

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: Bradley Bottoms
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: did not accept travel to CA Return: 2/23
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: 2/21-22, flight on 22 rescheduled to 23rd at 8am due to weather **OR** None
4. Departure City: did not accept travel Destination: Palo Alto Return City: Washington DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Hoover Institution, Stanford University
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Two days of meetings discussing the importance of the bio-economy to national security, the economy, and consumer affairs
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: 3/10/2026

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 Garamendi Date: 3/10/2026

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: _____

2. Travel Destination(s): _____

3. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): _____

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				
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: Eryn Witcher Tillman Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

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

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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: Bradley Bottoms

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: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): John Garamendi

Office Address: 2428 Rayburn HOB

Telephone Number: 2022251880

Email Address of Contact Person: bradley.bottoms@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

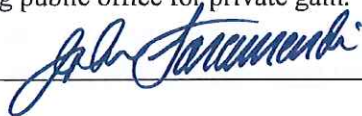
1. Name of Traveler: Bradley Bottoms
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Hoover Institution, Stanford University
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Palo Alto, California
4. a. Date of Departure: 2/18/2026, not accepting travel to CA Date of Return: 2/22/2026
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: 2/21/2026 and 2/22/2026
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 Chief of Staff to a member of the Armed Services committee, I helped secure provision in several NDAs that accelerated bio-material development in the United States for for national security purposes. This conference program will inform how those provisions are working, and what other provisions are need going forward for national security reasons.
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: 2/10/2026

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:

Hoover Institution, Stanford University

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 addendum.

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

6. Date of Departure: 02/18/2026 Date of Return: 02/21/2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Stanford University, Stanford, California

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. _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**

- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
 - b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

See attached addendum.

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: See attached addendum)
- 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): Meals have been arranged to comply with the full \$92 per diem rate for Palo Alto
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The location of the Hoover Institution's headquarters on Stanford Campus will allow more California-based scholars to participate.

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

Hotel Name: Graduate by Hilton Palo Alto City: Palo Alto Cost Per Night: \$192

Reason(s) for Selecting: Lowest-priced hotel with sufficient room availability and within close proximity to the program's events

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	\$1,500	\$387	\$184
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: 01/9/2026
 Name: Eryn Witcher Tillman Title: _____
 Organization: Hoover Institution, Stanford University
 Address: 1399 New York Avenue NW, Suite 500
 Email: ewitcher@stanford.edu Telephone: 202-760-3200

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

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS - FINAL HOUSE ATTENDEES
FEBRUARY 2026 CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP ACCELERATOR FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY
HOOVER INSTITUTION, STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Preeti Turpuseema	Legislative Assistant Office of Rep. Ro Khanna
Harrison Jumper	Deputy Legislative Director Office of Rep. Chrissy Houlahan
Tyler Allard	Deputy Legislative Director Office of Rep. Seth Moulton
Andrew Donlon	Legislative Counsel Office of Rep. McClain Delaney
Bradley Bottoms	Chief of Staff Office of Congressman John Garamendi
Ayush Nallapally	Legislative Aide Office of Rep. Rich McCormick
Monica Luna Navarrete	Legislative Assistant Office of Rep. Sarah McBride
David Dorfman	Deputy Staff Director and Chief Counsel Select Committee on China

FINAL PROGRAM AGENDA AND TRAVEL ITINERARY

February 2026 Congressional Leadership Accelerator for Biotechnology | Hoover Institution, Stanford University

All times listed in local time

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Turpuseema, Preeti

7:00 AM Depart DCA via United Airlines flight 369

10:17 AM Arrive SFO

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:50 PM Depart DCA via United Airlines flight 368

9:19 PM Arrive at SFO

- Jumper, Harrison
- Allard, Tyler
- Nallapally, Ayush
- Wall, Katelyn
- Luna Navarrete, Monica
- Donlon, Andrew

