyan on diplomatic topics such as intra-gulf relations, the status of the UAE's interfaith efforts to promote the Abraham Accords, and other issue. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-UAE ties and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: Ambassador Martina Strong, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Abraham Family House

The entirety of the allotted time for the working lunch will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

16:30 – 17:00

Transportation by bus to Al-Dhafra Air Base

17:00 – 17:45

Walking Brief and Tour of Gulf Air Warfare Center with U.S. Col. Nicklaus Walker and meeting with US troops

Rationale: U.S. Colonel Nicklaus Walker will provide a walking brief and tour of the Gulf Air Warfare Center to Members and staff on the center's efforts, including its flagship project of integrated air and missile defense and the impact of this project on advancing the Abraham Accords. During the tour, the delegation will interact with members of the U.S. Armed Forces who can share specific information on operations and challenges at U.S. CENTCOM and on integrated air and missile defense. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to the impact of U.S. military operations on regional stability and the impact of U.S. operations on the deepening of regional ties and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: Ambassador Martina Strong, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski



Location: Al-Dhafra Air Base, Abu Dhabi

17:45 – 18:00

Transportation by bus to Ministry of Industry and Technology

18:00 – 18:45

Meeting with H.E. Dr. Sultan bin Ahmed Al Jaber, UAE Minister of Industry and Technology, Chief Executive Officer of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company

Rationale: Minister of Industry and Technology, H.E. Dr. Sultan bin Ahmed Al Jaber will provide a briefing to Members and staff on the UAE's current critical technology investments and its partnerships with U.S. firms and universities. The briefing will also highlight partnerships with Israeli firms and institutions, following the UAE's joining of the historic Abraham Accords. In addition, the briefing will cover the efforts of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company to diversify its holdings and expand its U.S. partnerships. The delegation will have a chance to engage with H.E. Dr. Sultan bin Ahmed Al Jaber on the UAE's investments and partnerships and how these efforts affect regional ties and the U.S.-UAE relationship through the trade, financial, and diplomatic nexuses. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-UAE ties and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: Ambassador Martina Strong, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Ministry of Industry and Technology

18:45 – 19:00

Transportation by bus to the Office of the National Security Advisor

19:00 – 19:45

Meeting with H.H. Sheikh Tahnoon bin Zayed Al Nahyan, National Security Advisor to the President of the UAE

Rationale: National Security Advisor to the President of the UAE, H.H. Sheikh Tahnoon bin Zayed Al Nahyan will provide a briefing to Members and staff on the UAE's current diplomatic and military ties as well as how the UAE's strategic investments affect both UAE and U.S. national security objectives. The delegation will have a chance to engage with H.H. Sheikh Tahnoon bin Zayed Al Nahyan on the UAE's national security strategy and recent actions and how these actions affect regional stability and U.S.-UAE trade, financial, military, and diplomatic relationships. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-UAE ties.

Participants: Ambassador Martina Strong, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick,



Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Al Sila Tower

19:45 – 20:00

Transportation by bus to the Mubadala Investment Company

20:00 – 20:45

Meeting with Khaldoon Al Mubarak, Chief Executive Officer of Mubadala Investment Company (Abu Dhabi's Sovereign Wealth Fund)

Rationale: Chief Executive Officer of the Mubadala Investment Company, Khaldoon Al Mubarak will provide a briefing to Members and staff on the Mubadala's current investments in the region and the United States, with a focus on how these investments have advanced the Abraham Accords and regional relations. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-UAE ties as well as investment restrictions or incentives related to foreign sovereign wealth funds.

Participants: Ambassador Martina Strong, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Al Mamoura Building, Abu Dhabi

20:45 – 21:00

Transportation by bus for dinner

21:00 – 23:00

Working dinner with H.H. President Mohamed bin Zayed al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates

Rationale: The President of the United Arab Emirates, H.H. Mohamed Bin Zayed al Nahyan will share the position of the United Arab Emirates across diplomatic, defense, trade, and investment nexuses. Members and Staff will have the chance to engage the President on any issue touching U.S. – UAE relations with a focus on the four nexuses outlined. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation related to U.S.- UAE ties and regional developments. The President of the United Arab Emirates, H.H. Mohamed Bin Zayed al Nahyan will be able to authoritatively speak to Emirati positions on the UAE-U.S. relationship.

Participants: Ambassador Martina Strong, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick,



Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: TBA

The entirety of the allotted time for the working dinner will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

23:00

Transportation by bus to St. Regis Abu Dhabi

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

5:00 – 5:35

Quick breakfast in the hotel

Location: St. Regis Abu Dhabi

5:35 – 6:15

Transportation by bus to airport

8:35

Flight to Tel Aviv

Etihad (EY 593)

Departure: Wednesday, June 18 at 8:35

Arrival: Wednesday, June 17 at 11:00

11:15 – 13:00

Bus to the Northern Border of Israel with Lebanon

13:00 – 14:30

Tour of the Northern Border of Israel with IDF Special Forces and Deputy United States Special Envoy to the Middle East, Morgan Ortagus



Rationale: The Deputy United States Special Envoy to the Middle East, Morgan Ortagus, will brief, alongside IDF Special Forces, Members and staff on the ongoing security and diplomatic situation in Lebanon related to the conflict between Hezbollah and Israel. Members and Staff will have the chance to engage the Deputy U.S. Special Envoy on any issue related to this conflict and the U.S. diplomatic effort to bring the fighting to a close. Members and staff will also learn how the conflict is shaping regional trends and the Abraham Accords. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation related to U.S.- Israel ties and regional developments.

