

# COMMITTEE ON



# ETHICS

## EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

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

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

1. Name of Traveler: Wesley Harkins
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 Return: Thursday, August 7, 2025  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Grand Rapids, Michigan Return City: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Conservative Climate Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: I attended meetings focused on how to message a clean, all of the above approach to energy.  
As a Communications Director, the winning the message seminar will help me more effectively communicate on energy initiatives that help create jobs. The site visit also helped me understand how communities are dealing with evolving climates.
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box:*
  - a.  a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
  - b.  the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
  - c.  page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
  - d.  the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a.  I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*  
 b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of Traveler: Wesley Harkins Digitally signed by Wesley Harkins Date: 2025.09.02 12:26:25 -04'00' Date: September 2, 2025

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Congresswoman Stephanie Bice Date: September 2, 2025

Signature of Supervising Member: Stephanie L Bice

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original  Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Conservative Climate Foundation
2. Travel Destination(s): Grand Rapids, MI
3. Date of Departure: August 5, 2025 Date of Return: August 7, 2025
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Kristen Cianci, Evan Dixon, Anthony Fakhoury, Wesley Harkins, Ashley Juhn, R  
*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	\$627.96	\$540.44	\$422.20	
Accompanying Family Member	^ flight and local transportation	^includes tax		

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: 8/19/25

Name: Elizabeth Daniels Title: Executive Director

Organization: Conservative Climate Foundation

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

Address: 10340 Democracy Ln Suite 300 Fairfax, VA 22030

Telephone: 360-481-1856 Email: elizabeth@rightonclimate.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

## TRAVELER FORM

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

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

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

Name of Traveler: Wesley Harkins

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

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

Signature: Wesley Harkins

Digitally signed by Wesley Harkins  
Date: 2025.07.02 14:57:12 -04'00'

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Rep. Bice

Office Address: 2402 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Telephone Number: 2022252132

Email Address of Contact Person: wesley.harkins@mail.house.gov

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

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

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

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

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Wesley Harkins
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Conservative Climate Foundation
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Grand Rapids, Michigan
4. a. Date of Departure: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 Date of Return: Thursday, August 7, 2025  
b. Yes  No  Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Yes  No  Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
  - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_
  - (2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
  - (3) Yes  No  Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes  No  Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Yes  No  *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**

As a Communications Director, this trip will help hone my communication skills. The winning the message briefing will help me frame my bosses message on clean energy policy. We will also learn important insight on the new demands for AI. Last we will focus on more real life narrative crafting.

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: Stephen D. Bice Date: 7/2/25

# 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:

Conservative Climate Foundation

2.  I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

- a.  The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
- b.  The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
- c.  The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): See attached list

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

6. Date of Departure: Tuesday, August 5, 2025 Date of Return: Thursday, August 7, 2025

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

b. Destination(s): Grand Rapids, Michigan

c. City of return: Washington D.C.

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

- a.  The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
- b.  The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
- c.  The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**
- a.  I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
  - b.  I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
  - c.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
  - d.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. \_\_\_\_\_
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10.  Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**
- a.  I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
  - b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:  
Attached.
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13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_
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14.  I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a.  The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
  - b.  The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
    - 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Amway Grand Hotel City: Grand Rapids, MI Cost Per Night: \$229  
Reason(s) for Selecting: Cost, availability of appropriate conference facilities, and location.

Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

17.  I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total <b>Transportation</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Lodging</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Meal</b> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$941	\$458	\$470.64
For each Accompanying Family Member	n/a	n/a	n/a

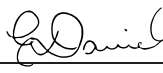
	<b>Other</b> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	n/a	n/a
For each Accompanying Family Member	n/a	n/a

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: 6/25/25  
 Name: Elizabeth Daniels Title: Executive Director  
 Organization: Conservative Climate Foundation  
 Address: 10340 Democracy Lane, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA  
 Email: elizabeth@rightonclimate.org Telephone: (360) 481-1856

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

**Answer to Question 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.**

*Explanation of the invites below: CCF invited Communications Directors from every member office of the Conservative Climate Caucus and relevant committees interested in clean energy and climate policy. In the case that the Communications Director was unavailable or the position wasn't filled, we extended the invite to another relevant communications member of the staff.*

Harley	Adsit	Communications Director	Rep. Buddy Carter (GA-1)
George	Alderman	Communications Director	Rep. Mike Haridopolos (FL-8)
Eleanor	Allison	Communications Director	Rep. Pete Sessions (TX-32)
Abigail	Angelos	Communications Director	Rep. Mike Kennedy (UT-3)
Rey	Anthony	Communications Director	Rep. Carlos Gimenez (R-FL)
Paxton	Antonucci	Communications Director	Rep. Jeff Van Drew (NJ-2)
Kate	Arey	Communications Director	Rep. Julie Fedorchak (ND)
Arnaud	Armstrong	Communications Director	Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (PA-7)
Paige	Ash	Communications Director	Rep. David Valadao (CA-21)
Abigail	Ashcraft	Scheduler/Communications	Rep. Mike McCaul (TX-10)
Prewett	Asher	Communications Director	Rep. Tim Burchett (TN-9)