Bottoms, Bradley

9:00 PM Check in at Graduate Hotel

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 7:45AM** **Group shuttle departs Graduate Hotel en route to Stanford University**
- 8:00AM - 8:30AM** **Networking Breakfast**
Participants will have the opportunity to learn about BSL research initiatives and share their priorities in this area with fellow attendees and speakers.
- 8:30AM - 8:45AM** **Introductions and Logistics**
Hoover Bio-Strategies & Leadership staff will welcome attendees and provide essential logistics information for the conference.
- 8:45AM - 9:15AM** **Biotechnology 101**
Alex Engel, lecturer in bioengineering at Stanford University, will introduce core principles of biology and biotechnology, offering participants a clear and accessible foundation for the discussions and sessions that follow. This overview will equip attendees with shared concepts and terminology essential for engaging with the next two days of programming.
- 9:15AM - 10:00AM** **Biology as a Strategic Domain**
Drew Endy, Hoover Institution Science and Senior Fellow and Martin Family University Fellow in Undergraduate Education (Bioengineering), will provide an introduction to emerging biotechnologies in the 21st century and their associated potential strategic impacts and ramifications, including the critical role of biotechnology in democracy, competitiveness, flourishing, and security for the U.S. and its allies.
- 10:30AM - 11:15AM** **Biotechnology & National Security**
Condoleezza Rice, Tad and Dianne Taube Director and Thomas and Barbara Stephenson Senior Fellow on Public Policy, will examine biotechnology through the lens of national security.
- 11:15AM - 12:00PM** **Biosecurity Really**
Rear Admiral Ken Bernard will moderate a discussion on biosecurity with Milana Trounce, Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine at Stanford University; Erik Malmstrom, CEO of SafeTraces; and Royal Hansen, Vice President of Security at Google. The conversation will examine current and emerging biosecurity threats, underscore why biosecurity must be treated as a core national security priority, and explore key findings and insights from the Biosecurity Really report.
- 12:00PM - 1:30PM** **Lunch**
- 1:30PM - 2:15PM** **Biotechnology & Artificial Intelligence**
Hoover Distinguished Visiting Fellow Mike Kuiken will moderate a discussion with Samuel King and Brian Hie of the Arc Institute, and James Zou, Assistant Professor at Stanford University, on the emerging opportunities and challenges at the intersection of artificial intelligence and biology. Drawing on their respective research, the speakers will share insights into how AI is advancing biological discovery while also highlighting the scientific and practical challenges that accompany this rapidly evolving field.