Participants: Ambassador Martina Strong, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Northern Border of Israel – departing from the airport, returning to the Ministry of Defense

14:30 – 16:00

Transportation by bus to meeting at the Ministry of Defense

16:00 – 17:00

Meeting with H.E. Israel Katz, Minister of Defense

Rationale: The Minister of Defense for Israel, H.E. Israel Katz will provide a briefing to Members and staff on the IDF's Gideon's Chariots (Gaza) and Northern Arrows (Lebanon) operations and the military and political objectives of each operation. The delegation will have a chance to engage with H.E. Israel Katz on the IDF's effort following October 7th as well as on broader U.S.-Israel defense cooperation. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Israel ties, regional security developments, and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: Ambassador Martina Strong, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Ministry of Defense

17:00 – 17:30

Depart for meeting to the Office of H.E. Yair Lapid



17:30 – 18:30

Meeting with H.E. Yair Lapid, Yesh Atid Party Leader and Leader of the Opposition in Israel's Knesset

Rationale: The Leader of the Israeli Opposition and former Prime Minister of Israel, H.E. Yair Lapid will provide a briefing to Members and staff on the official opposition's view of the Israeli Government's ongoing military operations and actions following Hamas's October 7th attack. The delegation will have a chance to engage with H.E. Yair Lapid on the domestic political situation in Israel and its impact on Israel's policies towards the United States and regional partners. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Israel ties, regional security developments, and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: Ambassador Martina Strong, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Knesset, Eliezer Kaplan St 1, Jerusalem, 9195000, Israel

18:30 – 19:00

Transportation by bus to dinner at The David Kempinski Hotel

19:00 – 22:00

Working Dinner with H.E. Gadi Eisenkot, Former War Cabinet Member and former Chief of Staff of the IDF and H.E. Benny Gantz, National Unity Party Leader and former Minister of Defense and Deputy Prime Minister

Rationale: Former Chief of Staff of the IDF, H.E. Gali Eisenkot and former Minister of Defense, H.E. Benny Gantz will provide a briefing to Members and staff on Israel's ongoing operation and action following the October 7th attack as well as the impact of Israel's actions on regional normalization. The delegation will have a chance to engage with former Chief Eisenkot and former Minister Gantz on the domestic political situation in Israel and its impact on Israel's policies towards the United State and regional partners. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Israel ties, regional security developments, and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: Ambassador Martina Strong, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Private room, The David Kempinski Tel Aviv



The entirety of the allotted time for the working dinner will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

22:00

End of day

Thursday, June 19, 2025

8:30 – 9:30

Working Breakfast with Ambassador Mike Huckabee, Ambassador of the United States to Israel

Rationale: The U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Mike Huckabee will brief the Members and staff on U.S.-Israel relations, the ongoing security situation in Israel and the region, and U.S. diplomatic efforts to advance the Abraham Accords. Members and Staff will have the chance to engage the Ambassador on any issue related to U.S.-Israel relationship including political, military, economic, and investment efforts. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation related to U.S.- Israel ties and regional developments.

Participants: Ambassador Martina Strong, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: hotel restaurant

The entirety of the allotted time for the working breakfast will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

9:30 – 11:00

Transportation by bus to Gaza Envelope

11:00 – 12:15

Tour of Gaza Envelope with the Israeli Defense Forces

Rationale: Soldiers and General Staff from the Israeli Defense Forces will brief Members and staff on the ongoing security situation in the Gaza Strip, including counter-terrorism efforts against Hamas, the status of humanitarian operations, and hostage rescue efforts through a tour of the Gaza Envelope. Members and staff will have the chance to engage the IDF staff on any issue relating to this conflict and its impact on Israeli policy and regional relations. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.- Israel ties and regional developments.



Participants: Ambassador Martina Strong, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Gaza Envelope

12:15 – 13:30

Transportation by bus to meeting at the Prime Minister's Office

13:30 – 14:45

Meeting with H.E. Ron Dermer, Minister of Strategic Affairs and H.E. Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel

Rationale: The Prime Minister of Israel, H.E. Benjamin Netanyahu and Minister of Strategic Affairs, H.E. Ron Dermer will share the position of the current Israeli government across diplomatic, defense, trade, and investment nexuses. Member and Staff will have the chance to engage Prime Minister Netanyahu and Minister Dermer on any issue touching U.S. – Israel relations with a focus on the four nexuses outlined. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation related to U.S.- Israel ties, the ongoing war in Gaza, and regional developments. The Prime Minister of Israel, H.E. Benjamin Netanyahu will be able to authoritatively speak to the current official Israeli position on Israel-U.S. ties.

