

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.

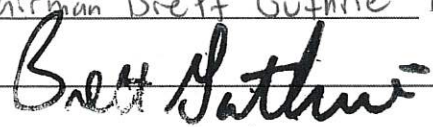
1. Name of Traveler: Michael Essington
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** ☒ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: May 15, 2026 Return: May 17, 2026
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: May 16, 2026 - May 17, 2026 **OR** ☐ None
4. Departure City: Arlington VA Destination: Hershey, PA Return City: Arlington, VA
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Attended FCBA Policy Summit and spoke on a panel about Congressional priorities in communication & technology sectors
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: 6-1-26

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: Chairman Brett Guthrie Date: 6/1/26

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: Federal Communications Bar Association
2. Travel Destination(s): The Hotel Hershey, Hershey, PA
3. Date of Departure: 5/15/2026 Date of Return: 5/17/2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Michael Essington

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	\$185.60	\$320.79	\$120	\$175 (registration fee)
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: Kerry Loughney Digitally signed by Kerry Loughney
Date: 2026.05.27 20:32:43 -04'00' Date: 5/27/2026

Name: Kerry Loughney Title: Executive Director

Organization: Federal Communications Bar Association

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

Address: 1020 19th Street, NW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20036

Telephone: 202-293-4000 Email: kerry@fcba.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

1. Name of Traveler: Michael Essington
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Federal Communications Bar Association
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Hershey, PA
4. a. Date of Departure: May 15, 2026 Date of Return: May 17, 2026
b. Yes ☒ No ☐ Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: extending from the afternoon of May 16 through the morning of May 17
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.**
The FCBA is a professional bar association for attorneys and others involved with federal telecommunications and tech legislation and regulation. As the Chief Counsel for the E&C Subcommittee on Communications & Technology, the communications speakers will be beneficial to hear from and my participation in a panel will be influential for the event.
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: 5/4/26

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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:

Federal Communications Bar Association

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): _____

Parul Desai and Michael Essington - see attachment for more information

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

6. Date of Departure: May 15, 2026 Date of Return: May 17, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Hershey, PA

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:

The FCBA is a professional bar association for attorneys and others involved with telecommunications and tech legislation and regulation. The FCBA provides educational opportunities to its members through activities such as the Annual Seminar. The FCBA handles all logistics from securing the location, agenda, speakers, sponsors, theme.

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: individual personal vehicle)
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): _____

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

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

Hotel Name: The Hotel Hershey City: Hershey, PA Cost Per Night: \$289

Reason(s) for Selecting: Location. The Seminar rotates between locations within driving distance of DC.

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:**

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$180 mileage	\$289+tax per night	\$135
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	\$125	Registration Fee
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: Kerry Loughney

Digitally signed by Kerry Loughney
Date: 2026.04.07 18:47:09 -04'00'

Date: 4/6/2026

Name: Kerry Loughney

Title: Executive Director

Organization: Federal Communications Bar Association

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



ANNUAL SEMINAR AGENDA

(as of 4/09/26)

May 15-17, 2026 ~ The Hotel Hershey, Hershey, PA

FRIDAY, MAY 15

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| 1:00 – 5:30 p.m. | Registration |
| 2:30 – 3:05 p.m. | Networking Time |
| 3:05 – 3:10 p.m. | Seminar Welcome – FCBA President Matt DelNero |
| 3:10 – 3:50 p.m. | A View From the 10th Floor
<i>Moderators: Anisa Green, AT&T and Other TBD</i>
<i>Panelists:</i>
Anthony Patrone , Chairman Carr's Office
Harsha Mudaliar , Commissioner Gomez's Office
Will Holloway , Commissioner Trusty's Office |
| 3:50 – 4:35 p.m. | The Agency General Counsel Perspective
<i>Moderator: Josh Turner, Wiley</i>

