

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: Katherine Julia Phillips
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: March 27th 2026 Return: April 4th 2026
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Seoul; Tokyo Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Third Way Foundation dba Progressive Policy Institute
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Meetings and events attended focussed on trade, energy and national security
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: 4/20/26

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: Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez Date: 4/20/26

Signature of Supervising Member: 

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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: Third Way Foundation dba Progressive Policy Institute

2. Travel Destination(s): Seoul, ROK; Tokyo, Japan

3. Date of Departure: Friday, March 27th, 2026 Date of Return: Saturday, April 4th, 2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Lauren Toy; Michael DeMakos; Katie Phillips; John Lee; Michael Burnside; Ricky Xuan Le; Tim Del Monico; Cara Camacho

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	\$9,750	\$1,487	\$875	\$0
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: Lindsay Lewis Date: 4/15/2026

Name: Lindsay Mark Lewis Title: CEO

Organization: Third Way Foundation dba Progressive Policy Institute

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

Address: 1919 M Street NW Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036

Telephone: +1 (631) 747-1807 Email: cmortimer@ppionline.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.

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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: Katherine "Katie" Phillips

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): Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez

Office Address: 1431 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515

Telephone Number: (202) 225-3536

Email Address of Contact Person: Katie.Phillips@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.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Katherine "Katie" Phillips
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: _____
Third Way Foundation (Progressive Policy Institute is a project of the Third Way Foundation)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Seoul, South Korea; Tokyo, Japan
4. a. Date of Departure: March 27, 2026 Date of Return: April 4, 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.**
As the Executive Director of the Blue Dog Coalition, working directly under Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez as Admin Chair of the Blue Dog Coalition, the subject matter of this trip is directly related to my legislative work with the Congresswoman to help develop pragmatic policies in the energy, trade, and national security sectors that Rep. Gluesenkamp and the broader Blue Dog Coalition may consider, support, or endorse.
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: 2/25/26

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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:

The Third Way Foundation (Progressive Policy Institute is a project of the Third Way Foundation)

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

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

a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**

b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**

c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

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

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

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

6. Date of Departure: March 27 2026 Date of Return: April 4 2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Seoul, South Korea; Tokyo, Japan

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:

PPI has been conducting policy work and facilitating idea exchange since 1989. Several pertinent policy issues in South Korea and Japan - including trade, energy and national security - are key research areas for PPI.

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): Average cost of \$98 per day

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Seoul and Tokyo are the respective capitals of their countries and is home to many of the key stakeholders relevant to this trip's policy areas

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

Hotel Name: L7 GANGNAM by LOTTE HOTELS City: Seoul Cost Per Night: \$191

Reason(s) for Selecting: Budget friendly and centrally located to meetings

Hotel Name: Sotetsu Fresa Inn Ginza Nanachome City: Tokyo Cost Per Night: \$241

Reason(s) for Selecting: Budget friendly and centrally located to meetings

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	\$9,000	\$1,487	\$784
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: Lindsay Lewis Date: 2/24/2026
 Name: Lindsay Mark Lewis Title: CEO
 Organization: The Third Way Foundation
 Address: 1919 M St. NW Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036
 Email: cmortimer@ppionline.org Telephone: (631) 747-1807

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**Note: all times are local*

Friday, March 27th

6:15 AM - 3:15 PM +1

Flight to Seoul *ITINERARY 1*****

*Dulles International Airport
UA 1095 & UA 893 via SFO*

6:30 AM - 3:55 PM +1

Flight to Seoul *ITINERARY 2*****

*Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport
AA 634 & AA 281 via DFW*

Saturday, March 28th

5:00 - 6:15 PM

Shuttle bus from ICN to L7 Gangnam

415 Teheran-ro, Gangnam District, Seoul, South Korea

7:30 - 7:45 PM

Subway to Udaegalbiolegend Gangnam

819 Yeoksam-dong, Gangnam District, Seoul, South Korea

7:45 - 9:00 PM

Opening dinner at Udaegalbiolegend Gangnam

The delegation will convene for an opening dinner with PPI staff to review the week's agenda, discuss the objectives and context for the delegation's forthcoming meetings in Seoul and Tokyo, and prepare for the following day's DMZ visit.

Sunday, March 29th

8:00 - 9:00 AM

Breakfast at hotel and pre-DMZ visit briefing

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) Tour and Camp Bonifas Visit

The delegation will visit the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and Camp Bonifas, the U.S. and United Nations Joint Command installation, for a guided tour and military briefing of the current state of North Korean relations.

