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: Paul Daniel Fulmer, Jr.
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 07/17/2026 Return: 07/19/2026
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Middleburg, VA Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Bitcoin Policy Institute
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Participated in "war games" simulating threat environments related to artificial intelligence and cryptocurrency and discussed potential policy responses. Attended briefings/fireside chats on cryptocurrency, blockchain, AI functionality, and policy considerations related to the intersection of these technologies.
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:** 07/28/26

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

Name of Supervising Member: Rep. Lance Gooden **Date:** 07/28/26

Signature of Supervising Member: [signature]

last updated 7/2023

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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.

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: Bitcoin Policy Institute
2. Travel Destination(s): Middleburg, VA
3. Date of Departure: 07/17/2026 Date of Return: 07/19/2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Dan Fulmer, Matthew Esguerra, Rafaello Carone

   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	44.7	780	135	Total $512.266 Misc $12.66 Site fee $480 Housekeeping Gratuity $15.6
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: [signature] **Date:** 07/20/2026

Name: Grant McCarty **Title:** Executive Director

Organization: Bitcoin Policy Institute

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

Address: 410 7th St NW, Washington, DC 20004

Telephone: 702 771 3614 **Email:** grant@btcpolicy.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.

last updated 7/2023

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Paul Daniel Fulmer, Jr.
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Bitcoin Policy Institute
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Middleburg, VA
4. a. Date of Departure: July 17th Date of Return: July 19th
   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 a Legislative Aide covering the Crypto/Digital Assets portfolio for Rep. Gooden. This is the capstone retreat for a fellowship to learn more about crypto and digital asset policy.
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:** 5/27/26

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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: **Bitcoin Policy Institute**

2. **[X]** 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. **[X]** 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):

1. **Dan Fulmer - Staff Director, Senate EPW Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, Nuclear Innovation and Safety - Congressman Lance Gooden** - Mr. Fulmer was invited to participate in the Satoshi Scholars Program due to their direct involvement in advancing digital asset and cryptocurrency policy on behalf of Rep. Gooden, who is a leading voice on national security and defense dimensions of digital assets in the House. He has expressed a clear goal of building the foundational knowledge necessary to effectively support the Congressman's priorities in this space, making them an ideal candidate for the program's educational mission.
2. **Matthew Esguerra - Chief of Staff - Congressman Lance Gooden -** Mr. Esguerra was invited to participate in the Satoshi Scholars Program due to their longstanding personal and professional engagement with digital assets. As Chief of Staff, they have played a direct role in shaping their member's interest in digital asset policy and are seeking to deepen their technical and policy fluency to better serve that work. Their combination of grassroots familiarity with the technology and hands-on Hill experience makes them a strong fit for the program.
3. **Rhett Styles - Legislative Director - Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis -** Mr. Styles was invited to participate in the Satoshi Scholars Program due to their direct exposure to digital asset tax policy through their work on the House Committee on Ways and Means, where these issues are actively under consideration. They have expressed a clear goal of building the structured policy expertise needed to engage meaningfully with the regulatory and tax complexities of the space, making them a

strong candidate for the program.

