

# 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: Ruth Ward
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 4/29/26 Return: 5/1/26  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Los Angeles, CA Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Information Technology and Innovation Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: The meetings facilitated direct conversation and understanding AI and intellectual property policy needs of major tech companies that work alongside Congress as we craft policy which is pertinent to my role as COS.
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: 5/11/26

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: Mike Johnson

Date: 5/10/26

Signature of Supervising Member: 

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Information Technology & Innovation Foundation (ITIF)

2. Travel Destination(s): Los Angeles, California

3. Date of Departure: 4/29/26 Date of Return: 5/1/26

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Sarah Coffman, David Dorfman, Samuel Jockisch, Alex Khlopin, Margot Putnam, Arturo Reyes, and Ruth Ward


*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	\$806.90	\$290	\$160	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: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Jackie Whisman Title: Chief Development Officer

Organization: ITIF

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

Address: 700 K Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20001

Telephone: 240-687-1834

Email: jwhisman@itif.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.

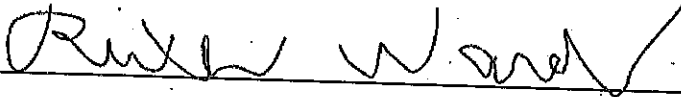
This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

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: Ruth Ward

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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 Mike Johnson(LA04)

Office Address: 521 CHOB

Telephone Number: 2022252777

Email Address of Contact Person: ruth.ward@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](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Ruth Ward
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF)
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Los Angeles, CA
4. a. Date of Departure: 4/29/26 Date of Return: 5/1/26  
b. Yes  No  Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_ No Personal Expense Travel
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 Chief of Staff for a member of Congress, I am responsible for understanding the needs of the business community and streamlining policy and congressional ideas on how to support and assist these industries. As the tech industry expands in Louisiana, this trip will help our office better understand support for growth and policy implications.
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: 3/30/26

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## PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

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**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:

Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF)

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 Attachment 1

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

6. Date of Departure: April 29, 2026 Date of Return: May 1, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Los Angeles, CA

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 Attachment 2

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): \$65 per day

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The Los Angeles area is home to many of the country's leading innovation companies.

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

Hotel Name: Hotel Burbank City: Burbank, CA Cost Per Night: \$145  
Reason(s) for Selecting: Cost, proximity, availability  
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	\$750	\$290	\$160
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

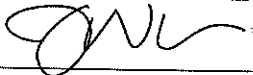
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	N/A	N/A
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A

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: March 24, 2026  
 Name: Jackie Whisman Title: Chief Development Officer  
 Organization: ITIF  
 Address: 700 K Street NW, Suite 600, Washington DC 20001  
 Email: jwhisman@itif.org Telephone: (240) 687-1834

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April 23, 2026

Ms. Ruth Ward  
Office of the Honorable Mike Johnson  
521 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Ward:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Burbank, California, scheduled for April 29 to May 1, 2026, sponsored by Information Technology and Innovation Foundation. We note that you will not be accepting return 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

**ITIF EDUCATION SERIES STAFF TRIP TO LOS ANGELES, CA – AGENDA**

Wednesday, April 29, 2026:

- 8:30 AM ET      **American Airlines Flight 1966 Departs DCA**
- 11:26 AM PT      **American Airlines Flight 1966 Arrives LAX**
- 12:00 PM      **Shuttle Departs LAX**
- 12:10 – 12:30 PM      **Lunch Stop at In-N-Out Burger (9149 S. Sepulveda Boulevard)**
- 12:45 – 2:00 PM      **SpaceX (1 Rocket Road, Hawthorne)**  
SpaceX is the world’s leading launch and space services provider for crew transportation, satellite launch, and high-speed satellite internet. SpaceX builds and launches its rockets and spacecraft in the United States and relies on a robust network of suppliers across all 50 states, supporting nearly 150,000 jobs with an economic impact of more than \$80 billion. During the visit, staff will learn more about the critical services SpaceX provides to the US government. As one of the main manufacturing facilities for the US space industry, SpaceX’s Hawthorne campus offers congressional staff a unique behind-the-scenes look at how the world’s leading space services provider achieves results that are truly, out of this world.
- 2:00 – 3:00 PM      **Drive Time + Trip Overview**  
ITIF’s Incoming President Daniel Castro will provide an overview of the organization and Jackie Whisman, Chief Development Officer, will preview what to expect during the trip.
- 3:00 – 4:30 PM      **Amgen (1 Amgen Center Drive, Thousand Oaks)**  
Amgen’s Thousand Oaks campus is the company’s global headquarters and the birthplace of its scientific innovation. From this site, Amgen discovers and develops innovative biologic medicines for patients facing some of the world’s most serious diseases, including cancer, inflammation, cardiovascular disease and rare conditions. During the visit, guests will have the opportunity to engage with Amgen scientists, and view a pilot plant used to test and refine manufacturing processes, offering a firsthand look at how scientific discovery is translated into medicines for patients around the world.