- 2:45PM - 3:00PM** **Walk to Hill-Maini Lab**
- 3:00PM - 4:00PM** **Tour of Hill-Maini Lab**
Vayu Hill-Maini, Chef and Assistant Professor of Bioengineering at Stanford University, will lead participants on a tour of his laboratory, offering an inside look at his current research on fungal systems and their potential to address pressing global challenges.
- 4:00PM - 4:15PM** **Walk to Shultz Building**
- 4:15PM - 5:00PM** **How to Think About China**
Chris Li, Technology and Geopolitics Fellow at Harvard University's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, will moderate a discussion on how to assess China in the context of biotechnology with Dan Wang, Hoover Research Fellow, Josh Hodges, Hoover Visiting Fellow, and Zeena Nisar, Policy Advisor for the National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology. Drawing on the speakers' research and professional experience, the panel will provide an overview of the current state of U.S.–China competition in biotechnology and examine areas of both competition and potential cooperation.
- 5:00PM - 8:00PM** **Reception and Dinner: Voices from Industry & Beyond**
John Cumbers, Founder and CEO of SynBioBeta, will moderate a panel of entrepreneurs, industry leaders, and other practitioners discussing the challenges and opportunities shaping the biotechnology marketplace. Panelists include: Sandy Yao, Vice President of the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative and Chief Legal Officer and Board Director of Biohub; Megan Blewett, Co-Founder and President at Iris Medicine; and Jennifer Cochran, Senior Associate Vice Provost for Research and Professor of Bioengineering at Stanford University. Drawing on their professional experience, participants will offer perspectives on innovation, commercialization, and the evolving dynamics of the biotech industry.
- 8:00PM** **Group shuttle departs Stanford University en route to the Graduate Hotel**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 7:45AM** **Group shuttle departs the Graduate Hotel en route to Stanford University**
- 8:00AM - 8:30AM** **Networking Breakfast**
Participants will have the opportunity to learn about BSL research initiatives and share their priorities in this area with fellow attendees and speakers.
- 8:30AM - 9:15AM** **The Biotic Future**
Drew Endy, Mike Jewett, Professor of Bioengineering at Stanford University, and Todd Brix, CEO of OCOchem, will preview emerging research on what biology may be able to deliver by 2050 in a conversation moderated by Lisa Kay Solomon, Designer in Residence and Lecturer at the Stanford d.school.
- 9:15AM - 10:00AM** **Education & the Workforce**
Chris Emig, Director of iGEM at Stanford University, Janet Standeven, Director of the Frugal Science Academy at the Georgia Institute of Technology, and Manu Prakash, Associate Professor of Bioengineering at Stanford University, will discuss the current state of biotechnology education and the U.S. workforce. The conversation will examine challenges and opportunities across the education-to-workforce pipeline and explore approaches to advancing bioliteracy for the next generation. This panel will be moderated by Hoover Institution staff.
- 10:00AM - 10:30AM** **Group shuttle to Antheia**
Address: 1430 O'Brien Drive, Suite A; Menlo Park, CA 94025
- 10:30AM - 11:30AM** **Tour Antheia**
Staff at Antheia—a Silicon Valley company leveraging biology and advanced manufacturing to produce biosynthetic key starting materials and active pharmaceutical ingredients for essential medicines—will lead participants on a tour of their laboratory and share insights from their ongoing research.
- 11:30AM - 12:00PM** **Group shuttle from Antheia to Shultz Building**
- 12:00PM - 1:00PM** **Lunch**
- 1:00PM - 1:45PM** **Why Building DNA is Important**
Drew Endy will moderate a conversation with Kaihang Wang, Assistant Professor of Biology and Biological Engineering at Caltech, and James Diggans, Vice President of Policy and Biosecurity at Twist Bioscience, on the importance of building DNA and its implications for human flourishing and security.
- 1:45PM - 2:15PM** **Why Building Cells is Important**
Kate Adamala, Associate Professor of Genetics, Cell Biology, and Development at the University of Minnesota, and Akshay Maheshwari, co-founder and CEO of b.next, will share their research on constructing cells from scratch and examine the implications of this work for the U.S. and the world.

- 2:45PM - 3:30PM** **Strategic Frameworks for Winning the Biotechnology Competition**
Mike Kuiken will lead participants in a session exploring policy approaches to pressing biotechnology challenges, with a focus on how the United States can maintain and strengthen its competitive edge in biotechnology.
- 3:30PM - 4:15PM** **Strategic Frameworks for Securing Biology**
Hoover Visiting Fellow Emily Clise Tully will guide participants through a discussion of policy approaches to contemporary biosecurity challenges, with a focus on how to secure biology in perpetuity.
- 4:15PM - 5:00PM** **Closing Reflections**
Drew Endy and Hoover staff will lead a conversation with participants to reflect on key lessons from the previous two days of programming. The session will conclude with closing remarks from Drew Endy.
- 5:00PM - 8:00PM** **Farewell Reception & Dinner**
- 8:00PM** **Group shuttle departs Stanford University en route to the Graduate Hotel**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:30 AM Depart SFO via United Airlines flight 1678

4:43 PM Arrive at DCA

- Luna Navarrete, Monica
- Wall, Katelyn
- Turpuseema, Preeti
- Donlon, Andrew
- Dorfman, David

Nallapally, Ayush

1:30 PM Depart SFO via United Airlines flight 2386

9:36 PM Arrive at DCA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Allard, Tyler