7:15 - 7:30 PM

Subway to Donghwago-ok Gangnam

129 Teheran-ro, Gangnam District, Seoul, South Korea

7:30 - 9:00 PM

Dinner at Donghwagohok Gangnam

The delegation and PPI staff will dine together to debrief the day's DMZ visit and military briefing and preview the upcoming week's schedule of meetings with Korean government ministries, National Assembly members, and private sector leaders.

Monday, March 30th

- 8:15 - 9:00 AM **Taxi to U.S. Embassy & Consulate in the Republic of Korea**
188 Sejong-daero, Jongno District, Seoul, South Korea
- 9:00 - 10:30 AM **Opening Breakfast and U.S. Embassy Briefing**
The U.S. Embassy will provide the delegation with a briefing on the current state of U.S.-Korea relations, including recent geopolitical and policy developments, and engage in a conversation with the delegation on the context and objectives of the delegation's forthcoming Korea meetings.
- 10:45 - 11:00 AM **Walk to Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
60 Sajik-ro 8-gil, Jongno District, Seoul, South Korea
- 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM **Briefing and Bilateral Meeting with Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)**
The delegation will meet with representatives from South Korea's MOFA for a briefing on regional security challenges, with a focus on North Korean threats, China-Taiwan cross-strait tensions, and East China Sea stability, and engage in a bilateral conversation on opportunities to strengthen the U.S.-South Korea security alliance.
- 12:15 - 12:30 PM **Walk to Ministry of Unification**
South Korea, Seoul, Jongno District, Sejong-daero, 209
- 12:45 - 1:45 PM **Briefing with the Korean Ministry of Unification**
The Ministry of Unification is the South Korean government body responsible for policy on inter-Korean relations and the long-term goal of Korean reunification. The Ministry will provide the delegation with a briefing on the current state of inter-Korean affairs and the Ministry's assessment of the prospects and timeline for reunification, and engage in a conversation with the delegation on the broader political, economic, and security considerations shaping the path toward a unified Korean Peninsula.
- 1:45 - 2:00 PM **Walk to lunch**
South Korea, Seoul, Jongno District, Sejong-daero, 209
- 2:00 - 3:00 PM **Lunch at Gyeongbokgung Matjip (Korean Galbi & Bulgogi)**
South Korea, Seoul, Jongno District, Sejong-daero, 209
- 3:00 - 3:15 PM **Taxi to Hanwha Corp. Headquarter**
86 Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jung District, Seoul, South Korea

- 3:30 - 4:30 PM **Meeting with Hanwha Corp.**
Hanwha is one of South Korea's largest conglomerates and the world's leading builder of LNG carriers. Following its 2024 acquisition of the Philadelphia shipyard, Hanwha has committed \$5 billion to transform the facility as part of South Korea's \$150 billion pledge to revitalize U.S. shipbuilding. Representatives will brief the delegation on the company's U.S. shipyard investments, Jones Act and USTR shipping mandates, and Hanwha's energy portfolio, and engage in a conversation on U.S. energy security and maritime industrial policy.
- 4:30 - 5:15 PM **Taxi to L7 Gangnam**
415 Teheran-ro, Gangnam District, Seoul, South Korea
- 6:45 - 7:00 PM **Walk to the Grand Intercontinental Seoul Gangnam Hotel**
1Teheran-ro, 521 Gangnam District, Seoul, South Korea
- 7:00 - 9:30 PM **Dinner with Chargé d'Affaires Jim Heller; U.S. Embassy in Seoul**
The delegation will dine with Mr. Jim Heller to hear his perspective as a representative of the U.S. government on U.S.-South Korea relations, including the topics of security, trade and more.

Tuesday, March 31st

- 8:00 - 9:00 AM **Breakfast at hotel and agenda briefing by PPI staff**
The delegation and PPI staff will meet over breakfast to go over the day's agenda, with a special focus on the upcoming National Assembly meetings.
- 9:00 - 9:45 AM **Taxi to National Assembly**
1 Uisadang-daero, Yeongdeungpo District, Seoul, South Korea
- 10:00 - 11:00 AM **National Assembly Tour**
The delegation will visit the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea for a guided tour of the building and grounds, including the Plenary Chamber and Rotunda Hall.
- 11:00 - 11:15 AM **Walk to National Assembly Members' Office Building**
1 Uisadang-daero, Yeongdeungpo District, Seoul, South Korea
- 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM **Meeting with Rep. Lee Cheol-gyu; Chairman of the National Assembly's Trade, Industry, Energy, SMEs and Startups Committee**
The Chairman will engage in a discussion with the delegation on U.S.-South Korea energy and trade cooperation, with a focus on LNG exports and shipping mandates, the \$150 billion Korean

investment in U.S. shipbuilding, and opportunities to deepen bilateral energy supply chain collaboration.

