

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

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

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

1. Name of Traveler: John Kohler
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 8/17/2025 Return: 8/19/2025
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Aspen, CO Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Technology Policy Institute
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Attended panels and breakout sessions on tech and telecom policy developments.
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
b. If not, explain: _____

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

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 9/8/25

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

Name of Supervising Member: Troy BALDERSON Date: 9/8/25

Signature of Supervising Member: 

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

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

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: _____

Technology Policy Institute

2. Travel Destination(s): Aspen, Colorado

3. Date of Departure: 8/17/2025

Date of Return: 8/19/2025

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

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

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	1664.54	843.66	821.52	1500.00 registration waived
Accompanying Family Member				

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

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

Signature:  Date: 09/02/2025

Name: Jane Creel Title: Corporate Secretary

Organization: Technology Policy Institute

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

Address: 2001 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20036

Telephone: 202-495-7722

Email: jcreel@techpolicyinstitute.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.

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

Name of Traveler: John Kohler

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

Signature: _____

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

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

Office Address: 2429 Rayburn House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-5355

Email Address of Contact Person: john.kohler@mail.house.gov

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

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

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

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.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: John Kohler
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: The Technology Policy Institute
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Aspen, CO
4. a. Date of Departure: 8/17/2025 Date of Return: 8/19/2025
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.**
The forum will cover "artificial intelligence, space, competition, tariffs, broadband, the government's role in promoting science and technology, spectrum regulation, (and) conflicts with China."--All of which are under my purview as Senior Policy Advisor.
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: 7/1/2025

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

Technology Policy Institute

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): _____

Attachment A

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

6. Date of Departure: August 17, 2025 Date of Return: August 19, 2025

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Aspen, Colorado

c. City of return: Washington, DC

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

a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**

b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**

c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

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

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

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14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
 - b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
 - 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____
 - 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: The Mollie City: Aspen Cost Per Night: \$379
 Reason(s) for Selecting: Close in proximity (walking distance) to conference venue, rate is lower than the St Regis host venue.

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

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

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$737 airfare \$100 rideshare	\$758	\$780
For each Accompanying Family Member			

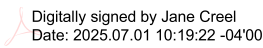
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$1500 registration	complimentary to academic & government
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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: Jane Creel  Digitally signed by Jane Creel
Date: 2025.07.01 10:19:22 -04'00' Date: 07/01/2025

Name: Jane Creel Title: Corporate Secretary

Organization: Technology Policy Institute

Address: 2001 L Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036

Email: jcreel@techpolicyinstitute.org Telephone: o 202-495-7722 m 301-751-7855

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

**Attachment A – U.S. House Private Sponsor Travel Certification
TPI Aspen Forum 2025 – August 17-19, 2025**

<i>Invitations to TPI Aspen Forum from Dr. Sarah Oh Lam, Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute</i>				
Last, First Name	Attending?	Title	Office	Email
Desai, Parul	Yes	Chief Counsel	Energy and Commerce Committee	parul.desai@mail.house.gov
Greene, Hillary	Yes	Senior Counsel	Judiciary Committee	hillary.greene@mail.house.gov
Harper, Kate	Yes	Chief Counsel	Energy and Commerce Committee	kate.harper@mail.house.gov
Hawatmeh, Ola	Yes	Sr. Policy Adviser	Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-IN)	ola.hawatmeh@mail.house.gov
Horsley, David	Yes	Nat. Sec. Advisor	Rep. August Pfluger (R-TX)	david.horsley@mail.house.gov
Kanne, Megan	Yes	Tech and Transportation Aide	Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL)	megan.kanne@mail.house.gov
Kohler, John	Yes	Sr. Policy Adviser	Rep. Troy Balderson (R-OH)	john.kohler@mail.house.gov
Lall, Levi	Yes	Counsel	Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA)	levi.lall@mail.house.gov
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White, Saisha	Yes	Legislative Counsel	Rep. Lucy McBath (D-GA)	saisha.white@mail.house.gov
Zanoni, Joe	Yes	Legislative Counsel	Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA)	joe.zanoni@mail.house.gov
Beltran, Nate	No response	Tech Counsel	Rep. Marc Veasey (D-TX)	nate.beltran@mail.house.gov
Binder, Brie	No response	Counsel	Judiciary Committee	brie.binder@mail.house.gov
Bridges, Will	No response	Legislative Counsel	Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ)	william.bridges@mail.house.gov
Cella, Adam	No response	Senior Special Counsel	Judiciary Committee	adam.cella@mail.house.gov
Hone, Lisa	No response	Chief Counsel, Consumer Protection	Energy and Commerce Committee	lisa.hone@mail.house.gov
Kappler, Jacqui	No response	Oversight Counsel	Judiciary Committee	jacqui.kappler@mail.house.gov
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Scurato, Michael	No response	FCC Detailee	Energy and Commerce Committee	michael.scurato@mail.house.gov
Shepherd, Cam	No response	Legislative Director	Rep. Rick Allen (R-GA)	cam.shepherd@mail.house.gov
Walker, J.R.	No response	Sr. Policy Adviser	Rep. Morgan Griffith (R-VA)	jr.walker@mail.house.gov
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Lee, John	No	Chief Counsel, Intellectual Property	Judiciary Committee	john.lee@mail.house.gov
Lin, John	No	Senior Counsel	Energy and Commerce Committee	john.lin@mail.house.gov
Sincavitch, Carly	No	Policy Adviser	Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA)	carly.sincavitch@mail.house.gov
Atran, Zach	Interested	Sr. Policy Adviser	Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA)	zach.atran@mail.house.gov
Gunn, Ella	Interested	Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director	Rep. Craig Goldman (R-TX)	ella.gunn@mail.house.gov