1:30 PM Depart SFO via United Airlines flight 2386

9:36 PM Arrive at DCA

Bottoms, Bradley

5:00 PM Depart SFO via United Airlines flight 1453

**Redeye/Overnight*

1:08 AM Arrive IAD

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Harrison Jumper

11:20 AM Depart SFO via United Airlines flight 336

7:27 PM Arrive at IAD

Michael Guest, Mississippi
Chairman
Mark DeSaulnier, California
Ranking Member

Andrew R. Garbarino, New York
Ashley Hinson, Iowa
Nathaniel Moran, Texas
Brad Knott, North Carolina

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



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February 17, 2026

Mr. Bradley Bottoms
Office of the Honorable John Garamendi
2428 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Bottoms:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Palo Alto, California, scheduled for February 18 to 22, 2026, sponsored by Stanford University. We note that this trip includes two days at your personal expense and that you are not accepting outbound transportation from the trip sponsor.

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 \$525 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

MG/MD:nl

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS - PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM ADDENDUM
FEBRUARY 2026 CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP ACCELERATOR FOR
BIOTECHNOLOGY
HOOVER INSTITUTION, STANFORD UNIVERSITY

4. House employees invited to attend due to their portfolio and the policy discussion topics being discussed during the program:

Charles Dahan	Legislative Director Office of Rep. Lisa McClain
Preeti Turpuseema	Legislative Assistant Office of Rep. Ro Khanna
Harrison Jumper	Deputy Legislative Director Office of Rep. Chrissy Houlahan
Tyler Allard	Deputy Legislative Director Office of Rep. Seth Moulton
Andrew Donlon	Legislative Counsel Office of Rep. McClain Delaney
Bradley Bottoms	Chief of Staff Office of Congressman John Garamendi
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Monica Luna Navarrete	Legislative Assistant Office of Rep. Sarah McBride
David Dorfman	Deputy Staff Director and Chief Counsel Select Committee on China

Sarah Rosnick	Chief of Staff Office of Rep. Jim Baird
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS - PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM ADDENDUM
FEBRUARY 2026 CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP ACCELERATOR FOR
BIOTECHNOLOGY
HOOVER INSTITUTION, STANFORD UNIVERSITY

12. The Hoover Institution is a department within Stanford University and is headquartered on Stanford University's campus where sessions will take place. Sessions have been organized by Hoover Institution staff, and Hoover Institution staff are the sole organizer and sponsor for this trip. As a part of Stanford University, which is an institution of higher education committed to extending the frontiers of knowledge and solving real-world problems, the Hoover Institution is a research institution that, through its scholars and library and archives, promotes economic opportunity and prosperity. By convening the program on Stanford's campus, we will be able to include our Senior Fellows for substantive policy discussions with staff.

13. Attendees will receive Uber vouchers to cover ground transportation between the airport and The Graduate hotel while in California. All airfare will be coach class.

TRAVEL ITINERARY AND PROGRAM AGENDA

February 2026 Congressional Leadership Accelerator for Biotechnology | Hoover Institution, Stanford University

All times listed in local time

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Turpuseema, Preeti	
7:00 AM	Depart DCA via United Airlines flight 369
10:17 AM	Arrive SFO

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Dahan, Charles	
7:36 AM	Depart RDU via Delta Airlines flight 354 [connecting flight Delta 1412]
1:48 PM	Arrive SFO

Rosnick, Sarah	
11:45 AM	Depart AUS via Southwest Airlines 2172
1:45 PM	Arrive SFO

5:50 PM	Depart DCA via United Airlines flight 368
9:19 PM	Arrive at SFO
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jumper, Harrison- Allard, Tyler- Nallapally, Ayush- Wall, Katelyn- Luna Navarrete, Monica