Participants: Ambassador Martina Strong, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Prime Minister's office

14:45 – 15:30

Transportation by bus for meeting with IDF Chief of General Staff



15:30 – 16:30

Meeting with Lieutenant General Eyal Zamir, IDF Chief of General-Staff

Rationale: The IDF Chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Eyal Zamir, will provide a briefing to Members and staff on the current status of the IDF's Gideon's Chariots (Gaza) and Northern Arrows (Lebanon) operations. The delegation will have a chance to engage with Lt. General Eyal Zamir on the IDF's efforts following the October 7th attack. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.-Israel ties, regional security developments, and the Abraham Accords. This briefing coupled with the briefing by H.E. Minister of Defense, Israel Katz, will provide members with a picture of Israel's political-military objectives in its post-October 7th conflicts and the current status in achieving these aims.

Participants: Ambassador Martina Strong, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Kirya (HaKirya), Tel Aviv

16:30 – 17:00

Transportation by bus for meeting to the President's Office

17:00 – 18:30

Meeting with H.E. Isaac Herzog, President of Israel

The President of Israel, H.E. Isaac Herzog, will brief the Members and staff on Israel's current international and domestic situation. Members and Staff will have the chance to engage President Herzog on any issue touching U.S. – Israel relations with a focus on diplomatic, military, trade, and investment nexuses. It is relevant to the trip's mission as the Members are likely to encounter legislation relating to U.S.- Israel ties, regional developments, and the Abraham Accords.

Participants: Ambassador Martina Strong, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Location: Beit HaNassi

18:30 – 20:30

Depart for dinner and debrief with Atlantic Council staff on the trip.

Participants: Ambassador Martina Strong, Representative Bradley Schneider, Gil Thompson, Representative Cherfilus-McCormick, Representative James Panetta, Representative Donald Bacon, Valerie



Foy, Representative Zachary Nunn, Jacqueline Bossman, Ambassador Michael Ratney, Oren Eisner, Adam Kozloski

Presenter: Adam Kozloski, Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the N7 Initiative, Atlantic Council

Location: TBA

The entirety of the allotted time for the working dinner will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

20:30 *Transportation by bus to The David Kempinski Hotel*

21:00 *End of day*

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8:00 – 8:30 *Transportation by bus to the airport*

11:00 *Flight departs to DC*

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Departure: Friday, June 20 at 11:00

Layover: 2 h 15 min (EWR)

Arrival: Friday, June 20 at 19:40

19:40 *Arrive in DC*

End of Trip

Non-Congressional Meeting Participants

- **Ambassador Michael Ratney**, former US Ambassador to Saudi Arabia
- **Oren Eisner**, President, N7 Foundation for Middle East Integration
- **Adam Kozloski**, Nonresident Senior Fellow at the N7 Initiative, Atlantic Council

Invited and attending

Representative Bradley Schneider, Representative (IL-10)

- Representative Schneider has been invited to join this trip in his capacity as a founding co-Chair of the House Abraham Accords Caucus and as a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. His participation will be invaluable, as the delegation will engage in meetings and discussions focused on reinforcing the importance of maintaining and strengthening the Abraham Accords.

Representative Don Bacon, Representative (NE-2)

- Representative Bacon was invited to join this trip given his role in the House Abraham Accords Caucus and on the House Armed Services Committee, where he serves as the Chairman of the subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technology, and Innovation. He will play a key role in discussions focused on advancing the safety, integration, and security of US allies in the Middle East.

Representative Jimmy Panetta, Representative (CA-19)

- Representative Panetta was invited to join this trip based on his role in the House Abraham Accords Caucus and his position on the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade. Representative Panetta has historically been a champion of bipartisan legislation focused on security integration within the region. In his new committee assignment, he will be instrumental in discussions focused on strengthening trade partnerships between the United States and its Middle East partners.

Representative Zach Nunn, Representative (IA-3)

- Representative Nunn was invited to participate in this trip because of his role as Vice Chairman of The House Financial Services Committee's Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions. His participation will contribute to discussions on economic cooperation, regional financial stability, and efforts to counter illicit finance and malign foreign influence in the Middle East

Gil Thompson, Senior Policy Advisor, Representative Bradley Schneider's Office

- Gil Thompson was invited because of his considerable work on the Abraham Accords and related issues. Thompson is Representative Schneider's Senior Policy Advisor and primary staffer and advisor on the Middle East. Given Representative Schneider's role on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Thompson has engaged extensively on issues related to the Abraham Accords, including helping draft several landmark pieces of legislation on the Abraham Accords.

Jackie Bossman, Legislative Director, Representative Nunn's Office

- Jackie Bossman was invited because of her work on the Abraham Accords and related issues. Bossman is Representative Nunn's Legislative Director. She directs Representative Nunn's policy portfolio, including his work on the House Financial Services Committee. In this capacity, Bossman has worked on trade and financial legislation related to the Abraham Accords.

Note: Spouses were invited to accompany Members