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: Matthew Esguerra

2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____

3. a. Dates: Departure: June 21, 2026 Return: June 23, 2026
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None

4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Cambridge, MD Return City: Washington, DC

5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Congressional Institute

6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: I attended seminars on how to best ensure my staff are ethics compliant, how an idea can actually become law, and how to utilize AI in my office.

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: [signature] **Date:** 07/01/2026

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Rep. Lance Gooden **Date:** 07/01/2026

Signature of Supervising Member: [signature]

last updated 7/2023

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☒ *Original* ☐ *Amendmen*

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.

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Congressional Institute
2. Travel Destination(s): Cambridge, MD
3. Date of Departure: June 21, 2026 Date of Return: June 23, 2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): See attached list

   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	n/a	$383.64	$220.63	$416.39 - Room Rental
Accompanying Family Member	n/a	n/a	n/a	

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: Brenda L Becker **Date:** June 29, 2026

Name: Brenda Becker **Title:** Chair

Organization: Congressional Institute

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

Address: 1700 Diagonal Road #300, Alexandria, VA 22314

Telephone: 703-837-8812 **Email:** amym@conginst.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: Matthew Esguerra

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Congressional Institute

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Cambridge, Maryland

4. a. Date of Departure: June 21, 2026 Date of Return: June 23, 2026

   b. Yes ☐ No ■ Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?

   If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____

5. a. Yes ☐ No ■ Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**

   (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____

   (2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____

   (3) Yes ☐ No ☐ Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?

6. a. Yes ☐ No ■ Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?

   b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes ■ No ☐ *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

   NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**

   I am the Chief of Staff for Congressman Lance Gooden. I would benefit on learning how to best put together a strategic plan for my staff as I manage the entire office, learning about best ~~practices when it comes to ethics to ensure we are serving our constituents in an ethical manner,~~ and running a great customer-service first operation as that's our first job - serving our constituents

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: Lance Gooden **Date:** 5/15/26

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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:

   Congressional 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 addendum & attached invitation list

5. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: June 21, 2026 Date of Return: June 23, 2026
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
   b. Destination(s): Cambridge, MD
   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 addendum
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):
         Day 1- $67, Day 2 - $119, Day 3 - $36
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
         Relative proximity to DC and capacity to handle a large event
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
   Hotel Name: Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay City: Cambridge, MD Cost Per Night: $192
   Reason(s) for Selecting: proximity to DC, availability & facility size
   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	$118	$384	$222
For each Accompanying Family Member	$118	n/a	$222

	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	$442	Room Rental
For each Accompanying Family Member	$442	Room Rental

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: Brenda L Becker Date: April 22, 2026

Name: Brenda Becker Title: Chair

Organization: Congressional Institute

Address: 1700 Diagonal Road #300, Alexandria, VA 22314

Email: amym@conginst.org Telephone: 703-837-8812

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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June 17, 2026

Mr. Matthew Esguerra
Office of the Honorable Lance Gooden
2431 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Esguerra:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Cambridge, Maryland, scheduled for June 21 to 23, 2026, sponsored by Congressional Institute.

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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2026 CHIEFS OF STAFF CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE AGENDA

DAY 1

The Congressional Institute welcomes you to this year's Chiefs of Staff Conference, grounded in our commitment to strengthen the institution by supporting those who serve within it.

Sunday,
June 21, 2026

3:00 pm	**BUSES DEPART CAPITOL HILL**	S. Capitol Street (Between Rayburn & Longworth)
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION** *Attendees may arrive and check in at any time during this open registration period to receive event materials and credentials.*	Hotel Lobby
4:00 pm	**HOTEL CHECK-IN**	
5:00 pm	**BUSES ARRIVE AT THE HYATT REGENCY CHESAPEAKE BAY**	Hotel Main Entrance (Lower Level)
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	**DINNER**	Regatta Pavilion *Rain Location: Choptank Ballroom*

DAY 2

Monday,
June 22, 2026

7:45 am - 8:45 am	**BREAKFAST**	Water's Edge Grill
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	**CONGRESSIONAL INSTITUTE HELP DESK**	Chesapeake Foyer