Attachment B - U.S. House Private Sponsor Travel Certification
TPI Aspen Forum 2025 – August 17-19, 2025

12. The Technology Policy Institute (TPI) is a 501(c)3 research & educational think tank examining the role and economics of emerging and existing technologies. TPI's annual summer Aspen Forum brings together policymakers, academics & industry to explore a myriad of issues related to technology and tech policy. The event is wholly organized and executed by TPI staff.

As an independent economic think tank, the Technology Policy Institute (TPI) plays a crucial role in organizing and conducting the trip, ensuring a balanced agenda for its annual summer Aspen Forum. Here's how TPI fulfills this role:

- **Organizing the Event:** TPI takes full responsibility for organizing and executing the Aspen Forum. This includes coordinating logistics, securing venues, and managing the overall event planning process.
- **Curating a Detailed Itinerary:** TPI's staff develops a comprehensive itinerary for the Aspen Forum. This itinerary serves as a blueprint for the entire event, outlining the schedule, session topics, and speakers.
- **Incorporating Diverse Perspectives:** TPI ensures that the agenda includes a wide range of perspectives by bringing together policymakers, academics, and industry professionals. This diverse mix of participants contributes to a balanced and comprehensive discussion on technology and tech policy.
- **Coordinating Venue and Travel Logistics:** TPI takes into account factors such as travel times, cost, and accommodations when planning the trip.
- **TPI's role in organizing and conducting the trip** involves creating a balanced agenda that addresses various technology-related issues, incorporates diverse perspectives, and allows for exploration and relaxation. In its 16th year, TPI Aspen Forum is an important policy conference for technology and communication matters.



Sunday, August 17th

12:50 pm – 4:07 pm Depart Dulles International Airport (12:50 pm EDT), United Airlines Flights 1587/454
Arrive Pitkin County Airport, Aspen, Colorado (4:07 pm MDT)

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm Shuttle to Lodging

5:00 pm – 5:45 pm Lodging Check-in

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Welcome Networking Reception
Fountain Courtyard

The purpose of the welcome reception is to allow attendees to collect conference credentials and meet fellow conference attendees. Attendance is optional and remarks will be brief.

Scott Wallsten, Senior Fellow & President, Technology Policy Institute

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm View From the States
Fountain Courtyard

Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser will highlight the state's latest enforcement activities, executive priorities, and anticipated policy developments for Fall 2025. From tackling consumer protection and antitrust issues to advancing criminal justice reform and environmental initiatives, AG Weiser will share insights on Colorado's proactive legal strategies and their impact on residents and businesses. Discover how the Attorney General's office is navigating emerging challenges and shaping the state's policy agenda.

Phil Weiser, Attorney General, State of Colorado

Monday, August 18th

7:30 am – 8:30 am Breakfast
Prefunction Area

8:00 am – 8:10 am Welcome Remarks
Astor Ballroom 1

Scott Wallsten, Senior Fellow & President, Technology Policy Institute

Dr. Wallsten, TPI President, will welcome all attending the event and give an overview of the program. His remarks will be brief.

