

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

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

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

1. Name of Traveler: Thomas Rigali
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: March 10 Return: March 11  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Washington DC Destination: Waynesboro GA Return City: Washington DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Foundation for Nuclear Studies
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Vogle Nuclear Power Plant tour, safety briefings, and lunch and a dinner.
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: 03/18/2026

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: Pat Harrigan Date: 03/18/2026

Signature of Supervising Member: 

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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: Foundation for Nuclear Studies and The Edison Foundation

2. Travel Destination(s): Columbia, SC

3. Date of Departure: 3/10/2026 Date of Return: 3/11/2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Lydia Angel, J.R. Walker, Tom Rigali, Sam Dunford, David Maestes

*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	\$872.80	\$209.53	\$165.63	NA
Accompanying Family Member	NA	NA	NA	NA

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: 03/12/2026

Name: LeeAnn Petersen Title: Executive Director

Organization: Foundation for Nuclear Studies

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

Address: 1432 Independence Avenue, SE #101, Washington, DC 20003

Telephone: 202-744-6077 Email: leeann@foundationfornuclearstudies.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: Thomas Rigali
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Foundation for Nuclear Studies
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Columbia, South Carolina
4. a. Date of Departure: March 10 2026 Date of Return: March 11 2026  
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.

I serve as the Senior Legislative Assistant to Rep. Pat Harrigan and I handle our energy policy portfolio. Understanding the inner workings of nuclear reactors is critical to my duties and advancing my offices policy goals.

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: 02-24-2026

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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](http://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:

Foundation for Nuclear Studies

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 trip 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: The Edison Foundation, a non-profit organization that shares FNS' mission of educating Hill Staff about nuclear energy.

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): \_\_\_\_\_

Names provided on separate document.

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

6. Date of Departure: March 10, 2026 Date of Return: March 11, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Columbia SC and Waynesboro, GA

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:

FNS Educates policy makers and their staff about nuclear energy and technology. We tour nuclear plants here and abroad to illustrate how electricity from nuclear is generated and how the spent fuel is stored. Plant Vogtle is America's largest and most modern facility. FNS is organizing the trip with the Edison Foundation. FNS is making all of the arrangements.

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): \$70/first day; \$50 second day.

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Plant Vogtle Units 3&4 are the first newly constructed units built in the U.S. in more than 30 years and are a model for future plants

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

Hotel Name: Hampton Inn City: Columbia, SC Cost Per Night: \$169

Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to airport. Economical. Walking distance to restaurants. Private meeting space available.

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 type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total <b>Transportation</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Lodging</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Meal</b> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$672 plus tax	\$169 plus tax	\$120 plus tax
For each Accompanying Family Member	NA	NA	NA


	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	NA	NA
For each Accompanying Family Member	NA	NA

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: February 2, 2026  
 Name: LeeAnn Petersen Title: Executive Director  
 Organization: Foundation for Nuclear Studies  
 Address: 1432 Independence Ave, SE #101, Washington, DC 20003  
 Email: leeann@foundationfornuclearstudies.org Telephone: 202-744-6077

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

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March 5, 2026

Mr. Thomas Rigali  
Office of the Honorable Pat Harrigan  
1233 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Rigali:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Columbia, South Carolina, scheduled for March 10 to 11, 2026, sponsored by Foundation for Nuclear Studies and Edison Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$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

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**Congressional Staff Delegation Trip to Plant Vogtle  
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 – Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

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**Tuesday, March 10, 2026**

- 5:14 pm – 6:56 pm                    **AA Flight 5095 Departs DCA and Arrives at CAE, Columbia, SC  
Transfer to Bus**
- 7:15 pm – 7:30 pm                    **Arrive [hotel Hampton Inn Downtown Columbia](#)  
822 Gervais Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201**
- 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm                    **Dinner at Ruth’s Chris Steakhouse, Columbia Center, 924-A-  
Senate Street Hilton, 924 Senate St, Columbia, SC 29201  
(Inside the Hilton Hotel)**  
Joel Leopard, Plant Vogtle Communications Coordinator, will  
present an overview of Plant Vogtle, Units 1,2,3,4.

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

- 7:00am – 8:00am                    **Breakfast included at hotel.**
- 8:00 am – 10:00 am                    **Transfer to Plant Vogtle, 7821 River Rd, Waynesboro, GA**  
Video Presentation: “US Nuclear Power Project: Plant Vogtle –  
Units 3&4”.
- 10:00 am - 11:00 am                    **Welcome, overview and safety presentation at visitor’s  
center with Eric Loehlein, Vogtle 3&4 Plant Manager.**
- 11:00am – 12:00 pm                    **Lunch Presentation:**  
Eric Loehlein, Vogtle 3&4 Plant Manager, will provide a briefing  
on differences between the AP1000 – Vogtle Units 3&4 – Gen  
III+ reactors vs. conventional pressured water reactors as well  
as an overview of the construction of the new units and the  
efficiencies gained from the construction of Unit 3 to Unit 4.  
Eric will also discuss the advanced passive safety features of  
the AP1000 as well as the Flex Dome components.
- 12:00 pm - 12:15 pm                    **Process through Security, walk by office buildings /**

**maintenance shops toward generating facilities.**

12:15 pm - 1:30 pm

**See spent fuel canisters, visit Vogtle 1&2 turbines.** Vogtle 1&2, which began operation in 1987 and 1989 respectively, were state of the art at the time and represent the standard design for turbines until Vogtle 3&4. Together these units can generate enough energy to reliably power more than 500,000 Georgia homes and businesses simultaneously. It is helpful to understand the previous technology to appreciate the huge advancements made in development of the new turbines 3&4. Mike McCracken, Communications Coordinator - Plant Vogtle, and Joel Leopard, Communications Coordinator - Plant Vogtle.

1:30 pm – 1:45pm

**Walk by office buildings / maintenance shops toward generating facilities.**

1:45 pm – 2:30 pm

**Tour Vogtle Unit 3, visit Vogtle control room and Unit 3 turbine.**

Vogtle 3 is a Westinghouse AP1000 is Gen III+. It is extremely different than the turbines used in the existing fleet, and Vogtle is the only place in the U.S. where they can see one. Plant Vogtle will soon be the largest nuclear generation site in America, surpassing Pinnacle West's, Palo Verde, site. Additionally, Georgia Power and Westinghouse are working with Poland on their effort to build 3 AP1000s. Nuclear power generation and energy self-sufficiency in Europe is key to global stability and security. Mike McCracken, Communications Coordinator, Plant Vogtle, and Joel Leopard, Communications Coordinator, Plant Vogtle.

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm

**Process out through Security and return to Bldg 301**

2:45 pm - 3:00 pm

**Debrief and Q&A:** Opportunity for participants to ask questions about any aspect of the tour/plant. Mike McCracken, Communications Coordinator, Plant Vogtle, and Joel Leopard, Communications Coordinator, Plant Vogtle.

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Bus departs for CAE airport (two-hour drive)**

7:26 pm - 9:14 pm

**AA Flight 5095 departs Columbia, SC and arrives DCA**

	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Company</b>
xx	Lydia	Angel	Senior Policy Advisor	Rep. Steny Hoyer
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