9:00 am - 10:15 am	**KICKOFF & WELCOME** Brenda Becker, Chair, Congressional Institute Board of Directors **OPERATING WITHOUT A STRATEGIC PLAN VS. LEADING WITH ONE** Jamie Jones Miller, Dean and CEO, Northeastern University, Arlington Campus, Former House Chief of Staff *Jaryn Emhof, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Daniel Webster, Moderator*	Chesapeake Ballroom
10:15 am - 11:45 am	**BUILD THE CULTURE. BUILD THE TEAM. BUILD WHAT'S NEXT.** Dee Ann Turner, CEO, Dee Ann Turner & Assoc., Former Vice President, Talent, Chick-Fil-A *Blake Nolan, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Vern Buchanan, Moderator for Q and A*	Chesapeake Ballroom
11:45 am - 12:45 pm	**CONGRESSIONAL INSTITUTE LUNCH**	Manor Lawn *Rain Location: Choptank Ballroom*
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm	**AI, CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE OPERATIONS, AND GOVERNANCE** Dean Ball, Senior Fellow, Foundation for American Innovation Melissa Kelly, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Scott Franklin *Lisa Camooso Miller, Congressional Institute, Moderator*	Chesapeake Ballroom
2:15 pm - 3:15 pm	**APPLIED WORKING SESSIONS** Join one of the three applied working sessions offered across two separate breakout periods. **AI WORKSHOP: HOW TO MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU AND YOUR OFFICE** Meghan Dorn, Congressional Affairs Lead, OpenAI (ChatGPT) Lauren Oliphant, Solutions Engineering Leader for Government and Education, OpenAI *Lisa Camooso Miller, Congressional Institute, Moderator* **ETHICS: TOP QUESTIONS AND BEST PRACTICES** Elliot Berke, Managing Partner, Berke Farah LLP Daniel Bucheli, Director, Communications Standards Commission Merrill Weber, Deputy General Counsel, National Republican Congressional Committee *Jo-Marie St. Martin, Congressional Institute Board of Directors, Moderator*	Chesapeake Ballroom Galleon (Lobby Level)

	TURNING AN IDEA INTO LAW: BUILDING A LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY Yvette Wissmann, Floor Director, Majority Leader Steve Scalise Chris Vieson, Cofounder and Principal, The VM Group DC, Former Committee Staff Director Sofia Jones, Member Services and Coalitions Director, House Committee on Agriculture *Jake Vreeburg, Fierce Government Relations, Former Policy Director and Staff Director, Moderator*	Schooner (Lobby Level)
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	**APPLIED WORKING SESSIONS** Join one of the three applied working sessions offered across two separate breakout periods.	
	AI WORKSHOP: HOW TO MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU AND YOUR OFFICE Macaulay Porter, Civic Outreach Manager, Google (Gemini) *Lisa Camooso Miller, Congressional Institute, Moderator*	Chesapeake Ballroom
	ETHICS: TOP QUESTIONS AND BEST PRACTICES Elliot Berke, Managing Partner, Berke Farah LLP Daniel Bucheli, Director, Communications Standards Commission Merrill Weber, Deputy General Counsel, National Republican Congressional Committee *Jo-Marie St. Martin, Congressional Institute Board of Directors, Moderator*	Galleon (Lobby Level)
	TURNING AN IDEA INTO LAW: BUILDING A LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY Yvette Wissmann, Floor Director, Majority Leader Steve Scalise Chris Vieson, Cofounder and Principal, The VM Group DC, Former Committee Staff Director Sofia Jones, Member Services and Coalitions Director, House Committee on Agriculture *Jake Vreeburg, Fierce Government Relations, Former Policy Director and Staff Director, Moderator*	Schooner (Lobby Level)
4:30 pm - 7:00 pm	**BREAK** *As a reminder, while participating in privately sponsored travel, you may not use this time for official meetings, agenda-setting activities, or campaign-related work. You may check email or briefly communicate with your office as needed.*	
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	**THE RIVERSIDE DINNER**	Crescent Pool *Rain Location: Choptank Ballroom*

DAY 3

Hotel checkout is at 11:00 am. Attendees can bring their luggage to Choptank.

