

# 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: Ronald Kovach
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: March 30, 2026 Return: April 2, 2026  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Cambridge, MD Return City: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Conservative Partnership Institute
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: The meetings and events attended taught the skills to be a leader in the conservative movement.
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: 04/17/26

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. Marlin Stutzman (IN-03) Date: 04/17/26

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: Conservative Partnership Institute

2. Travel Destination(s): Cambridge, MD

3. Date of Departure: March 30 Date of Return: April 2, 2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): See attached

*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	\$100	\$297	\$182	
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: Ed Corrigan Date: 4/13/2026

Name: Ed Corrigan Title: President and CEO

Organization: Conservative Partnership Institute

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

Address: 300 Independence Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003

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.**

**Conservative Partnership Institute's (CPI)  
Magnus Fellowship Symposium  
March 30-April 2, 2026**

**Date: Monday, March 30, 2026**

- 12:00 pm**                    **Depart from Washington, D.C. 20003**
- 1:30 pm**                    **Arrive at Cambridge, MD 21613**
- 1:30 - 3:00 pm**            **Check-in and Orientation**
- 3:00 - 5:00 pm**            **SESSION 1: The Landscape of the Conservative Movement**  
This informative lecture gives a historical overview of the people, events, and actions that have shaped the conservative movement, and gives an overview of the current organizations that comprise the conservative movement and what functions they play in policymaking in order to help attendees be more familiar with the historical and current landscape of a policy movement.  
*Speakers: Ed Corrigan, President and CEO, Conservative Partnership Institute and Rachel Bovard, Vice President of Programs, Conservative Partnership Institute*
- 5:00 - 5:30 pm**            **Executive Time**
- 5:30 – 7:30 pm**            **Dinner and Keynote Speaker: Understanding Congress**  
This session goes through the key terms, legislative procedures, and strategies to know in order to fully understand how Congress works. Identifying terms and common legislative procedures and tactics will assist the attendees in the preparation for future congressional action.  
*Speakers: Ed Corrigan, President and CEO, Conservative Partnership Institute and Rachel Bovard, Vice President of Programs, Conservative Partnership Institute*

**Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2026**

- 8:00 – 9:00 am**            **Breakfast Buffet**
- 9:00 – 11:00 am**            **Session 2: The Theory of Management**  
This session, taught by a retired top ranking military official, gives an overview of management models, practices, and strategies for various organization types and management structures in order to help attendees be able to better manage their congressional offices or organizations.  
*Speaker: John Teichert, Brigadier General*
- 11:00 - 11:30 am**            **Executive Time**
- 11:30 – 12:30 pm**            **Lunch & Speaker Panel: Managing Coalitions**

This panel, filled with two former and one current caucus director, will address the key ways to effectively manage coalitions and common interest groups.

*Speakers: Tim Reitz, Executive Director, House Freedom Caucus; Rachel Bovard, former Executive Director of the Senate Steering Committee; and Ed Corrigan, former Executive Director of the Senate Steering Committee*

**12:30 – 3:00 pm**      **Executive Time**

**3:00 – 5:00 pm**      **Session 3: Official and Unofficial Lines: How to Remain Ethical**

This session features a long-time House Chief of Staff and Senate Administrative Director who will address how to manage congressional office or nonprofit organization budgets and remain ethical while wearing multiple hats.

*Speakers: Mark Kelly, former House Chief of Staff and Holly Hyers, Administrative Director, Sen. Cynthia Lummis*

**5:00 – 6:00 pm**      **Executive Time**

**6:00 – 7:30 pm**      **Dinner & Keynote Speaker: Chief's Chief**

Speaker Mark Meadows, a former White House Chief of Staff, will talk about how to navigate difficult political situations in his address.

*Speaker: Hon. Mark Meadows, Former White House Chief of Staff*

**Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

**8:00 – 9:00 am**      **Breakfast**

**9:00 – 11:00 am**      **Session 4: Best Practices for Hiring Staff**

A former long-time House Chief of Staff will give insights on the best methods for identifying and hiring qualified staff in order to help attendees hone their recruitment and hiring skills.