Monday, August 18th continued

8:10 am – 8:50 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Keynote Address: Innovation, Ideas and Economic Growth in the Digital Age

Professor Charles "Chad" Jones, STANCO 25 Professor of Economics at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business and co-recipient of the 2021 Robert E. Lucas Jr. Prize will discuss "Innovation, Ideas, and Economic Growth in the Digital Age" in this keynote address. Jones' research addresses the most pressing economic questions of our time, such as why achieving Moore's Law now requires far more researchers than in the early 1970s, balancing potential enormous AI-driven economic growth with investments to mitigate associated risks, and how population decline in developed nations could fundamentally alter economic development trajectories. At a time when nations grapple with slowing productivity growth, rapid AI advancement, and demographic transitions, Jones' models and data-driven insights offer crucial guidance for policymakers seeking to harness AI's transformative potential while managing its risks.

Chad Jones, STANCO 25 Professor of Economics, Graduate School of Business,
Stanford University

8:55 am - 9:30 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Fireside Chat: The Future of Quantum Computing

This fireside chat with the Chief Operating Officer and Global Policy Lead of Quantum AI at Google will dive into cutting-edge advancements in quantum computing and quantum AI. Discover how these transformative technologies are reshaping global competition, driving innovation, and raising critical questions for AI policy and investment. Our speaker will share insights on the latest breakthroughs, the strategic implications for industries and governments, and the evolving regulatory landscape surrounding quantum technologies.

James Goeders, Head of Products, Google Quantum AI
Edward Parker, Physical Scientist, RAND Corporation (moderator)

9:30 am – 9:45 am

Break

9:45 am – 10:40 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Panel Discussion: Current Developments in Antitrust Policy (0.75 hours CLE credits)

This session will explore the latest developments in antitrust policy, including allegations of collusion in big tech censorship, the evolving process of merger review, and significant ongoing litigation by the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission. Expert panelists will discuss the implications for competition in the tech and telecom sectors, industry practices, and the broader regulatory landscape.

Dennis Carlton, David McDaniel Keller Professor of Economics Emeritus, University of Chicago

Carl Shapiro, Distinguished Professor of the Graduate School, Haas School of Business and the Department of Economics, University of California at Berkeley

Howard Shelanski, Joseph and Madeline Sheehy Chair in Antitrust Law and Trade Regulation; Professor of Law, Georgetown Law

Christopher Yoo, Imasogie Professor in Law and Technology; Professor of Communication; Professor of Computer and Information Science; Founding Director, Center for Technology, Innovation & Competition, Penn Carey Law, University of Pennsylvania

Thomas Lenard, Senior Fellow and President Emeritus, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

Monday, August 18th continued

- 10:45 am – 11:35 am
Astor Ballroom 1
- Panel Discussion: Digital Trade in a Fractured World**
- Digital markets are increasingly shaped by a patchwork of regulatory approaches, such as Europe's DMA, DSA, and AI Act, as well as comparable policies emerging in Brazil, Korea, and Turkey. This panel will examine how international digital trade policy can promote innovation while addressing legitimate concerns such as privacy, security, and competition. Panelists will discuss how to distinguish protectionism from necessary regulation and whether diverse regional approaches can inform a more coherent global framework.
- Andrew DeVore, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Amazon
Steven Lang, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Information and Communications Policy, US Department of State
Alan Raul, Lecturer, Harvard University Law School and Board Chair and President, Future of Privacy Forum
David Gross, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP (moderator)
- 11:40 am - 12:20 pm
Astor Ballroom 1
- Fireside Chat: The Future of Wireless & Global Connectivity**
- The Technology Policy Institute's annual Aspen Forum will feature a fireside chat with Börje Ekholm, President and CEO of Ericsson, a global leader in wireless technology and innovation. With telecom infrastructure increasingly at the center of global trade discussions, security considerations, and national competitiveness, Mr. Ekholm offers rare insights into how technology giants navigate complex international dynamics while building the networks that power our connected world. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from one of the industry's most strategic thinkers on the forces reshaping both technology and global relations.
- Börje Ekholm, President and Chief Executive Office, Ericsson Group
Bryan Tramont, Managing Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP (moderator)
- 12:20 pm – 12:45 pm
- Break for Lunch**
- 12:45 pm – 1:30 pm
Fountain Courtyard
- Courtyard Luncheon Chat: Science, Policy & Public Trust**
- This fireside chat features Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, Director of the National Institutes of Health and co-author of the Great Barrington Declaration and is moderated by acclaimed journalist Joe Nocera. Dr. Bhattacharya will discuss his vision for NIH's policy priorities, restoring public trust in science, and fostering open scientific debate. Explore how NIH is navigating pandemic prevention and response, emphasizing rigorous regulation of risky research and innovative strategies to prepare for future health crises.
- Jay Bhattacharya, Director, National Institutes of Health of the United States
Joe Nocera, Author and Deputy Managing Editor, The Free Press
- 1:30 pm – 6:00 pm
- Afternoon Break**
- 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Astor Ballroom 2
- Networking Reception & Tech Hub Experience**
- The purpose of this networking reception is to allow attendees to meet with other conference attendees. Attendance is optional.
- 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Ballroom Level
- Concurrent Breakout Session Dinner (Chatham House Rule Applies & Participants Self-Select One Session to Attend)**