Tuesday,
June 23, 2026

8:00 am - 10:00 am	**CONGRESSIONAL INSTITUTE HELP DESK**	Chesapeake Foyer
8:30 am - 9:30 am	**BREAKFAST BRIEFING: POLICY, THE PEOPLE AND THE ROAD AHEAD** Robert Blizzard, Founder/CEO, UpONE Insights Patrick Ruffini, Founding Partner, Echelon Insights *Parker Poling, Congressional Institute Board of Directors, Moderator*	Chesapeake Ballroom
9:30 am	**CONFERENCE CONCLUDES**	
10:00 am	**BUSES DEPART HOTEL**	Conference Center Entrance (Lower Level)
11:00 am	**HOTEL CHECK-OUT**	
12:00 pm	**BUSES ARRIVE AT CAPITOL HILL**	S. Capitol Street

Chiefs of Staff Conference - Participant List

First Name	Last Name	Company Name	Title
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Nick	Lunneborg	Office of Rep. Taylor (OH-02)	Chief of Staff
Michael	Martin	Office of Rep. Alford (MO-04)	Chief of Staff
Sean	McCabe	Office of Rep. Harrigan (NC-10)	Chief of Staff
Tim	Medeiros	Office of Rep. Feenstra (IA-04)	Chief of Staff
Carson	Middleton	Office of Rep. Foxx (NC-05)/Committee on Rules	Chief of Staff/Policy Director
Megan	Miller	Office of Rep. Scalise (LA-01)	Chief of Staff
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Emilio	Navarrete	Office of Rep. Fallon (TX-04)	Chief of Staff
Griffin	Neal	Office of Speaker Johnson	Press Secretary
Blake	Nolan	Office of Rep. Buchanan (FL-16)	Chief of Staff
James	Norton	Office of Rep. Boebert (CO-04)	Chief of Staff
Brooke	Oliver	Office of Rep. Pfluger (TX-11)	Chief of Staff
Ashleigh	Padgett	Office of Rep. Loudermilk (GA-11)	Chief of Staff
Hillary	Parkinson	Office of Rep. Self (TX-03)	Chief of Staff
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2026 CHIEFS OF STAFF CONFERENCE

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DAY 1

The Congressional Institute welcomes you to this year's Chiefs of Staff Conference, grounded in our commitment to strengthen the institution by supporting those who serve within it.

Sunday,
June 21, 2026

3:00 pm	**BUSES DEPART CAPITOL HILL**	S. Capitol Street (Between Rayburn & Longworth)
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION** *Attendees may arrive and check in at any time during this open registration period to receive event materials and credentials.*	Choptank Ballroom and Courtyard
5:00 pm	**BUSES ARRIVE AT THE HYATT REGENCY CHESAPEAKE BAY**	Conference Center Entrance (Lower Level)
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	**DINNER**	Regatta Pavilion *Rain Location: Choptank Ballroom*

DAY 2

Monday,
June 22, 2026

7:45 am - 8:45 am	**BREAKFAST**	Water's Edge Grill
9:00 am - 10:15 am	**KICK-OFF & WELCOME** Brenda Becker, Chair, Congressional Institute Board of Directors	Chesapeake Ballroom

	OPERATING WITHOUT A STRATEGIC PLAN VS. LEADING WITH ONE Jamie Jones Miller, Dean and CEO, Northeastern University, Arlington Campus, Former House Chief of Staff *Jaryn Emhof, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Daniel Webster, Moderator* *This session will explore how to set effective priorities, how to incorporate them into a strategic plan, and how to use that plan to guide your decision making. An effective plan can help your office focus on the Member's priorities, strengthen team and individual performance, and create a great sense of impact for constituents and the country.*	
10:15 am - 11:45 am	**BUILD THE CULTURE. BUILD THE TEAM. BUILD WHAT'S NEXT.** Dee Ann Turner, CEO, Dee Ann Turner & Assoc., Former Vice President for Talent, Chick-Fil-A *Blake Nolan, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Vern Buchanan, Moderator for Q and A* *This session will focus on developing a strong office culture and how that can help attract, motivate, and retain top performers. It will also provide practical advice on how to build your own pipelines of talent for recruitment. Our speaker will also offer tips on how to manage and motivate different generations of staff, including "Gen Z."*	Chesapeake Ballroom
11:45 am - 12:45 pm	**LUNCH**	Manor Lawn *Rain Location: Choptank Ballroom*
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm	**AI, CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE OPERATIONS, AND GOVERNANCE** Dean Ball, Senior Fellow, Foundation for American Innovation Melissa Kelly, Chief of Staff, Office of the Honorable Scott Franklin *TBD, Moderator (external speaker)* *Artificial Intelligence is poised to change and improve the way we work, including in the Legislative Branch, where it can expand capacity and strengthen office operations. As a representational body, however, Congress has unique issues and questions to grapple with in deciding whether, and how, to apply this evolving technology. This session will focus on potential use cases and the key questions to consider regarding AI use in Congress.*	Chesapeake Ballroom
2:15 pm - 3:15 pm	**APPLIED WORKING SESSIONS** Join one of the three applied working sessions offered across two separate breakout periods.	