4. **Dawson Connell - Legislative Aide - Congressman Chuck Edwards -** Mr. Connell was invited to participate in the Satoshi Scholars Program due to their interest in understanding the public policy implications of the global shift toward digital currencies. As a Hill staffer eager to build foundational knowledge in this increasingly critical area, they represent exactly the audience the program is designed to serve.
5. **Jack Silbert - Legislative Assistant - Congressman John Carter -** Mr. Silbert was invited to participate in the Satoshi Scholars Program due to their interest in expanding their understanding of digital asset policy, particularly the federal government's role in regulating and engaging with the space. The program offers an opportunity to build on their existing familiarity with blockchain technology and ground it in a policy context.
6. **Stone Griffin - Legislative Assistant - Congressman Barry Moore -** Mr. Griffin was invited to participate in the Satoshi Scholars Program due to their active role advising Congressman Moore on a broad range of digital asset policy issues, including market structure, stablecoins, taxation, and enforcement. They have expressed a specific interest in deepening their Bitcoin fluency to better anchor their policy work in conservative principles of limited government, financial freedom, and innovation — goals well aligned with the program's educational mission.
7. **Kelvin Bencosme - Legislative Assistant - Congressman Pat Fallon -** Mr. Bencosme was invited to participate in the Satoshi Scholars Program due to their direct and substantive experience with digital asset legislation on the Hill. Having worked on the FIT21 Act during their time with Congressman Steil's committee staff, and currently tracking SEC, CFTC, stablecoin, and crypto developments for Congressman Fallon, they bring a strong policy foundation and a clear motivation to deepen their expertise in service of their legislative work.
8. **Stephen Duraiswamy - Legislative Technology Fellow - TechCongress (House of Representatives) -** Mr. Duraiswamy was invited to participate in the Satoshi Scholars Program due to their thoughtful understanding of Bitcoin's place in the broader arc of financial and technological history, as well as their practical need to serve a district with a strong and growing Bitcoin community. They have expressed a genuine belief in Bitcoin's potential to address systemic weaknesses in the current financial system and a clear motivation to engage in the policy decisions that will shape its future.

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

6. Date of Departure: July 17th, 2026 Date of Return: July 19th, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington DC

   b. Destination(s): Middleburg, Virginia

   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. **[X]** 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. **[X]** 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. **[X]** 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 the box.*

See attached agenda.

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

a. **[X]** 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 Bitcoin Policy Institute is a 501(c)(3) nonpartisan research and education organization focused on Bitcoin policy. BPI's mission is to educate policymakers and the public on Bitcoin and digital asset policy through rigorous, nonpartisan research. BPI is the sole organizer and sponsor of the Satoshi Scholars Capstone Retreat, which is the culminating event of a five-week educational program for congressional staff designed to build technical and policy literacy on Bitcoin and emerging technology policy.

13. ***Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary***: O O O O O

a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car **[X]** Other (specify:) O O O O O

b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify:) N/A – personal vehicles

c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. **[X]** 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. **[X]** 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): 150

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

Middleburg, Virginia was selected because the Goodstone Inn provides a dedicated retreat setting within reasonable driving distance of Washington, DC. The venue offers on-site meeting rooms, catering, and lodging in a single location, allowing for an intensive working weekend without transit between separate facilities.

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

Hotel Name: __Goodstone Inn_____ City: ___Middleburg, Virginia_____ Cost Per Night: ____$390_____ Reason(s) for Selecting:

The Goodstone Inn offers meeting rooms, catering, and lodging in the same location, which will maximize the time for the cohort to focus on the workshops, activities, and lectures.

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting:

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting:

17. [X] 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. **TotalExpensesforeachParticipant:**

☐ Actual Amounts [X] Good Faith Estimates	Total **Transportation** Expenses per Participant	Total **Lodging** Expenses per Participant	Total **Meal** Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	n/a – Personal Cars	$780	$387
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	1200	Venue rental, AV equipment, service fees, and facility charges
For each Accompanying Family Member		