Monday, August 18th continued

Session I – Spectrum Policy

This dinner session will explore critical issues shaping the future of spectrum management, including allocation strategies and their economic implications, innovative auction models to enhance efficiency and competition, and the pivotal role of flexible licenses to advance 5G and beyond. Discussions will also cover the growing demands for unlicensed spectrum from Wi-Fi and wearables, alongside challenges in spectrum valuation, national spectrum strategy, and the balance between licensed and unlicensed use. Attendees will discuss the impact of emerging technologies, global competition, and standards-setting, as well as preparations for the World Radiocommunication Conference, international policy harmonization, spectrum reauthorization, and recent legislative activity.

Traci Biswese, Vice President & Associate General Counsel, NCTA – The Internet & Television Association

Shawn Bone, Senior Director, Public Policy, Verizon

Scott Blake Harris, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Crest Hill Advisors

Dale N. Hatfield, Executive Fellow, Silicon Flatirons, University of Colorado, Boulder

Umair Javed, General Counsel and Senior Vice President, CTIA

Evan Kwerel, Senior Economic Advisor, Office of Economics and Analytics, US Federal Communications

Commission (invited)

Arpan Sura, Chief AI Officer, Federal Communications Commission

Jennifer Warren, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs & Public Policy, Lockheed Martin

Scott Wallsten, President and Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

Session II – Content Moderation and Free Speech

This dinner session will focus on the complex landscape of content moderation, First Amendment protections, and platform policies to moderate digital discourse. Our expert panel will discuss recent enforcement priorities, including high-profile FTC and FCC inquiries into alleged censorship practices, and unpack the latest developments in state and federal legislation aimed at regulating online speech. The panelists will discuss the balance between combating misinformation and preserving free expression, given the increasing volumes of digital speech today.

Clay Calvert, Professor of Law and Brechner Eminent Scholar Emeritus, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Steve DelBianco, President and Chief Executive Officer, NetChoice

Thomas DeMatteo, General Counsel, Office of US Senator Mike Lee, US Senate

Ashkhen Kazaryan, Fellow for the First Amendment, Freedom Forum

Berin Szoka, President and Founder, TechFreedom

Thomas Lenard, Senior Fellow and President Emeritus, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

Session III – Economics of the New Space Race

This dinner session will explore the economic drivers and policy challenges shaping the rapidly evolving space industry, with discussions spanning satellite spectrum policy, the economics of satellite and space launch, and advancements in space manufacturing. Attendees will discuss critical topics such as managing orbital debris, enabling supplemental coverage from space, and addressing power limits for satellite networks. The session will also examine global competition, the rise of low Earth orbit (LEO) networks, and the interplay between geosynchronous and non-geosynchronous orbit networks, offering a unique opportunity to gain insights into the economic and strategic forces propelling the space race.

Peter Davidson, Vice President of Global Affairs and Policy, Intelsat

David Goldman, Vice President of Satellite Policy, SpaceX

Thomas Hazlett, H.H. Macaulay Endowed Chair in Economics, Clemson University

Julie Kearney, Partner and Co-Chair of the Space Exploration and Innovation Group, DLA Piper

Jennifer Manner, Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and International Strategy, AST Space Mobile

Svetlana Matt, Director of Public Policy, EchoStar

Robert McDowell, Partner & Chair, Global Communications Practice Group, Cooley LLP

Jay Schwarz, Chief, Space Bureau, US Federal Communications Commission

Shane Tews, Principal, Logan Circle Strategies (moderator)

Monday, August 18th continued

Session IV – Video Competition

This dinner group session will discuss developments in the media industry, where video competition, AI innovation, and copyright concerns are reshaping the landscape. Our expert panel will explore the latest trends in streaming video as well as the impact of AI on content creation, personalization, and distribution. This dinner group will discuss the forces driving the future of media, from pressing copyright issues and legal battles over generative AI and fair use in the digital age.