Nattie	Baldassarre	Communications Director	Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (NY-11)
Alex	Bellizzi	Communications Director	Rep. Andy Barr (KY-6)
Maria	Bello	Scheduler/ Communications	Rep. James Moylan (R-GU)
Hannah	Benfield	Communications Director	Rep. Jefferson Shreve (IN-6)
Delanie	Bomar	Communications Director	Rep. Gabe Evans (CO-8)
Julie	Bramer	Communications Director	Rep. Nathaniel Moran (TX-1)
Beau	Brooks	Communications Director	Rep. Troy Downing (MT-2)
Laynee	Buckels	Communications Director	Rep. Randy Weber (TX-14)
Emily	Cassil	Communications Director	Rep. Michael McCaul (TX-10)
Connor	Chapinski	Communications Director	Rep. Jay Obernolte (CA-8)
Kristen	Cianci	Communications Director	Rep. Andrew Garbarino (NY-2)
Jack	Colonnate	Communications Director	Rep. Frank Lucas (OK-3)
Alexander	Crane	Communications Director	Rep. Greg Murphy (NC-3)
Grace	Davis	Communications Director	Rep. Tim Moore (NC-14)
Evan	Dixon	Communications Director	House Budget Committee
Justin	Doil	Communications Director	Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (TN-3)

Michael	Donatello	Communications Director	Rep. Bryan Steil (WI-1)
Laila	Elegamy	Communications Director	Rep. Jeff Hurd (CO-3)
Kelsey	Emmer	Communications Director	Rep. Pete Stauber (MN-8)
Travis	Evans	Communications Director	Rep. French Hill (AR-2)
Anthony	Fakhoury	Communications Director	Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA-1)
Kinsey	Featherston	Communications Director	Rep. Bruce Westerman (AR-4)
Anthony	Foti	Communications Director	Rep. Paul Gosar (AZ-4)
Billy	Fuerst	Communications Director	Rep. Randy Feenstra (IA-4)
Michael	Gordon	Communications Director	Rep. Tom Barrett (MI-7)
Amanda	Gray	Communications Director	Rep. Jen Kiggans (VA-2)
Alyssa	Gulick	Communication Director	Rep. Tony Gonzales (TX-23)
Emma	Hall	Communications Directors	Rep. Burgess Owens (UT-4)
Caroline	Hamilton	Communications Director	Rep. Blake Moore (UT-01)
Wesley	Harkins	Communications Director	Rep. Stephanie Bice (OK-5)
Brett	Hedges	Communications Director	Rep. Jodey Arrington (TX-19)
Regan	Hinson	Communications Director	Rep. Rob Wittman (VA-1)

Andrea	Hitt	Communications Director	Rep. Jim Baird (IN-4)
James	Hogge	Communications Director	Rep. Jack Bergman (MI-1)
Bethany	Holden	Communications Director	Rep. August Pfluger (TX-11)
Kelsey	Holt	Communication Director	Rep. Glenn Thompson (PA-15)
Sutton	Houser	Communications Director	Rep. Craig Goldman (TX-12)
Lori	Hunnicutt	Communications Director	Rep. Abraham Hamadeh (AZ-8)
Caroline	Hunt	Communications Director	Rep. Mike Lawler (NY-17)
Marjorie	Jackson	Communications Director	Rep. Brandon Gill (TX-26)
Danny	Jativa	Communications Director	Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27)
Danielle	Jensen	Communications Director	Rep. Don Bacon (NE-2)
Elizabeth-Burton	Jones	Communications Director	Rep. John McGuire (VA-5)
Ashley	Juhn	Communications Director	Rep. Bob Latta (OH-05)
Andres	Kardonski	Communications Director	Rep. Juan Ciscomani (AZ-6)
Ron	Kavach	Communications Director	Rep. Marlin Stutzman (IN-3)
Maria	Kim	Communications Director	Rep. Chuck Edwards (NC-11)
Lexi	Kranich	Communications Director	Rep. Pat Harrigan (NC-10)