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AI WORKSHOP: HOW TO MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU AND YOUR OFFICE

Meghan Dorn, Congressional Affairs Lead, OpenAI
Moderated by Lisa Camooso Miller, host of the Friday Reporter

A representative from OpenAI will discuss specific use cases and demonstrate how chiefs can apply specific AI technology (ChatGPT) to maximize operations and improve workflow.

ETHICS: TOP QUESTIONS AND BEST PRACTICES

Elliot Berke, Managing Partner, Berke Farah LLP
Daniel Bucheli, Director, House Commission on Communications Standards
Ryan Dollar, General Counsel, National Republican Congressional Committee
Jo-Marie St. Martin, Congressional Institute Board of Directors, Moderator

This session focuses on the ethics questions and issues Chiefs of Staff are most likely to encounter in their day-to-day operations. The discussion will focus on the "top" issues that can cause confusion, are most frequently encountered, or may be more likely to arise in an election year. The panel will also highlight best practices, operational guidance, and real-world considerations to help offices navigate complex situations with greater clarity, consistency, and confidence.

TURNING AN IDEA INTO LAW: BUILDING A LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY

Jake Vreeburg, Fierce Government Relations, Former Policy Director and Staff Director, Moderator
Yvette Wissmann, Floor Director, House Republican Majority Leader Steve Scalise
Chris Vieson, Cofounder and Principal, The VM Group DC, Former Committee Staff Director
Sofia Jones, Member Services and Coalitions Director, House Committee on Agriculture

This session will explore the strategy, process, and coordination required to move legislative priorities through committee and, ultimately, to the House Floor. Speakers will provide practical insights into how a legislative strategy is developed, how offices build support and momentum, and what Leadership and committees consider when evaluating legislation for Floor consideration.

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3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	**APPLIED WORKING SESSIONS** Join one of the three applied working sessions offered across two separate breakout periods. **AI WORKSHOP: HOW TO MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU AND YOUR OFFICE** Google (invited) *Moderated by Lisa Camooso Miller, host of the Friday Reporter* *Representatives from Google will discuss specific use cases and demonstrate how chiefs can apply specific AI technology (Gemini) to maximize operations and improve workflow.* **ETHICS: TOP QUESTIONS AND BEST PRACTICES** Elliot Berke, Managing Partner, Berke Farah LLP Daniel Bucheli, Director, House Commission on Communications Standards Ryan Dollar, General Counsel, National Republican Congressional Committee *Jo-Marie St. Martin, Congressional Institute Board of Directors, Moderator* *This session focuses on the ethics questions and issues Chiefs of Staff are most likely to encounter in their day-to-day operations. The discussion will focus on the "top" issues that can cause confusion, are most frequently encountered, or may be more likely to arise in an election year. The panel will also highlight best practices, operational guidance, and real-world considerations to help offices navigate complex situations with greater clarity, consistency, and confidence.* **TURNING AN IDEA INTO LAW: BUILDING A LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY** *Jake Vreeburg, Fierce Government Relations, Former Policy Director and Staff Director, Moderator* Yvette Wissmann, Floor Director, House Republican Majority Leader Steve Scalise Chris Vieson, Cofounder and Principal, The VM Group DC, Former Committee Staff Director Sofia Jones, Member Services and Coalitions Director, House Committee on Agriculture *This session will explore the strategy, process, and coordination required to move Members' legislative priorities through committee and, ultimately, to the House Floor. Speakers will provide practical insights into how a legislative strategy is developed, how offices build support and momentum, and what Leadership and committees*	

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	consider when evaluating legislation for Floor consideration.	
4:30 pm - 7:00 pm	**BREAK*** **As a reminder, while participating in privately sponsored travel, you may not use this time for official meetings, agenda-setting activities, or campaign-related work. You may check email or briefly communicate with your office as needed.*	
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	**DINNER**	Crescent Pool *Rain Location: Choptank Ballroom*

DAY 3

Hotel checkout is at 11:00 am. Attendees can bring their luggage to Choptank.

