

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: Liang-Chi Russell Hsiao
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: September 7, 2025 Return: September 8, 2025
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Dallas, Tx Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: George W. Bush Institute
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Participate in the Asia Democracy Leaders Roundtable to discuss regional strategy pushing back against CCP transnational repression with activists and policy experts.
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: September 19, 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: John Moolenaar Date: September 22, 2025

Signature of Supervising Member: 

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

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

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: George W. Bush Institute

2. Travel Destination(s): Dallas, TX

3. Date of Departure: 9/7/25 Date of Return: 9/8/25

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Russell Hsiao

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	368.97 - Flight; 35.97 - Uber from home to airport; 40.98 - Uber from airport to hotel; 70.84 - Uber from Bush Center to airport; Total 516.76	189.00	95.00	
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: September 17, 2025

Name: Brian Cossiboom Title: Vice President and Treasurer

Organization: The George W. Bush Presidential Center

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

Address: 2943 SMU Boulevard, Dallas, TX 75205

Telephone: (214) 855-4300 Email: bcossiboom@bushcenter.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

1. Name of Traveler: Liang-Chi Russell Hsiao
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: George W. Bush Institute
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Dallas, Texas
4. a. Date of Departure: Sept. 7, 2025 Date of Return: Sept. 8, 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 agenda will allow the Professional Staff Member to engage Asian democracy activists to jointly discuss ways to counter the CCP's malign influence activities and promote the Committee's work in this field.
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: _____

John Moorhead

Date: 9/22/2025

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Liang-Chi Russell Hstao
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: George W. Bush Institute
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Dallas, Texas
4. a. Date of Departure: Sept. 7, 2025 Date of Return: Sept. 8, 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 agenda will allow the Professional Staff Member to engage Asian democracy activists to jointly discuss ways to counter the CCP's malign influence activities and promote the Committee's work in this field.
9. Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in in this field 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: _____

John Modera

Date: 8/4/2025

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:

George W. Bush 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): Russell Hsiao, invited insight on democracy in Asia.

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

6. Date of Departure: September 7, 2025 Date of Return: September 8, 2025

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

b. Destination(s): Dallas, TX

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. _____

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:

The George W. Bush Institute is interested in supporting democracy in Asia and is organizing this roundtable with experts on freedom and democracy in the region to counter authoritarian influence.

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: _____

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: _____

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

Hotel Name: Highland Hotel City: Dallas, TX Cost Per Night: \$189.00

Reason(s) for Selecting: Affordable and close to the Bush Institute.

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	\$150.00	\$189.00	\$150.00
For each Accompanying Family Member			


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

19. **Check only one:**

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
- b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature:  Date: August 1, 2025
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 Name: Brian Cossiboom Title: Vice President and Treasurer
 Organization: George W. Bush Presidential Center
 Address: 2943 SMU Blvd., Dallas, TX, 75205
 Email: BCossiboom@bushcenter.org Telephone: (214) 855-4300

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

From: [Hsiao, Russell](#)
To: [GiftTravelReports](#)
Cc: [GiftTravelReports](#)
Subject: Re: Hsiao, Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form
Date: Monday, September 22, 2025 3:37:58 PM

Hello,

Please see below the attendee list:

Rushan Abbas
Myo Myint Aung
Nazeela Elmi
Russell Hsiao
Borcheng Hsu
Grace Jo
Katrin Katz
Metra Mehran
Aung Kyaw Moe
Tenzin Norgay
Joey Siu
Hannah Song
Kris Song
Hiroki Takeuchi
Jianli Yang

Thank you.

V/r,
Russell

On Sep 22, 2025, at 3:07 PM, GiftTravelReports
<GiftTravelReports@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Thank you for the gift travel submission. Please submit the following to complete the filing:

- Attendees List

All the best,

Brandon Doan

Public Information Specialist | Legislative Resource Center

202-225-8075 | clerk.house.gov

From: Hsiao, Russell <Russell.Hsiao@mail.house.gov>

Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 2:49 PM

To: GiftTravelReports <GiftTravelReports@mail.house.gov>

Subject: Hsiao, Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form

Dear Sir/Madam:

See attached my completed post-travel form for a privately-sponsored travel that was completed on September 8.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any questions or concerns.

V/r,

Russell Hsiao

Professional Staff Member | House Select Committee on China

Chairman John Moolenaar (MI-02)

202-941-4495 (mobile)

Russell.Hsiao@mail.house.gov

<Liang-Chi Hsiao (missing Attendees List).pdf>



**GEORGE W. BUSH
INSTITUTE**

ASIA DEMOCRACY LEADERS ROUNDTABLE
George W. Bush Presidential Center
September 7-9, 2025

Travel & Lodging Information

Arrival Date: Sunday Afternoon/Evening – September 7
Departure Date: Tuesday Afternoon/Evening – September 9
Airport(s): Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW)
Dallas Love Field Airport (DAL)
Hotel: Highland
5300 E. Mockingbird Lane
Dallas, Texas 75206
Attire: Business Casual/Casual

Sunday, September 7

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Welcome Dinner
The Finch
5307 E Mockingbird Ln
Dallas, TX 75206

Monday, September 8

8:00 a.m. Pick up from the Highland Hotel
Bus transfer
8:15 a.m. Arrive at Bush Center
Location: Bush Center
8:30 a.m. – 9:25 a.m. Welcome, Overview of the Program, and Breakfast
Live Oak
9:25 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Participant introductions



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10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Scene Setter Briefing on the State of Global Democracy <i>Presidential Seminar Room</i>
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Discussion Topic #1 (for example – Building a United Front for Pushing Back Against Authoritarian Alliances)
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch <i>Live Oak</i>
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Discussion Topic #2 (for example – Navigating U.S. Foreign Policy in 2025 and beyond) <i>Presidential Seminar Room</i>
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Discussion Topic #3 (for example – Countering Transnational Repression as a Democracy Community OR Reliable Information Flows/Countering Authoritarian Propaganda) <i>Presidential Seminar Room</i>
3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Break
4:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.	Tour the George W. Bush Presidential Museum
5:00pm	Day 1 Closing Remarks and Depart for Dinner
6:00 p.m.	Dinner & Activity
8:30 p.m.	Offer return to hotel via shuttle

Tuesday, September 9

8:30 a.m.	Pick up from the Highland Hotel <i>Bus transfer</i>
8:45 a.m.	Arrive at Bush Center



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| 8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | Overview of the Day and Breakfast
<i>Live Oak</i> |
| 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Special Report out/highlight, speaker TBD |
| 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Discussion Topic # 4 (for example – Reliable Information
Flows/Countering Authoritarian Propaganda OR Countering
Transnational Repression as a Democracy Community)
<i>Presidential Seminar Room</i> |
| 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | Break |
| 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Closing Discussion – Reflection on how the Bush Institute and
Others can Best Support Freedom Advocates in this Environment
<i>Live Oak</i> |
| 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Lunch at Cafe 43 |
| 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Adjourn, departure process begins |

Michael Guest, Mississippi
Chairman
Mark DeSaulnier, California
Ranking Member

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

Deborah K. Ross, North Carolina
Glenn F. Ivey, Maryland
Sylvia R. Garcia, Texas
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September 3, 2025

Mr. Liang-Chi Hsiao
The Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party
520 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Hsiao:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Dallas, Texas, scheduled for September 7 to 8, 2025, sponsored by George W. Bush 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
Chairman

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

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