*Speaker: William Smith, Senior Fellow, Conservative Partnership Institute*

**11:00 - 11:30 am**      **Executive Time**

**11:30 - 12:30 pm**      **Lunch & Keynote Speaker: Use of AI in Leadership Positions**

An expert in artificial intelligence and emerging technology will address the effective uses of AI in driving productivity and efficiency so that attendees can implement AI into their offices.

*Speaker: Matthew Burtell, Senior Policy Analyst, AI and Emerging Technology*

**12:30 - 3:00 pm**      **Executive Time**

**3:00 – 5:00 pm**      **Session 5: Leading a Healthy, Long-Term Office**

This session, led by a former House, Senate, and OMB staffer, will outline the best

practices for organizing, managing, and maintaining a strong office culture in a congressional office, nonprofit organization, or the administration.

*Speaker: Wesley Denton, COO, Conservative Partnership Institute*

**5:00 – 6:00 pm**      **Executive Time**

**6:00 – 7:30 pm**      **Dinner & Keynote Speaker: Strong Leadership Matters**

Former Senator Jim DeMint will discuss the challenges of being a leader and how to succeed.

*Speaker: Hon. Jim DeMint, former Representative, Senator, and current Chairman of the Conservative Partnership Institute*

**Date: Thursday, April 2, 2026**

**8:00 – 9:00 am**      **Breakfast & Check Out**

**9:00 am**              **Depart from Cambridge, MD 21613**

**10:30 am**            **Arrive in Washington, D.C. 20003**

1. Macayle Fuchs – Legislative Director, Rep. Paul Gosar (Invited as a Congressional staffer to learn the skills to be a leader in the conservative movement on or off the hill)
2. Chester Pelsang – Legislative Director, Rep. Mary Miller (Invited as a Congressional staffer to learn the skills to be a leader in the conservative movement on or off the hill)
3. Grace Davis – Deputy Chief of Staff/Communications Director, Rep. Tim Moore (Invited as a Congressional staffer to learn the skills to be a leader in the conservative movement on or off the hill)
4. Ronald Kovach – Communications Director, Rep. Marlin Stutzman (Invited as a Congressional staffer to learn the skills to be a leader in the conservative movement on or off the hill)
5. Logan Wolfe – Legislative Director, Rep. Andy Biggs (Invited as a Congressional staffer to learn the skills to be a leader in the conservative movement on or off the hill)
6. Kate Constantini – Communications Director, Rep. Brian Mast (Invited as a Congressional staffer to learn the skills to be a leader in the conservative movement on or off the hill)
7. Graham Wise – Legislative Director, Rep. Brandon Gill (Invited as a Congressional staffer to learn the skills to be a leader in the conservative movement on or off the hill)
8. Miranda Dabney – Communications Director, House Appropriations Committee (Invited as a Congressional staffer to learn the skills to be a leader in the conservative movement on or off the hill)
9. Liz Slezak – Senior Counsel, House Judiciary Committee (Invited as a Congressional staffer to learn the skills to be a leader in the conservative movement on or off the hill)
10. Tyler Fagan – Legislative Director, Speaker Mike Johnson (Invited as a Congressional staffer to learn the skills to be a leader in the conservative movement on or off the hill)
11. AJ Swinson – Director of Coalitions and Outreach, House Judiciary Committee (Invited as a Congressional staffer to learn the skills to be a leader in the conservative movement on or off the hill)
12. Kasey Chapman – Deputy Chief Counsel, Immigration Subcommittee, House Judiciary Committee (Invited as a Congressional staffer to learn the skills to be a leader in the conservative movement on or off the hill)

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## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Ronald Kovach
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Conservative Partnership Institutue
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Cambridge, MD
4. a. Date of Departure: March 30, 2026 Date of Return: April 2, 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 a communications director. I will be attending this Fellowship Symposium to learn the tools to be a leader in the conservative movement on or off the hill. This training will also offer the opportunity to develop professional relationships among other staff and learn best practices and strategies to leading an effective operation.