Tuesday,
June 23, 2026

8:30 am - 9:30 am	**BREAKFAST BRIEFING: POLICY, THE PEOPLE, AND THE ROAD AHEAD** Robert Blizzard, CEO, UpONEInsights *Parker Poling, Congressional Institute Board of Directors, Moderator* *What do the American people want from the government this year and next year? This session will explore public sentiment and how to communicate policy wins with constituents.*	Chesapeake Ballroom
9:30 am	**CONFERENCE CONCLUDES**	
10:00 am	**BUSES DEPART HOTEL**	Conference Center Entrance (Lower Level)
12:00 pm	**BUSES ARRIVE AT CAPITOL HILL**	S. Capitol Street

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ADDENDUM

Question 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 invitation list. This Congressional Institute sponsored conference focuses on the important role of the Chief of Staff in congressional offices. Therefore, the invitation to this conference is being extended to Chiefs of Staff in House Majority personal offices, the Staff Directors in House Majority committee offices, select leadership staff, and any House staff who will present at the conference.

Question 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 purpose of the Congressional Institute (a 501(c)4 organization) is to promote public education about Congress and to hold educational conferences for Members of Congress, staff and others. The Congressional Institute is the sole organizer and conductor of this event. The Congressional Institute is dedicated to helping Congressional offices better serve their constituents and to otherwise support and further the Member's legislative and representational roles. Chiefs of Staffs play essential parts in these, and other important aspects and functions, of personal, committee, and leadership offices. This conference is designed to strengthen professional relationships among Chiefs of Staff, senior leadership and committee staff, educate them on policy issues and best practices, and encourage the exchange of ideas with colleagues. The Congressional Institute is fully responsible for organizing and funding the conference.

Chiefs of Staff Conference - Invitation List

First Name	Last Name	Company Name	Title
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Sara Brooks	Adams	Office of Majority Leader Scalise	Scheduler
Rick	Adkins	Office of Rep. Biggs (SC-03)	Chief of Staff
Nolan	Ahern	Office of Majority Whip Emmer	Deputy Policy Director
Amy	Albro	Office of Rep. Bice (OK-05)	Chief of Staff (OK)
Aidan	Aldridge	House Republican Conference	Member Services Coordinator
Viviana	Almaguer	Office of Rep. Hunt (TX-38)	Chief of Staff
Alyssa	Anderson Becker	Office of Rep. Mackenzie (PA-07)	Chief of Staff
Rey	Anthony	Office of Rep. Gimenez (FL-28)	Chief of Staff
Cyrus	Artz	Office of Speaker Johnson	Senior Policy Advisor
Amanda	Baldwin	Office of Rep. Moran (TX-01)	Chief of Staff
Bill	Ball	Office of Speaker Johnson	Senior Policy Advisor
Katie	Bankert	Office of Rep. Williams (TX-25)	Chief of Staff
Joe	Barry	Republican Policy Committee	Executive Director
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Nick	Bayer	Office of Rep. Hurd (CO-03)	Chief of Staff
Cliff	Bayer	Office of Rep. Fulcher (ID-01)	Chief of Staff
Chris	Bayles	Office of Rep. Palmer (AL-06)	Chief of Staff
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Lyssa	Bell	Republican Study Committee	Executive Director
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Brooke	Bennett	Office of Rep. Hill (AR-02)	Chief of Staff
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Claire	Bienvenu	Office of Speaker Johnson	Legislative Assistant
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Alex	Blair	Office of Rep. Steube (FL-17)	Chief of Staff
Robert	Boland	Office of Majority Whip Emmer	Chief of Staff
Aaron	Bonnaure	Office of Rep. Reschenthaler (PA-14)	Chief of Staff to the House Chief Deputy Republican Whip
Julian	Bordallo	Office of Rep. Moylan (GU-AL)	Chief of Staff
Lorissa	Bounds	Office of Rep. Obernolte (CA-23)	Chief of Staff
Parish	Braden	Committee on Agriculture	Staff Director
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Greg	Brooks	Office of Speaker Johnson	House Operations Director
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Jon	Clark	Committee on Veterans' Affairs	Staff Director
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Frank	Collins	Office of Rep. Patronis (FL-01)	Chief of Staff
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ADDENDUM

Question 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 invitation list. This Congressional Institute sponsored conference focuses on the important role of the Chief of Staff in congressional offices. Therefore, the invitation to this conference is being extended to Chiefs of Staff in House Majority personal offices, the Staff Directors in House Majority committee offices, select leadership staff, and any House staff who will present at the conference.