Jackson	Krug	Communications Director	Rep. Morgan Griffith (VA-9)
Kristen	Kurtz	Communications Director	Rep. Dusty Johnson (SD-1)
Carrie	Kwarcinski	Communications Director	Rep. Mark Amodei (NV-2)
James	Laverty	Communications Director	Rep. Richard Hudson (NC-9)
Gabrielle	Lipsky	Communications Director	Rep. Nancy Mace (SC-1)
Jaime	Loannidis	Communications Director	Rep. Mark Harris (NC-8)
Roberto	Lugones	Press Secretary	Rep. Carlos Gimenez (FL-28)
Dani	Madda	Scheduler/Communications	Rep. Michael Cloud (TX-27)
Bailey	Mailloux	Communications Director	House Committee on Natural Resources
Molly	Makarewicz	Communications Director	Rep. Tim Walberg (MI-7)
Matt	Maley	Communications Director	Rep. Neal Dunn (FL-2)
Ben	Martin	Communications Director	Rep. Barry Moore (AL-1)
Thomas	Mitchell	Communications Director	Rep. Bob Onder (MO-3)
Andrea	Morales	Communications Director	Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-26)
Valerie	Nelson	Communications Director	Rep. Mark Messmer (IN-8)
Porter	Null	Press Assistant	Rep. Buddy Carter (GA-1)

Mary	O'Hara	Communications Director	Rep. Nick LaLota (NY-1)
Brian	Patrick	Communications Director	Rep. Bill Huizenga (MI-2)
Hannah	Pope	Communications Director	Rep. Rob Bresnahan (PA-8)
Silver	Prout	Communications Director	Rep. Nick Begich (AK)
Anthony	Raisley	Communications Director	Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (NY-11)
Matt	Reed	Communications Director	Rep. Dan Newhouse (WA-04)
Reilly	Richardson	Communications Director	Rep. Derek Schmidt (KS-2)
Sara	Robertson	Communications Director	Rep. Rick Crawford (AR-1)
Alex	Rodriguez	Communications Director	Rep. Brett Guthrie (KY-2)
Abigail	Ronson	Press Secretary	Rep. Brian Jack (GA-3)
Charles	Russell	Communications Director	Rep. Addison McDowell (NC-6)
Isabela	Schandlbauer	Communications Director	Rep. Michael Baumgartner (WA-5)
Michell	Shedd	Communications Director	Rep. David Schweikert (AZ-1)
Quinn	Slaven	Communications Director	Rep. Brad Knott (NC-13)
Heather	Smith	Communication Director	Rep. William Timmons (SC-5)
Walter	Smoloski	Communications Director	Rep. Riley Moore (WV-2)

Eve	Sparks	Communications Director	Rep. Jeff Crank (CO-5)
Alexia	Spentzas	Communications Director	Rep. Cliff Bentz (OR-2)
Caroline	Strock	Communications Director	Rep. Young Kim (CA-40)
Aiden	Strongreen	Communications Director	Rep. Tony Weid (WI-8)
Katiana	Taubenberger	Communications Director	Rep. John Rutherford (FL-4)
Rebecca	Thompson	Communications Director	Rep. David Taylor (OH-2)
Ross	Tullis	Communications Director	Rep. Dan Crenshaw (TX-2)
Matt	VanHyfte	Communications Director	House Committee on Energy & Commerce
Peter	Vicenzi	Communications Director	Rep. Pat Fallon (TX-4)
Teddy	Wynn	Press Assistant	Rep. Dave Joyce

**Answer to Question 12:**

The Conservative Climate Foundation (CCF) is a not-for-profit charitable and educational organization organized, operated, and recognized as a tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code as amended. The organization's mission is to engage and inform the public and policymakers about reducing global and domestic emissions with common sense, economic and environmentally sustainable strategies and solutions based on conservative principles. CCF's Annual Communicators' Retreat brings together communications professionals in the conservative space from the U.S. House, U.S. Senate, and CCF member organizations to learn, network, and collaborate on effective climate messaging.



**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Communicators Retreat  
August 5-7, 2025 | Grand Rapids, MI**

*This is a working agenda and is subject to change.*

**Tuesday, August 5**

**Arrival Flight**

*American Airlines – Nonstop – DCA-GRR 11:36 AM – 1:28 PM*

**2:00 – 2:30 PM**

*Travel to Amway Grand Hotel*

**2:30 – 3:00 PM**

*Arrive at Amway Grand Hotel, check into hotel rooms*

**3:00 – 3:30 PM**

PANEL: Introduction to the Conservative Climate Caucus

- Location: Amway Grand Hotel, Imperial Ballroom
- Representatives from the Conservative Climate Caucus will give an overview of their work and introduce the ways in which they can serve as a resource for individuals looking to better communicate climate issues to conservative audiences.
- Speakers:
  - Anthony Fakhoury, Communications Director, Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA)
  - Elizabeth Daniels, Executive Director, Conservative Climate Foundation

**3:30 – 4:30 PM**

BRIEFING: Winning the Message

- Location: Amway Grand Hotel, Imperial Ballroom
- ClearPath Chief External Affairs Officer Luke Bolar shares insights and messaging strategies from a 6-year research project studying how Americans view clean energy policy.
- Speakers:
  - Luke Bolar, Chief External Affairs Officer, ClearPath