*Drive Time: 50 – 70 Minutes*

6:00 – 8:00 PM

**Biotechnology Dinner Discussion**

(Castaway Burbank, 1250 E Harvard Road, Burbank)

Moderated dinner conversation with biotechnology entrepreneurs and investors, who will provide background on their businesses and insight on the region's biotechnology innovation ecosystem.

**Industry Representatives Present:**

- **Brian Heath (Kite)**  
Brian Heath is an executive at Kite, specializing in cell therapy and oncology innovation. He has a strong background in scaling advanced therapies and driving operational excellence in biotech.
- **Shwetha Lakshmipathi (Institute for Follicular Lymphoma and Innovation – IFLI)**  
Shwetha Lakshmipathi works with IFLI to accelerate research and collaboration in follicular lymphoma. Her work centers on fostering innovation, partnerships, and patient-centered advancements in oncology.
- **Susan Windham-Bannister (Biomedical Growth Strategies)**  
Susan Windham-Bannister is a prominent life sciences leader and President and CEO of Biomedical Growth Strategies. She is also Chair of the Board of BioscienceLA, dedicated to growing the Los Angeles biotech ecosystem. She has extensive experience in strategy, economic development, and advancing healthcare innovation.
- **Dan Witzling (BioscienceLA)**  
Dan Witzling is a leader at BioscienceLA focused on strengthening the regional life sciences community. He works on strategic initiatives, partnerships, and programs that support biotech growth and innovation.

Remain Overnight     **Hotel Burbank (150 E. Angeleno Avenue, Burbank)**

Thursday, April 30, 2026:

7:00 – 8:00 AM      **Breakfast Available at Hotel**

8:00 AM              **Shuttle Departs Hotel** (*Drive Time: 30 Minutes*)

9:00 – 11:00 AM      **Universal Studios** (3900 Lankershim Blvd, Gate 2, Studio City)  
NBCUniversal technology and policy experts will provide a briefing on content theft and a new emerging form of piracy. The presentation will include a live demonstration of how consumers typically obtain unlawful content via new devices and apps, as well as the legal and policy efforts the industry is undertaking to reduce the theft of film and television content. The group will visit physical sets, post-production offices with demonstrations on digital editing, and participate in a theme park experience at Universal Studios. Throughout the visit, we will discuss copyrights, trademarks, and the licensing marketplace and the incredible resources that are invested in creating original content and park experiences, as well as discussing the importance of protecting valued intellectual property.

*Drive Time: 15-30 Minutes*

11:30 – 1:00 PM      **Walt Disney Studios** (2300 W Alameda Ave, Alameda Gate, Burbank)  
The tour will begin at Legends Plaza to learn the history of the Studio (including the history of the studio lot itself), with a focus on Walt Disney's legacy of innovation and the ways in which the studio has been a leader in creativity and will include a visit to the Team Disney Building. The group will then visit StudioLAB to learn about Disney's role in partnership with other industries to use technology to drive the art of storytelling. Following the StudioLAB tour, the group will arrive at Animation Studios to learn about the work that goes into creating animated films as well as learning how the process has evolved over the years, including the human and technology elements that drive the creative process.

*Drive Time: 30 Minutes*

1:30 – 3:00 PM      **Apple** (3555 Hayden Avenue, Culver City)  
Apple's Culver City campus serves as a major hub for the company's entertainment, services, and technology teams, including Apple TV+ and other digital media initiatives. During the visit, participants will engage with Apple executives and staff to explore how the company integrates hardware, software, and services to deliver seamless user experiences across its ecosystem. Discussions will highlight Apple's approach to innovation,

privacy, and intellectual property, as well as the growing role of original content and digital distribution in shaping the future of media and technology.