Question 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 purpose of the Congressional Institute (a 501(c)4 organization) is to promote public education about Congress and to hold educational conferences for Members of Congress, staff and others. The Congressional Institute is the sole organizer and conductor of this event. The Congressional Institute is dedicated to helping Congressional offices better serve their constituents and to otherwise support and further the Member's legislative and representational roles. Chiefs of Staffs play essential parts in these, and other important aspects and functions, of personal, committee, and leadership offices. This conference is designed to strengthen professional relationships among Chiefs of Staff, senior leadership and committee staff, educate them on policy issues and best practices, and encourage the exchange of ideas with colleagues. The Congressional Institute is fully responsible for organizing and funding the conference.

2026 CHIEFS OF STAFF CONFERENCE

DRAFT AGENDA

This is a draft agenda showing proposed timing, structure, and potential topics, subject to further update and refinement.

DAY 1	The Congressional Institute welcomes you to this year's Chiefs of Staff Conference, grounded in the Institute's commitment to strengthen the institution by supporting those who serve within it.	
Sunday, June 21, 2026	**1:00 pm-3:00 pm**	**BUSES DEPART CAPITOL HILL**
	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**
	6:30 pm - 10:00 pm	**DINNER (OUTSIDE)**

DAY 2		
Monday, June 22, 2026	**7:45 am - 8:45 am**	**BREAKFAST**
	9:00 am - 10:00 am	**AMERICA'S FOUNDING PRINCIPLES AND MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF TODAY** Speaker/panel discussion discussing America's foundational principles and how America is uniquely positioned to meet the challenges of today as we commemorate 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. *OR* **ARTICLE I – THE FIRST BRANCH** Speaker/panel discussion on the role of the First Branch.
	10:00 am - 10:15 am	**BREAK**

10:15 am - 11:45 am	**BUILDING AND RETAINING THE TEAM: STRATEGIES FOR RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND CULTURE BUILDING** This panel discussion will provide chiefs/managers with tools, tactics, and practical advice for meeting staff recruitment and retention challenges in Congress based on private sector best practices applied to the uniqueness of Capitol Hill.
11:45 am - 1:00 pm	**LUNCH**
1:15 pm- 2:15 pm	**CRISIS COMMUNICATION: LEADING IN A CRISIS.** This session/workshop focuses on how to identify risks early, prepare for high-pressure moments, and guide the overall communications strategy when challenges arise.
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	**SMALL GROUP WORKING SESSIONS (FIRST HOUR)** Note: three separate sessions are offered in each of the hour-long afternoon time blocks for attendees to choose the topic(s) most beneficial to them. Grounded in leadership development, these sessions are designed, through smaller discussions, to provide tools/advice for leading and supporting a team and making informed, strategic decisions. **OPTION 1: OPERATING WITHOUT A STRATEGIC PLAN VS. LEADING WITH ONE** What does a strategic plan look like in a Congressional office and what happens without one? This session will explore the purpose and value of strategic planning and how it shapes priorities, decision making, and day-to-day operations, as well as the risks of operating without a clear plan. It will also provide practical guidance on how to build and implement a strategic plan. **OPTION 2: RUNNING A CUSTOMER SERVICE-FOCUSED OPERATION** This session will focus on how Chiefs of Staff can establish and reinforce a clear standard of customer service across their teams in day-to-day operations and how excellence in service can improve your office's productivity and brand. **OPTION 3: ETHICS IN PRACTICE** This session will focus on the ten most frequently asked ethics questions Chiefs of Staff encounter in day-to-day operations with an eye toward the unique challenges posed by a campaign year. The goal is to provide interesting, relevant guidance on the issues/problems most likely encountered by chiefs, what to do, and what to avoid.
3:45 pm – 4:45pm	**SMALL GROUP WORKING SESSIONS (SECOND HOUR)** **OPTION 1: OPERATING WITHOUT A STRATEGIC PLAN VS. LEADING WITH ONE** What does a strategic plan look like in a Congressional office, and what

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4:45 pm - 5:30 pm	**AI AND THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH** This session will provide guidance on the AI tools currently available in the House that can help enhance staff and operational capacity, and where the technology could go in the future. The discussion will center not just on the tools per se, but also on ensuring good policies and practices to be put in place in using those tools, while providing an opportunity to consider and discuss the benefits, as well as the potential challenges, associated with AI use in the legislative branch.
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	**DINNER**

DAY 3

Tuesday,
June 23, 2026

8:00 am - 9:00 am	**BREAKFAST**
9:00 am - 10:30 am	**LIVING AND LEADING WITH PURPOSE** Guest speaker
10:30 am	**CONFERENCE CONCLUDES**
11:00 am- 1:00 pm	**BUS DEPARTS HOTEL**