David Brodian , Chief Counsel, NTIA
Adam Candeub , General Counsel, FCC |
| 4:35 – 4:45 p.m. | Break |
| 4:45 – 5:15 p.m. | A Fireside Chat with FCC Chairman Brendan Carr
<i>Moderator: FCBA President Matt DelNero</i> |
| 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Opening Reception – Sponsored by Crest Hill Advisors |
| 6:45 – 8:45 p.m. | Family Taco Night |
| 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. | Bingo – Sponsored by AT&T Services |
| 8:45 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. | After Dinner Drinks |

SATURDAY, MAY 16

7:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Breakfast in the Circular Dining Room
8:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Registration
9:00 – 9:35 a.m.	A Fireside Chat with Voices of the Administration <i>Moderator: TBD</i> Ryan Baasch , Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Deputy Director of the National Economic Council Brooke Donilon , Chief of Staff, NTIA
9:35 – 9:45 a.m.	Break
9:45 – 10:25 a.m.	World Radio Conference 2027 <i>Moderator: Steve Lang, Crest Hill Advisors</i> <i>Panelists:</i> Umair Javed , General Counsel, CTIA <i>Additional Panelists Pending</i>
10:25 – 10:50 a.m.	The Word on Capitol Hill <i>Moderators: TBD</i> <i>Panelists:</i> Parul Desai , Chief Minority Counsel, Communications & Technology Subcommittee, House Energy & Commerce Committee Michael Essington , Chief Counsel, Communications & Technology Subcommittee, House Energy & Commerce Committee Phil Murphy , Senior Professional Staff, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation Courtney Reinhard , Chief Telecommunications Counsel, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation
10:50 – 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Bureau Chief Insights <i>Moderators: TBD</i> <i>Panelists:</i> Joseph Calascione , Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau Zenji Nakazawa , Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Jay Schwarz , Chief, Space Bureau Joel Taubenblatt , Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau <i>Additional Panelists Pending</i>
11:30 a.m. – Noon	A Fireside Chat with FCC Commissioner Anna Gomez <i>Moderator: Tom Power, Big Star LLC</i>

Lunch on your own

1:15 p.m.

Golf Tournament

1:30 p.m.

Hershey Story Museum Chocolate Lab Experience & Chocolate Tasting
– Subsidized by Lynne Milne

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Group Hike at the Hotel Hershey
Organized by the Young Lawyers Committee

2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Tröegs Independent Brewery Meet Up – Individual Pay on Own
Organized by the Young Lawyers Committee

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Happy Hour Meet Up at the Hotel – Individual Pay on Own
Organized by the Young Lawyers Committee

6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Kids Dinner and Activities (ages 5-12)

7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Reception – *Sponsored by Somos*

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Dinner Buffet – Remarks by FCBA President **Matt DelNero**

9:30 – 11:59 p.m.

After Dinner Reception and Karaoke – *Sponsored by Hogan Lovells*

SUNDAY, MAY 17

7:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Breakfast in the Circular Dining Room

Michael Guest, Mississippi
Chairman
Mark DeSaulnier, California
Ranking Member

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

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



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May 12, 2026

Mr. Michael Essington
Committee on Energy & Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Essington:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Hershey, Pennsylvania, scheduled for May 15 to 17, 2026, sponsored by Federal Communications Bar Association. We note that this trip includes one day at your personal expense.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$525 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

MG/MD:nl

April 1, 2026

Michael Essington
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Michael,

I am pleased to invite you to participate as a speaker at the FCBA's 2026 Annual Seminar to be held May 15-17 at the Hotel Hershey in Hershey, PA. We would be honored to have your participation.

The Annual Seminar is designed to provide an opportunity for FCBA members and experts such as you to address important tech and communications law and policy issues in a casual atmosphere outside of the traditional Washington business meeting.

The FCBA will, to the extent allowed by Ethics Rules, provide you with complimentary seminar registration and housing.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the Annual Seminar.

I hope you will be able to join us!

Sincerely,

Kerry Loughney

Kerry Loughney
Executive Director
Federal Communications Bar Association