Bottoms, Bradley	
9:00 PM	Check in at Graduate Hotel

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 7:45AM** **Group shuttle departs Graduate Hotel en route to Stanford University**
- 8:00AM - 8:30AM** **Networking Breakfast**
Participants will have the opportunity to learn about BSL research initiatives and share their priorities in this area with fellow attendees and speakers.
- 8:30AM - 8:45AM** **Introductions and Logistics**
Hoover Bio-Strategies & Leadership staff will welcome attendees and provide essential logistics information for the conference.
- 8:45AM - 9:15AM** **Biotechnology 101**
Alex Engel, lecturer in bioengineering at Stanford University, will introduce core principles of biology and biotechnology, offering participants a clear and accessible foundation for the discussions and sessions that follow. This overview will equip attendees with shared concepts and terminology essential for engaging with the next two days of programming.
- 9:15AM - 10:00AM** **Biology as a Strategic Domain**
Drew Endy, Hoover Institution Science and Senior Fellow and Martin Family University Fellow in Undergraduate Education (Bioengineering), will provide an introduction to emerging biotechnologies in the 21st century and their associated potential strategic impacts and ramifications, including the critical role of biotechnology in democracy, competitiveness, flourishing, and security for the U.S. and its allies.
- 10:30AM - 11:15AM** **Biotechnology & National Security**
Condoleezza Rice, Tad and Dianne Taube Director and Thomas and Barbara Stephenson Senior Fellow on Public Policy, will examine biotechnology through the lens of national security.
- 11:15AM - 12:00PM** **Biosecurity Really**
Rear Admiral Ken Bernard will moderate a discussion on biosecurity with Milana Trounce, Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine at Stanford University; Erik Malmstrom, CEO of SafeTraces; and Royal Hansen, Vice President of Security at Google. The conversation will examine current and emerging biosecurity threats, underscore why biosecurity must be treated as a core national security priority, and explore key findings and insights from the Biosecurity Really report.
- 12:00PM - 1:30PM** **Lunch**
- 1:30PM - 2:15PM** **Biotechnology & Artificial Intelligence**
Hoover Distinguished Visiting Fellow Mike Kuiken will moderate a discussion with Samuel King and Brian Hie of the Arc Institute, and James Zou, Assistant Professor at Stanford University, on the emerging opportunities and challenges at the intersection of artificial intelligence and biology. Drawing on their respective research, the speakers will share insights into how AI is advancing biological discovery while also highlighting the scientific and practical challenges that accompany this rapidly evolving field.