12:15 - 12:45 PM

Walk to The American Chamber of Commerce in Korea

Three International Finance Centre, 50 Fl, 10 Gukjegeumyung-ro, Yeongdeungpo District, Seoul, South Korea

12:45 - 2:15 PM

Lunch Roundtable with the American Chamber of Commerce in Korea and Member Companies

AmCham representatives and member company executives will engage in a lunch discussion with the delegation on the U.S.-South Korea trade and investment climate, with a focus on the bilateral tariff framework, regulatory environment, and the outlook for American business in Korea.

2:15 - 3:00 PM

Taxi to Google Korea HQ

Gangnam Finance Centre, 22nd Floor, 152 Teheran-ro, Gangnam District, Seoul, South Korea

3:00 - 4:00 PM

Meeting with Google Korea

Google Korea will provide the delegation with a briefing on the company's operations in the South Korean market and engage in a conversation with the delegation on the regulatory challenges facing U.S. technology companies in Korea, with a focus on digital platform regulation, app store and payment mandates, and the competitive implications of Korea's evolving approach to technology governance.

4:00 - 4:15 PM

Taxi to L7 Gangnam

415 Teheran-ro, Gangnam District, Seoul, South Korea

6:15 - 6:45 PM

Walk to the Park Hyatt Seoul

606 Teheran-ro, Gangnam District, Seoul, South Korea

6:45 - 9:00 PM

Dinner with Choe Sang-Hun; Seoul Bureau Chief, New York Times

The delegation will dine with Mr. Choe Sang-Hun to hear his perspective reporting on South and North Korea and their relations with other nations.

Wednesday, April 1st

6:00 - 6:45 AM

Shuttle bus to Gimpo International Airport

12 Haneul-gil, Gangseo-gu, Seoul, South Korea

8:40 AM - 10:45 AM

Flight to Tokyo

OZ 1085 GMP - HND

- 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM **Shuttle bus to Japan Business Federation**
Keidanren Kaikan, 1 Chome-3-2 Ōtemachi, Chiyoda City, Tokyo 100-0004, Japan
- 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM **Lunch Roundtable with the Japan Business Foundation**
Keidanren (Japan Business Federation) is a comprehensive economic organization with a membership of 1,574 representative companies of Japan. Representatives from Keidanren member companies and delegation staffers will engage in a lunch discussion on the topic of U.S.-Japan trade, with a special focus on energy and the international microchip supply chain.
- 2:45 - 3:00 PM **Shuttle bus to Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)**
1 Chome-3-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda City, Tokyo 100-8901, Japan
- 3:00 - 4:00 PM **Meeting with Mr. Shinichi Kihara; Director General, International Policy on Carbon Neutrality; Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)**
Mr. Kihara leads the ministry's building of international energy climate strategies and policies. Mr. Kihara will provide the group with a presentation of Japan's energy strategy, with a focus on comprehensive energy and international areas of focus, and engage in a bilateral conversation with the delegation on areas of opportunity for U.S.-Japan energy collaboration.
- 4:15 - 5:15 PM **Meeting with Mr. Masahiko Uchino; Principal Deputy Director, Economic Security Policy Division, Trade and Economic Security Bureau; METI**
Mr. Uchino will provide the group with a presentation on Japan's economic security strategy, with a focus on export controls, critical technology protection, and supply chain resilience, and engage in a bilateral conversation with the delegation on areas of opportunity for U.S.-Japan economic security collaboration.
- 5:15 - 5:45 PM **Shuttle bus to Sotetsu Fresa Inn Ginza-Nanachome**
Japan, 〒104-0061 Tokyo, Chuo City, Ginza, 7 Chome-11-12 相鉄フレッサイン銀座 7丁目2F
- 6:30 - 7:00 PM **Taxi to Sushi Kaimasa**
Japan, 〒106-0032 Tokyo, Minato City, Roppongi, 5 Chome-9-14 第7ビレッジ 1F
- 7:00 - 8:30 PM **Dinner at Sushi Kaimasa**
The delegation and PPI staff will dine together to debrief the day's

meetings at METI and discuss the delegation's upcoming Tokyo engagements.