Joe Di Scipio, Senior Vice President, FCC Legal and Business Affairs, and Assistant General Counsel, Fox Corporation
Joni Lupovitz, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, NCTA – The Internet & Television Association
Greg Saphier, Senior Vice President, Head of Public Affairs, Motion Picture Association (MPA)
Michael Smith, Professor of Information Technology and Public Policy, Heinz College and Tepper School of Business, Carnegie Mellon University
Laura Martin, Senior Entertainment and Internet Analyst, Needham and Company (moderator)

Tuesday, August 19th

7:30 am – 8:30 am
Prefunction Area

Breakfast

8:00 am – 8:45 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Panel Discussion: Universal Service in a Post-BEAD World: What's Next

This panel discussion will explore the future of universal service amid transformative changes in federal broadband policy. The panel will examine the implications of the Supreme Court's ruling in *Consumers' Research v. FCC (2025)* on the FCC's authority to administer the \$8 billion Universal Service Fund (USF), NTIA's new BEAD program rules, and alternative approaches to funding universal service. It will also discuss what the future of USF should look like in this evolving policy landscape.

Wayne Brough, Resident Senior Fellow, Technology and Innovation, R Street Institute
David Don, Senior Vice President, Public Policy, Comcast
Janice Hauge, Professor of Economics, University of North Texas
James Prieger, Professor, School of Public Policy, Pepperdine University
Brandy Reitter, Executive Broadband Officer, State of Colorado
Scott Wallsten, President and Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

8:50 am – 9:35 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Panel Discussion: Privacy and Governmental Surveillance

As governments around the world expand their surveillance capabilities, strong encryption remains a cornerstone for protecting personal privacy, securing business data, and preserving digital rights. For consumers, it guards against identity theft and intrusive monitoring; for businesses, it protects intellectual property and builds trust across global markets. Yet, as governmental pressure to weaken encryption intensifies, critical questions arise: How do we preserve strong encryption standards while addressing legitimate security concerns? Can privacy, innovation, and human rights truly coexist with national security imperatives? And how do we resist the false choice between security and privacy that authoritarian regimes often present? This panel will explore these tensions and the global stakes of encryption policy.

Jeff Greene, Founder, Salty Coffee Consulting and Distinguished Fellow, Aspen Institute
Jim Kohlenberger, President, JK Strategies
Heather West, Senior Director, Cybersecurity and Privacy Services, Venable LLP
Shane Tews, Principal, Logan Circle Strategies (moderator)

Tuesday, August 19th continued

9:40 am – 10:20 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Panel Discussion: Global Telecom Regulatory Perspectives

This panel features current and former Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulators alongside international telecommunications authorities. This distinguished panel will explore the latest developments in policy, regulation, and transformative industry changes reshaping the global telecom landscape. From 5G deployment and spectrum allocation to cross-border regulatory harmonization, our experts will unpack the challenges and opportunities driving connectivity in the digital age.

Anna Gomez, Commissioner, US Federal Communications Commission
Nathan Simington, Visiting Fellow, Hudson Institute
Oliva Trusty, Commissioner, US Federal Communications Commission (invited)
Bryan Tramont, Managing Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP (moderator)

10:20 am – 10:30 am

Break

10:30 am – 11:15 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Panel Discussion: AI and Energy Markets

This panel will examine how artificial intelligence intersects with our evolving energy landscape. Panelists will explore how power grids must adapt to AI's growing computational demands, whether generation capacity can scale to meet AI's energy needs, what regulatory frameworks and market mechanisms are needed to balance supply with demand, and how AI itself can revolutionize grid management, energy trading, and storage deployment. The discussion will address whether our energy infrastructure can support AI advancement while leveraging AI's potential to accelerate the transition to a more efficient, responsive energy ecosystem.

Tanya Das, Director, AI & Energy Technology Policy, Bipartisan Policy Center
Marsden Hanna, Head of Sustainability and Energy Policy, Google
Marty Hopkins, Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP
Frank Wolak, Holbrook Working Professor of Commodity Price Studies, Department of Economics, Stanford University
Scott Wallsten, President and Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

11:20 am – 12:00 pm
Astor Ballroom 1

Panel Discussion: Geopolitics and AI

Competition and cooperation in AI coexist in complex ways across multiple levels of governance. While nations race to secure AI advantages, they simultaneously benefit from technological spillovers that transcend borders, creating a paradox where competitors are also inadvertent collaborators. This session examines AI geopolitics as a multi-layered phenomenon spanning international rivalries, federal policies, and state-level initiatives ranging from the US-China technology competition to EU governance frameworks to safety regulations and competition for talent and investment.