19. ***Checkonlyone:***

a. [X] 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: 05/18/2026

Name: Grant McCarty Title: Executive Director

Organization: Bitcoin Policy Institute

Address: 410 7th St NW, Washington, DC, 20004

Email: grant@btcpolicy.org Telephone: 702-771-3614

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

Time	Session	Details	Location	Lead / Guest	Items Needed / Prep
FRIDAY — ARRIVAL & WELCOME DINNER					
6:30 – 7:00 PM	Arrival & Check-In	Scholars arrive and receive welcome packets. Settle into rooms and sleeping arrangements.	Manor House		Welcome packets (printed agenda, Wi-Fi info, grounds map, emergency contacts); room assignment list
8:00 – 9:30 PM	Welcome Dinner	Welcome from BPI leadership. Each scholar gives a short intro. Walk through the weekend agenda & retreat goals		BPI Staff	
9:30 – 11:00 PM	Evening Social	Optional open hang	Manor House Common	All	Board games
SATURDAY — CORE PROGRAMMING DAY (Conservatory)					
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast		Conservatory	All	
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Day Kickoff & Framing	Quick overview of the day.	Conservatory	BPI Staff	A/V setup tested (projector, screen, mics); day-of run sheet for staff
9:15 – 10:45 AM	SESSION 1: Bitcoin War Game (Part 1)	Scenario-based strategic exercise.	Conservatory		War game scenario packets (printed per team); team assignment list; whiteboard or flip charts + markers; timer; facilitator briefing doc
10:45 – 11:00 AM	Snack Break		Conservatory		
11:00 – 12:00 PM	SESSION 2: War Game (Part 2) + Debrief	Final round(s) of the war game. Full group debrief: what surprised you? What policy gaps emerged? How do current frameworks hold up under pressure?	Conservatory	War Game Facilitator	Debrief discussion guide; BPI note-taker assigned for key takeaways
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch		Conservatory	All	
1:00 – 2:15 PM	SESSION 3: AI & Bitcoin		Conservatory	TBD on guest	Confirm speaker; A/V for virtual (Zoom/camera/speaker tested); slide deck from speaker; discussion questions prepped
2:15 – 2:30 PM	Snack Break		Conservatory		
2:30 – 3:30 PM	SESSION 4: Fireside Chat		Conservatory	James O'Brien	
3:30 – 4:30 PM	SESSION 5: Fireside Chat		Conservatory	Marty Bent	
4:30 – 5:00 PM	SESSION 6: Policy Workshop Prep		Conservatory	BPI Staff	Printed presentation guidelines handout; example policy brief for reference; breakout space identified
5:00 – 7:00 PM	Free Time	Unstructured break. Explore grounds, hike, rest, work on presentations, informal conversations.	Grounds / Rooms	All	
7:00 – 9:00 PM	Working Dinner		Manor House	All + Guests	Catering: dinner service; printed table topic cards; note cards for table report-backs; seating plan
9:00 – 11:00 PM	Evening Social	Optional open socializing	Manor House	All	
SUNDAY — PRESENTATIONS & DEPARTURE					
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast	Final breakfast together.	Conservatory	All	Catering: breakfast; coffee station
9:00 – 9:10 AM	Sunday Kickoff	Framing for presentations. Format: 5–7 min per scholar, 3 min Q&A.	Conservatory	BPI Staff	Timer (visible); scoring rubric or feedback forms for panel; A/V tested
9:10 – 10:25 AM	SESSION 7: Scholar Presentations	Scholars present policy ideas that reflect their members priorities	Conservatory	Scholars + BPI Panel	Presentation order list (shared in advance); laptop + projector ready; feedback forms; water for presenters
10:25 - 10:35	Survey	Program completion survey			
10:35 – 11:00 AM	Retreat Wrap-Up, Next Steps	BPI leadership closes the retreat. Key takeaways, communication channels.	Conservatory	BPI Leadership	Closing remarks notes
11:00	Departures	Scholars depart. BPI staff available for logistics support.	—	All	
* The agenda is not finalized, some details are still in-flux.					

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

ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH CONGRESS

U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Thomas A. Rust
Staff Director and Chief Counsel

Jordan Downs
Chief of Staff to the Chairman

David Arrojo
Counsel to the Ranking Member

1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515–6328
Telephone: (202) 225–7103
https://Ethics.House.gov

July 17 2026

Mr. Paul Fulmer
Office of the Honorable Lance Gooden
2431 Raybun House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Fulmer:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Middleburg, Virginia, scheduled for July 17 to 19, 2026, sponsored by Bitcoin Policy 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

MG/MD:amr