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: 03/06/2026

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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) 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:

Conservative Partnership Institute

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

See attached

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

6. Date of Departure: March 30, 2026 Date of Return: April 2, 2026

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

b. Destination(s): Cambridge, MD

c. City of return: Washington, D.C.

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

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

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

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

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

- a.  I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**  
b.  I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**  
c.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**  
d.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

- a.  I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box;* **OR**  
b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

See attached  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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): \$64.00  
\_\_\_\_\_

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: proximity to D.C., economical, and conducive to education and training  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Hotel Name: Camp Rydin City: Cambridge, MD Cost Per Night: \$99.00  
Reason(s) for Selecting: Location is owned by the trip sponsor, economical, and conducive to education and training  
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	\$100.00	\$297.00	\$182
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	\$0.00	\$0.00
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: Ed Corrigan Date: 2/18/2021  
 Name: Ed Corrigan Title: President and CEO  
 Organization: Conservative Partnership Institute  
 Address: 300 Independence Ave SE, Washington, D.C. 20003  
 Email: cdavis@compasslegal.org Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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 27, 2026

Mr. Ronald Kovach  
Office of the Honorable Marlin Stutzman  
404 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Kovach:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Cambridge, Maryland, scheduled for March 30 to April 2, 2026, sponsored by Conservative Partnership Institute, 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.

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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*Hear from a long-time House Chief of Staff and Senate Deputy Chief of Staff on how to manage budgets and remain ethical while wearing multiple hats.*  
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*Lessons learned from former White House Chief of Staff, Mark Meadows, on how to navigate difficult situations.*  
*Speaker: Hon. Mark Meadows, Former White House Chief of Staff*

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*Insights from a former long-time House Chief of Staff on the best methods for identifying and hiring qualified staff.*  
*Speaker: William Smith, Senior Fellow, Conservative Partnership Institute*
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*Effective uses for AI in driving productivity and efficiency as a leader.*  
*Speaker: JC Garrett, Senior AI Fellow, Conservative Partnership Institute*
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*Best practices for organizing, managing, and maintaining a strong office culture both on and off Capitol Hill.*  
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**Date: Thursday, April 2, 2026**

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2. Abbygayle Brewington – Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep John Carter (Invited as a Congressional staffer to learn the skills to be a leader in the conservative movement on or off the hill)
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12. AJ Swinson – Director of Coalitions and Outreach, House Judiciary Committee (Invited as a Congressional staffer to learn the skills to be a leader in the conservative movement on or off the hill)
13. Kasey Chapman – Deputy Chief Counsel, Immigration Subcommittee, House Judiciary Committee (Invited as a Congressional staffer to learn the skills to be a leader in the conservative movement on or off the hill)
14. Tim Reitz – Executive Director, House Freedom Caucus (Invited as a Congressional staffer to teach the skills to be a leader in the conservative movement on or off the hill)

12. The Conservative Partnership Institute's mission includes educating and training Members of Congress, congressional staff, conservative leaders and activists to enhance their ability to articulate and advance conservative principles and to become more effective public servants and citizens. The retreat offers an opportunity to educate and equip congressional staff with effective skills, develop professional relationships among other staff, and share best practices and strategies.

## Upcoming CPI Trip to Cambridge, MD

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**From** Nedzar, Tamar <Tamar.Nedzar@mail.house.gov>

**Date** Thu 3/26/2026 12:01 PM

**To** Nedzar, Tamar <Tamar.Nedzar@mail.house.gov>

Good afternoon:

The Chairman and Ranking Member have approved your request to travel to Cambridge, Maryland from March 30 to April 2, 2026, at CPI's expense.

Our staff will follow up with an email including your individualized approval letter as soon as they are able.

Thank you,

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