- 2:45PM - 3:00PM** **Walk to Hill-Maini Lab**
- 3:00PM - 4:00PM** **Tour of Hill-Maini Lab**
Vayu Hill-Maini, Chef and Assistant Professor of Bioengineering at Stanford University, will lead participants on a tour of his laboratory, offering an inside look at his current research on fungal systems and their potential to address pressing global challenges.
- 4:00PM - 4:15PM** **Walk to Shultz Building**
- 4:15PM - 5:00PM** **How to Think About China**
Chris Li, Technology and Geopolitics Fellow at Harvard University's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, will moderate a discussion on how to assess China in the context of biotechnology with Dan Wang, Hoover Research Fellow, Josh Hodges, Hoover Visiting Fellow, and Zeena Nisar, Policy Advisor for the National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology. Drawing on the speakers' research and professional experience, the panel will provide an overview of the current state of U.S.–China competition in biotechnology and examine areas of both competition and potential cooperation.
- 5:00PM - 8:00PM** **Reception and Dinner: Voices from Industry & Beyond**
John Cumbers, Founder and CEO of SynBioBeta, will moderate a panel of entrepreneurs, industry leaders, and other practitioners discussing the challenges and opportunities shaping the biotechnology marketplace. Panelists include: Sandy Yao, Vice President of the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative and Chief Legal Officer and Board Director of Biohub; Megan Blewett, Co-Founder and President at Iris Medicine; and Jennifer Cochran, Senior Associate Vice Provost for Research and Professor of Bioengineering at Stanford University. Drawing on their professional experience, participants will offer perspectives on innovation, commercialization, and the evolving dynamics of the biotech industry.
- 8:00PM** **Group shuttle departs Stanford University en route to the Graduate Hotel**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 7:45AM** **Group shuttle departs the Graduate Hotel en route to Stanford University**
- 8:00AM - 8:30AM** **Networking Breakfast**
Participants will have the opportunity to learn about BSL research initiatives and share their priorities in this area with fellow attendees and speakers.
- 8:30AM - 9:15AM** **The Biotic Future**
Drew Endy, Mike Jewett, Professor of Bioengineering at Stanford University, and Todd Brix, CEO of OCOchem, will preview emerging research on what biology may be able to deliver by 2050 in a conversation moderated by Lisa Kay Solomon, Designer in Residence and Lecturer at the Stanford d.school.
- 9:15AM - 10:00AM** **Education & the Workforce**
Chris Emig, Director of iGEM at Stanford University, Janet Standeven, Director of the Frugal Science Academy at the Georgia Institute of Technology, and Manu Prakash, Associate Professor of Bioengineering at Stanford University, will discuss the current state of biotechnology education and the U.S. workforce. The conversation will examine challenges and opportunities across the education-to-workforce pipeline and explore approaches to advancing bioliteracy for the next generation. This panel will be moderated by Hoover Institution staff.
- 10:00AM - 10:30AM** **Group shuttle to Antheia**
Address: 1430 O'Brien Drive, Suite A; Menlo Park, CA 94025
- 10:30AM - 11:30AM** **Tour Antheia**
Staff at Antheia—a Silicon Valley company leveraging biology and advanced manufacturing to produce biosynthetic key starting materials and active pharmaceutical ingredients for essential medicines—will lead participants on a tour of their laboratory and share insights from their ongoing research.
- 11:30AM - 12:00PM** **Group shuttle from Antheia to Shultz Building**
- 12:00PM - 1:00PM** **Lunch**
- 1:00PM - 1:45PM** **Why Building DNA is Important**
Drew Endy will moderate a conversation with Kaihang Wang, Assistant Professor of Biology and Biological Engineering at Caltech, and James Diggans, Vice President of Policy and Biosecurity at Twist Bioscience, on the importance of building DNA and its implications for human flourishing and security.
- 1:45PM - 2:15PM** **Why Building Cells is Important**
Kate Adamala, Associate Professor of Genetics, Cell Biology, and Development at the University of Minnesota, and Akshay Maheshwari, co-founder and CEO of b.next, will share their research on constructing cells from scratch and examine the implications of this work for the U.S. and the world.

- 2:45PM - 3:30PM** **Strategic Frameworks for Winning the Biotechnology Competition**
Mike Kuiken will lead participants in a session exploring policy approaches to pressing biotechnology challenges, with a focus on how the United States can maintain and strengthen its competitive edge in biotechnology.
- 3:30PM - 4:15PM** **Strategic Frameworks for Securing Biology**
Hoover Visiting Fellow Emily Clise Tully will guide participants through a discussion of policy approaches to contemporary biosecurity challenges, with a focus on how to secure biology in perpetuity.
- 4:15PM - 5:00PM** **Closing Reflections**
Drew Endy and Hoover staff will lead a conversation with participants to reflect on key lessons from the previous two days of programming. The session will conclude with closing remarks from Drew Endy.
- 5:00PM - 8:00PM** **Farewell Reception & Dinner**
- 8:00PM** **Group shuttle departs Stanford University en route to the Graduate Hotel**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:30 AM	Depart SFO via United Airlines flight 1678
4:43 PM	Arrive at DCA
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Rosnick, Sarah	
9:20 AM	Depart SFO via Southwest Airlines flight 3498
2:45 PM	Arrive AUS

Nallapally, Ayush	
1:30 PM	Depart SFO via United Airlines flight 2386
9:36 PM	Arrive at DCA

Dahan, Charles	
1:40 PM	Depart SFO via Delta Airlines flight 1533 [connecting flight Delta 1409]
11:46 PM	Arrive RDU

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Allard, Tyler	
1:30 PM	Depart SFO via United Airlines flight 2386
9:36 PM	Arrive at DCA

Bottoms, Bradley	
5:00 PM	Depart SFO via United Airlines flight 1453 <i>*Redeye/Overnight</i>
1:08 AM	Arrive IAD

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Harrison Jumper

11:20 AM Depart SFO via United Airlines flight 336

7:27 PM Arrive at IAD