**4:30 – 6:00 PM**

*Executive Time*

**6:00 – 9:00 PM**

SPEAKER: Reception & Dinner

- Location: TBD
- Welcome to Grand Rapids, Michigan! The keynote speaker will highlight Michigan's clean energy initiatives that create jobs and strengthen local economies.
- Speakers:
  - Heather Reams, Board Chair, Conservative Climate Foundation
  - TBD

**RON**

*Amway Grand Hotel*

**Wednesday, August 6**

**9:00 – 10:00 AM**

BRIEFING: Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Communicators Retreat

- Location: Amway Grand Hotel, Imperial Ballroom
- During this breakfast briefing, CCF will go over the retreat schedule and point out important retreat logistics. The speaker will give an overview of what attendees have learned thus far at the Communicators' Retreat and real-world applications.
- Speaker:
  - Elizabeth Daniels, Executive Director, Conservative Climate Foundation

**10:00 – 11:00 AM**

PANEL: Life After Capitol Hill

- Location: Amway Grand Hotel, Imperial Ballroom
- This session explores the different pathways offered to Capitol Hill communicators, from corporations and trade associations to nonprofits and PR firms. Attendees will learn how the skills they've honed, such as media engagement, message crafting, and strategic communications, seamlessly translate to new roles in the private sector.
- Speakers:
  - TBD

### **11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

BRIEFING: Meeting Demand for AI

- Location: Amway Grand Hotel, Imperial Ballroom
- The rise of artificial intelligence creates challenges and opportunities for communicators. This session will explore how companies are meeting growing energy demand for AI, as well as how they are incorporating AI technologies into their day-to-day operations.
- Speakers:
  - TBD

### **12:00 – 12:30 PM**

*Lunch served*

### **12:30 – 1:30 PM**

PANEL: Creating a Narrative

- Location: Amway Grand Hotel, Imperial Ballroom
- This session will teach attendees how to create a narrative based on real-life examples. From site visits and field tours to international climate engagements, attendees will learn what goes into crafting a positive message for conservative audiences.
- Speakers:
  - TBD

### **1:30 – 2:00 PM**

*Executive Time*

### **2:00 – 3:00 PM**

*Travel to boat tour*

### **3:00 – 5:00 PM**

TOUR: Local Conservation Efforts

- Location: Holland Princess, 260 Howard Ave, Holland, MI 49424
- Attendees will be joined by local conservationists who will share how they are working to protect local environments, including coastline restoration efforts, local species conservation, and disaster mitigation. They will share how they message these efforts to communities in order to gain local support for the projects.
- Speakers:

- TBD

**5:00 – 6:00 PM**

*Travel to dinner location*

**6:00 – 8:00 PM**

SPEAKER: Reception & Dinner

- Location: Founders Brewing, 235 Cesar E. Chavez Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
- The speaker will highlight sustainability efforts in the beer making industry, including water conservation, responsible agriculture, and waste mitigation. Attendees will learn how local breweries are working to lower their carbon footprint and message their efforts to the surrounding communities.
- Speaker:
  - TBD

**8:00 – 8:30 PM**

*Travel to Amway Grand Hotel*

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*Amway Grand Hotel*

**Thursday, August 7**

**9:00 – 10:00 AM**

BRIEFING: Lessons Learned

- Location: Amway Grand Hotel, Imperial Ballroom
- During this breakfast briefing, CCF will highlight lessons learned throughout the retreat and answer any questions about previous sessions and travel logistics.
- Speaker:
  - Elizabeth Daniels, Executive Director, Conservative Climate Foundation

**10:00 – 11:00 AM**

BRIEFING: Case Study: Palisades Nuclear Power Plant Reopening

- Location: Amway Grand Hotel, Imperial Ballroom
- A representative from the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant will present a case study on the reopening of the power plant, from securing financing to securing community support. The presentation will include how their team leveraged about media

tactics, community engagement, and government relations to successfully bring carbon-free nuclear power to Michigan.

- Speaker:
  - TBD

**11:00 – 11:15 AM**

*Executive Time*

**11:15 – 11:45 AM**

*Travel to Grand Rapids International Airport*

**Departing Flight**

*American Airlines – Nonstop – GRR-DCA 1:58 PM – 3:34 PM*

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August 1, 2025

Mr. Wesley Harkins  
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2402 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Harkins:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Grand Rapids, Michigan, scheduled for August 5 to 7, 2025, sponsored by Conservative Climate Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

Sincerely,

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The Conservative Climate Foundation will, in accordance with House and Senate ethics regulations, pay for your travel, lodging, and conference-related expenses. Any non-conference related expenses will be at your own expense. Participants employed by the House of Representatives and Senate will be required to submit paperwork for privately sponsored travel to their respective ethics committees in advance of and after the retreat.

*More information will be provided closer to the event.*

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