Thursday, April 2nd

8:30 - 9:00 AM

Walk to American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ)

Toranomon Hills Business Tower, 15F 1 Chome-17-1 Toranomon, Minato City, Tokyo 105-6415, Japan

Taxi option available for those who do not want to walk

9:00 - 10:30 AM

Breakfast Roundtable with ACCJ and Member Companies

The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) is the largest foreign business chamber in Japan, representing U.S. and international companies and advocating for an open and competitive business environment that promotes trade and investment between the United States and Japan. The ACCJ, member companies and delegation members will engage in a breakfast discussion on the EU, U.S., and Japan approaches to digital regulation, with a special focus on the differing applications of the Digital Markets Act.

10:30 - 10:45 AM

Walk to U.S. Embassy Tokyo

1 Chome-10-5 Akasaka, Minato City, Tokyo 107-8420, Japan

Taxi option available for those who do not want to walk

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

U.S. Embassy Briefing

The U.S. Embassy will provide the delegation with a briefing on the current state of U.S.-Japan economic cooperation and security, with a focus on allied coordination in addressing economic challenges posed by China, including export controls, supply chain diversification, and strategic technology protection, and engage in a conversation with the delegation on opportunities to strengthen bilateral economic and security alignment in the Indo-Pacific.

12:00 PM - 12:15 PM

Walk to Dam Brewery Restaurant

Japan, 〒105-5590 Tokyo, Minato City, Toranomon, 2 Chome-6-3 ヒルズ ステーションタワー 地下2階

12:15 - 1:15 PM

Lunch at Dam Brewery Restaurant

The delegation will break for lunch before the afternoon's meetings at Liberal Democratic Party headquarters and the National Diet.

1:15 - 1:30 PM

Taxi to Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) HQ

1 Chome-11-23 Nagatachō, Chiyoda City, Tokyo 100-8910, Japan

- 1:30 - 2:30 PM **Party Exchange with LDP Staff**
Meeting with Liberal Democratic Party (Jimintō) staff to discuss their recent landslide victory, compare political strategies vis-à-vis the United States of America and talk about the role of foreign policy in recent and upcoming election results.
- 2:30 - 2:45 PM **Walk to National Diet Building**
1 Chome-7-1 Nagatachō, Chiyoda City, Tokyo 100-0014, Japan
- 3:00 - 3:30 PM **Meeting with Mr. Akihisa Nagashima, Representative, National Diet (LDP)**
Representative Akihisa Nagashima will engage in a discussion with the delegation on the topic of U.S.-Japan defense cooperation, with a focus on Japan's evolving national security posture, defense spending, and opportunities to strengthen the bilateral alliance in the Indo-Pacific.
- 3:30 - 3:45 PM **Taxi to Sotetsu Fresa Inn Ginza-Nanachome**
相鉄フレッサイン銀座 7丁目 2F 7 Chome-11-12 Ginza, Chuo City, Tokyo 104-0061, Japan
- 6:45 - 7:00 PM **Walk to Kitaohji Ginza Honten**
B1 8 Chome-5-12 Ginza, Chuo City, Tokyo 104-0061, Japan
- 7:00 - 9:00 PM **Dinner with National Diet Representatives**
The delegation will attend a dinner with members of the Japanese National Diet. The dinner will provide an informal setting for the delegation to build relationships with Japanese legislators and exchange perspectives on the U.S.-Japan alliance, shared economic and security priorities, and areas of opportunity for deeper bilateral cooperation.

Friday, April 3rd

- 8:00 - 8:45 AM **Schedule Briefing & Breakfast**
The delegation will begin the day with a schedule briefing and breakfast at the hotel to review the day's agenda and prepare for upcoming meetings.
- 8:45 - 9:00 AM **Taxi to Japan Fair Trade Commission (JFTC)**
105-0001 2-2-3 Toranomon, Minato-ku, TOKYO, JAPAN
- 9:00 - 10:00 AM **JFTC Digital Regulation Briefing with Mr. Ryota Inaba, Director of the Digital Market Planning and Research Office**
Mr. Ryota Inaba will provide the delegation with a briefing on Japan's approach to digital platform regulation and engage in a

bilateral conversation on opportunities to align U.S. and Japanese competition policy frameworks.

10:00 - 10:15 AM

Taxi to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)

2 Chome-2-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda City, Tokyo 100-8919, Japan

10:30 - 11:30 AM

MOFA Regional Cooperation Discussion with Mr. Kumagai Naoki, Assistant Minister (Ambassador) and Director-General of the North American Affairs Bureau

The delegation will meet with Mr. Kumagai Naoki of Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) for a briefing on the security implications of the Trump administration's foreign policy posture in the Indo-Pacific, with a focus on East China Sea stability, cross-strait tensions with Taiwan, and opportunities for deeper congressional engagement in strengthening the U.S.-Japan security alliance.