Victoria Jeffries, Director of AI Policy, Meta Platforms, Inc.
Matt Perault, Head of Artificial Intelligence Policy, Andreessen Horowitz
Emelia (Emmy) Probasco, Senior Fellow, Center for Security and Emerging Technology (CSET), Georgetown University
Xiaomeng Lu, Director, Geo-technology, Eurasia Group

Tuesday, August 19th continued

12:05 pm – 12:35 pm
Astor Ballroom 1

Fireside Chat: Antitrust Brief from the US Department of Justice

This fireside chat with Roger Alford, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General will examine the Trump Administration's antitrust agenda, including its policy toward big tech and the major ongoing enforcement actions, emerging AI markets, merger review, and the role of antitrust in content moderation.

Roger Alford, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, US Department of Justice
Thomas Lenard, Senior Fellow and President Emeritus, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

12:35 pm – 12:45 pm

Break for Lunch

12:45 pm – 1:20 pm
Astor Ballroom 2

Panel Discussion: Supreme Court and Other Legal Developments (0.75 hours CLE credits)

This session will feature legal experts and scholars who will analyze recent Supreme Court and significant appellate court cases impacting administrative law, technology, telecommunications, separation of powers, and federal agency review. Topics will include landmark rulings affecting regulatory authority, tech policy, and telecom frameworks, as well as their implications for federal agencies and the balance of powers.

James Speta, Elizabeth Froehling Horner Professor of Law, Pritzker School of Law, Northwestern University
Cate Stetson, Partner and Co-Director of Appellate Practice Group, Hogan Lovells US LLP
Jonathan Nuechterlein, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute and Adjunct Professor, Georgetown Law School (moderator)

1:20 pm – 1:55 pm
Astor Ballroom 2

Fireside Chat: A View from Capitol Hill

The panel discussion, "View from the Hill," features senior staffers from key congressional member offices and the majority and minority offices of the primary subcommittees overseeing technology and telecommunications policy. This panel will provide a rare glimpse into the legislative priorities and agenda for the fall congressional term. Panelists will share perspectives on critical tech and telecom issues, including spectrum policy, broadband deployment, data privacy, and emerging technology regulations, while discussing the political dynamics and strategic considerations shaping Capitol Hill's approach.

Parul Desai, Chief Counsel, Committee on Energy and Commerce, US House of Representatives (minority)
Kate Harper, Chief Counsel, Communications and Technology, Committee on Energy and Commerce, US House of Representatives (majority)
Edgar Rivas, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of US Senator John Hickenlooper, US Senate (minority)(invited)
Jamie Susskind, Legislative Director, Office of US Senator Marsha Blackburn, US Senate (majority)

1:55 pm – 2:00 pm
Fountain Courtyard

Closing Remarks

Scott Wallsten, President and Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute

Tuesday, August 19th continued

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm Depart St Regis Aspen Resort via Complimentary Shuttle
 Arrive Pitken County Airport, Aspen, Colorado

3:25 pm – 11:17 pm Depart Aspen, Colorado, United Airlines Flights 5776/2408
 Arrive Dulles International Airport (11:17 pm EDT)

*Program times noted are U.S. Mountain Daylight Saving Time (UTC-06:00) unless otherwise indicated.

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August 14, 2025

Mr. John Kohler
Office of the Honorable Troy Balderson
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Dear Mr. Kohler:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Aspen, Colorado, scheduled for August 17 to 19, 2025, sponsored by Technology Policy Institute.

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

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

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
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Mark DeSaulnier
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John Kohler
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Dear John,

The Technology Policy Institute will host its 16th annual summer Aspen Forum on August 17-19, 2025 at the St. Regis Hotel in Aspen, Colorado. It is our pleasure to invite you to participate.

We anticipate this being among the most important TPI Forums to date given new developments domestically and abroad. We will cover artificial intelligence, space, competition, tariffs, broadband, the government's role in promoting science and technology, spectrum regulation, conflicts with China, and much more.

The TPI Forum sets the stage for a wide range of policy debates in Washington in the fall and winter Congressional sessions. Nobel Laureates, tech sector titans, commissioners from U.S. and international agencies, congressional staffers, top academics, and industry leaders routinely attend—often year after year.

We hope you can join us. Please contact us if we can be helpful in any way. We hope to see you in Aspen.

Best Regards,

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