*Drive Time: 15 – 30 Minutes*

3:30 – 5:00 PM

**Universal Music** (2115 Colorado Avenue, Santa Monica)  
ITIF will join Universal Music Group (UMG) for an educational tour of its Santa Monica recording studio complex and a briefing featuring UMG digital strategy, record label, and studio executives. ITIF will learn about the nexus between music intellectual property (IP) and technology, and how each are utilized by UMG. Additional topics addressed during this highly interactive session will include: the value of artist-label partnerships; music's contributions to the U.S. economy; the risks and opportunities presented by generative artificial intelligence (AI); and how UMG's groundbreaking and innovative licensing deals are establishing a growing AI training market that ensures all parties in the music ecosystem mutually benefit, both commercially and creatively.

*Drive Time: 15 – 30 Minutes*

5:30 – 7:30 PM

**Dinner at Amazon/MGM Studios**  
(4077 Ince Boulevard, Gate 2, Culver City)  
Participants will join Amazon and MGM executives for a moderated dinner discussion focused on the evolving film and television landscape in the streaming era. Over dinner, executives will provide a briefing on Amazon/MGM's content strategy, the integration of technology and storytelling, and the business models shaping global distribution and audience engagement. Following the discussion, participants will take part in a guided tour of the studio facilities, offering a behind-the-scenes look at production and post-production operations.

Remain Overnight

**Hotel Burbank** (150 E. Angeleno Avenue, Burbank)

Friday, May 1, 2026:

- 7:00 – 8:00 AM      **Breakfast Available at Hotel**
- 8:00 AM              **Shuttle Departs Hotel** (*Drive Time: 45 – 60 Minutes*)
- 9:00 – 10:15 AM    **Infineon** (101 Pacific Coast Highway, El Segundo)  
Infineon is a global leader in semiconductor solutions, with a strong focus on power systems, automotive technologies, and secure digital infrastructure. During the visit, participants will meet with company experts to learn how advanced semiconductors enable critical technologies such as electric vehicles, renewable energy systems, and secure connected devices. The discussion will also explore supply chain resilience, the strategic importance of domestic semiconductor manufacturing, and the policy landscape shaping innovation and competitiveness in the global semiconductor industry.
- 11:00 AM            **Airport Check In**
- 12:32 PM PT        **American Airlines Flight 591 Departs LAX**
- 8:35 PM ET         **American Airlines Flight 591 Arrives DCA**

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

The following Congressional staffers are flying within the ITIF provided flight block (detailed in the Agenda above):

- Sarah Coffman, Legislative Director, Office of Rep. James Comer (KY-01)
- David Dorfman, Deputy Chief of Staff / Chief Counsel, China Select Committee
- Sam Jockisch, Legislative Assistant, Office of Rep. Darin LaHood (IL-16)
- Alex Khlopin, Policy Analyst, Committee on Energy and Commerce
- Ryan Orr, Legislative Correspondent, Office of Sen. Bill Cassidy (LA)
- Margot Putnam, Legislative Assistant, Office of Rep. Deborah Ross (NC-02)
- Arturo Reyes, Senior Legislative Assistant, Office of Rep. Valerie Foushee (NC-04)
- Ruth Ward, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Mike Johnson (LA-04)

The following Congressional staffers are flying separately from the ITIF provided flight block. Their flight plans are detailed below:

- **Selene Ceja**, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Rep. Ro Khanna (CA-17)
  - Outbound - Wednesday, April 29:
    - 7:27 PM EDT: United Airlines 797 Departs Washington, DC (IAD) to LAX
  - Return – Selene extended her stay in LA due to a district staff retreat and only required a one-way flight from ITIF.
- **Shourya Jain**, Fellow, Office of Rep. Kevin Mullin (CA-15)
  - Outbound – Wednesday, April 29:
    - 8:30 AM EDT: American Airlines 1966 Departs Washington, DC (DCA)
  - Return - Friday, May 1:
    - 4:57 PM PDT: Alaskan Airline 614 Departs LAX to IAD

**ITIF EDUCATION SERIES STAFF TRIP TO LOS ANGELES, CA – INVITEES**

Attachment 1 – Question 4:

We invited staff on committees with jurisdiction over science and technology, intellectual property, copyright, and life sciences.