11:30 - 11:45 AM

Taxi to bills Ginza

Japan, 〒104-0061 Tokyo, Chuo City, Ginza, 2 Chome-6-12 Okura House 12F

12:00 - 1:30 PM

Think Tank Luncheon

Representatives from several Tokyo think tanks, including the Japan Institute of International Affairs, Center for Pacific and American Studies (CPAS), Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia and the the Institute of Energy Economics will join the delegation for a lunch to share the perspectives of their respective organizations and engage in a bilateral exchange of Japan and U.S. policy and political developments.

1:30 - 1:45 PM

Walk to Sotetsu Fresa Inn Ginza-Nanachome

相鉄フレッサイン銀座 7丁目 2F 7 Chome-11-12 Ginza, Chuo City, Tokyo 104-0061, Japan

2:30 - 4:30 PM

Tokyo Housing Policy Walkthrough

The delegation will participate in a guided walkthrough of Tokyo's residential neighborhoods with local urban policy experts, examining Japan's nationally standardized zoning framework and how its permissive building codes and streamlined approval processes have produced one of the most widely studied models for housing affordability and supply among major global cities.

6:45 - 7:00 PM

Walk to Hibiya Mon Cher Ton Ton at The Peninsula Tokyo

1 Chome-8-1 Yurakucho, Chiyoda City, Tokyo 100-0006, Japan

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Closing dinner

The delegation will convene for a closing dinner to debrief the

week's meetings in Seoul and Tokyo and discuss key takeaways and areas for follow-up.

Saturday, April 4th

7:30 - 8:00 AM

Taxi to Haneda Airport *ITINERARY 1*****
Hanedakuko, Ota City, Tokyo 144-0041, Japan

10:25 AM - 4:04 PM

Flight to Washington, DC *ITINERARY 1*****
Haneda Airport
NH 114& UA 654 via IAH

1:30 - 2:00 PM

Taxi to Haneda Airport *ITINERARY 2*****
Hanedakuko, Ota City, Tokyo 144-0041, Japan

4:30 - 7:51 PM

Flight to Washington, DC *ITINERARY 2*****
Haneda Airport
AA 176 & AA 3008 via DFW

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The U.S. House of Representative staff above have been invited because of their policy portfolios and senior roles within their respective offices.

Dear Katie Phillips,

On behalf of the **Progressive Policy Institute**, I'd like to invite you on a staff delegation trip to **Seoul and Tokyo on March 29 - April 3rd, 2025**.

For over a decade, the Progressive Policy Institute (PPI) has hosted congressional delegation trips with elected officials and staff to learn firsthand about some of the most pressing policy issues facing our nation, and the world at-large. This bipartisan, high-level trip will feature a select group of senior staff working for members of the House and Senate who are committed to advancing innovative and forward-looking policies.

This trip will feature a select, bipartisan and bicameral group of Congressional staff in offices dedicated to advancing some of the top priorities in the U.S.-South Korea and U.S.-Japan relationship. During the trip, the delegation will meet with high-level members of the National Assembly of South Korea and the National Diet of Japan, the countries' lawmaking bodies; ministers and regulators in some of South Korea and Japan's most influential ministries, representatives from the countries' preeminent think tanks, research organizations and associations; and representatives from companies representing crucial trade between our countries.

Key Themes of the trip will be:

- An analysis of the Korean and Japanese energy transition from coal, specifically looking at the United States' trade role in providing cleaner energy sources like natural gas and the impact of this transition on regional geopolitics.
- An examination of recent bilateral trade and competition policy, focusing on South Korea's Online Platform Fairness Act and the non-discriminatory implementation of Japan's Mobile Software Competition Act, the protection of U.S. intellectual property, and the expansion of market access for American-made vehicle exports.
- Strategic discussions on Pacific security dynamics, exploring China's regional influence, the defense of shared interests in the East China Sea, and the role of the U.S.-South Korea and U.S.-Japan alliance in maintaining regional stability.

PPI is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming on current policy issues and generate radically pragmatic ideas for governing. As such, this trip will comply with House and Senate ethics rules.

I hope you will join us in what promises to be an insightful and educational trip. Space is limited; please contact Colin Mortimer at (631) 747-1807 or cmortimer@ppionline.org if you have questions or require further information.

Regards,



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CEO, Progressive Policy Institute

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March 24, 2026

Ms. Katherine Phillips
Office of the Honorable Marie Gluesenkamp Perez
1431 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Phillips:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to South Korea and Japan,¹ scheduled for March 27 to April 4, 2026, sponsored by the Third Way Foundation, Inc.

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.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$525] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

¹ Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

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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