**Full Invitation List:**

First Name	Last Name	Title	Organization Name (Parent)
James	Adams	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Josh Gottheimer
Diane	Adamson	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Jamie Raskin
Elizabeth	Adkins	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Valerie P. Foushee
Isaiah	Akin	Legislative Director	Office of Senator Ron Wyden
Shinnola	Alexander	Policy Advisor	Office of Representative Sara Jacobs
Erica	Andeweg	Senior Policy Advisor	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Hannah	Anton	Policy Analyst	Committee on Energy and Commerce
Uday	Aryal	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Zach	Atran	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Representative Ted W. Lieu
Marie	Baldassarre	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Ro Khanna
Amanda	Baldwin	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Nathaniel Moran
Jennifer	Bel Miller	Chief of Staff/Senior Advisor	Office of Representative Steve Scalise
Brianne	Binder	Counsel	Committee on the Judiciary
Maher	Bitar	Chief Counsel and National Security Advisor	Office of Sen. Adam Schiff (CA)
Sarah	Bittleman	Policy Director	Committee on Finance
Richard	Blackmon	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Robert Garcia (CA-42)
Luke	Blanchat	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Richard Hudson
Patrick	Boland	Chief of Staff	Office of Senator Adam B. Schiff

Lorissa	Bounds	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Jay Obernolte
Andrew	Bower	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Robert Garcia
Drew	Brandewie	Chief of Staff	Office of Senator John Cornyn
Sean	Brislin	Chief of Staff/Legislative Director	Office of Representative Nancy Mace
Jennifer	Burks	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Mazie K. Hirono
Benjamin	Burnett	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Eric Swalwell
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Molly	Carpenter	Legislative Director	Office of Senator Mike Crapo
Mary Kate	Carter	International Trade Counsel	Committee on Finance
Amanda	Cash	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative James Comer
Selene	Ceja	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Representative Ro Khanna
Marc	Cevasco	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Ted W. Lieu
Sean	Chilson	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Jim Jordan
Abigail	Cipparone	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Jamie Raskin
Sarah	Coffman	Legislative Director	Office of Representative James Comer
John	Cooper	Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director	Office of Representative Doris O. Matsui
Reid	Dagul	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Ben Cline
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Rory	Daly	Professional Staff Member	China Select Committee
Jennifer	Davis	Chief of Staff/Director of Scheduling	Office of Senator Chuck Grassley
Maddy	Davis	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Giulia	DiGuglielmo	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Darrell Edward Issa
Jared	Dilley	Deputy Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Jim Jordan
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Ariel	Dorsey	Senior Professional Staff Member	Committee on Ways and Means
Samuel	duPont	Economic Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Chris Coons
Kevin	Eichinger	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Jim Jordan
John	Etue	Chief of Staff	Office of Senator Ted Cruz
Tyler	Fagan	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Mike Johnson
Jamie	Finch	Senior Advisor	Office of Representative Nancy Mace
Liam	Fitzsimmons	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Frank Pallone, Jr.
Jamie	Fleet	Senior Advisor	Office of House Minority Leader
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Marcus	Garza	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Hank Johnson
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Connor	Glisson	Tech Policy Counsel	Office of Senator Marsha W. Blackburn
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Veronica	Wong	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Darrell Edward Issa
Connor	Wood	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Haley Stevens
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ATTACHMENT 2 – Question 12:

ITIF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2006 whose mission is to formulate and promote public policies to advance technological innovation and productivity. Recognizing the vital role of technology in ensuring American prosperity, ITIF focuses on innovation, productivity and digital economy issues. Our interest in the trip is to help staff better understand how new technologies and technology applications are developing and what the trends are likely to be in the future, so that they can better understand and respond to the technological challenges facing our nation.

ITIF is co-chaired by former members of Congress Ron Kind and Phil English and governed by a board of distinguished IT and innovation policy leaders and experts. Senators Chris Coons and Todd Young are the Foundation's Honorary Senate Co-Chairs, and Congresswoman Suzan DelBene and Darrell Issa are the Foundation's Honorary House Co-Chairs.

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