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: Christopher A. Concepcion
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 8/5/2026 Return: 8/7/202
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Charlottesville, VA Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Former Members of Congress (FMC)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Program examined key issues facing US interests in the Indo-Pacific. Presenters included several experts in areas related to China, Japan, South Korea, and the US. Format consisted of guest speakers providing background info on their work and Q&A afterwards.
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:** 8/21/2026

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: Congresswoman Kimberlyn King-Hinds **Date:** 8/21/2026

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.

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: Former Members of Congress (FMC)
2. Travel Destination(s): Charlottesville, Virginia
3. Date of Departure: August 5th, 2026 Date of Return: August 7th, 2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Chris Concepcion

   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	$264.52	$310.90	$315.23	$131.43 (meeting room, meeting materials, hotel fees)
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	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: Sabine Schleidt **Date:** 08/20/2026

Name: Sabine Schleidt **Title:** Chief Operating Officer

Organization: Former Members of Congress (FMC)

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

Address: 1401 K ST NW, Suite 901, Washington, D.C. 20005

Telephone: (202) 222-0972 **Email:** sschleidt@usafmc.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.

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: Christopher A. Concepcion

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

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. Kimberlyn King-Hinds

Office Address: 425 Cannon House Office Building

Telephone Number: 2022252646

Email Address of Contact Person: chris.concepcion@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*.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Christopher A. Concepcion
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Former Members of Congress (FMC)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Charlottesville, VA
4. a. Date of Departure: 8/5/2026 Date of Return: 8/7/2026

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

   If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**

   (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____

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

   (3) Yes ☐ No ☐ Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?

   b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:
7. Yes ☒ No ☐ *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

   NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**

   As Communications Director and Policy Advisor for Rep. King-Hinds, I oversee a broad portfolio that includes foreign affairs, homeland security, transportation, infrastructure, economic development, immigration, telecommunications, tourism, and disaster response. The Northern Mariana Islands are the closest U.S. jurisdiction to Japan and Korea, giving us a unique perspective on Indo-Pacific issues. My participation would help ensure that the voices of frontline Indo-Pacific communities are represented in discussions on U.S.-Japan and U.S.-Korea relations.
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:** 7.2.26

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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:

   Former Members of Congress (FMC)

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: Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

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

5. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: August 5, 2026 Date of Return: August 7, 2026
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
   b. Destination(s): Charlottesville, VA
   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): $150
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See Addendum

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
   Hotel Name: Kimpton The Forum City: Charlottesville Cost Per Night: $136
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to experts at area universities, availability of meeting rooms, local attractions
   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	$190	$272	$300
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	$200	Meeting Rooms, AV, Hotel Fees
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: Sabine Schleidt Date: 06/29/2026

Name: Sabine Schleidt Title: Chief Operating Officer

Organization: Former Members of Congress (FMC)

Address: 1401 K Street NW, Suite 901, Washington, DC, 20005

Email: sschleidt@usafmc.org Telephone: (202) 222-0972

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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July 30, 2026

Mr. Christopher Concepcion
Office of the Honorable Kimberlyn King-Hinds
425 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Concepcion:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Charlottesville, Virginia, scheduled for August 5 to 7, 2026, sponsored by Former Members of Congress and Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA.

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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ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. **Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.**

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. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: Former Members of Congress (FMC)
2. Name of your organization: Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
3. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes ☒ No ☐ Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. ***Check one.*** I certify that my organization:
   a. ☒ Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
   b. ☐ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
   Destination: _____ on Date: _____
   that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
   c. ☐ Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (*e.g.*, meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. ***Check only one:***
   a. ☒ My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
   b. ☐ My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
7. **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;
   c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
   d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: June 25, 2026

Name: Satohiro Akimoto Title: President and Chairman

Organization: Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

Address: 1819 L Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036

Telephone: (202) 296-6694 Email: akimoto@spfusa.org

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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4. This program is intended for senior Congressional Staff at offices of current Members of the United States Congress; FMC invited Chiefs of Staff who have participated in Congressional travel to the region and senior staff who have previously expressed interest in Indo-Pacific issues and – in particular, security, energy, trade, and social issues – and whose Members serve on committees relevant to the program's issue areas. Please find enclosed a list of all invitees.

12. The Congressional Study Groups are among the largest and most active parliamentary exchange programs between the U.S. Congress and our allies abroad. The Study Groups on Japan and Korea, respectively, foster mutual understanding through regular roundtables in Washington, DC throughout the year in addition to trips such as Chief of Staff Study Tours to Japan, and domestic travel programs such as this Asia Retreat. They offer senior congressional staff a unique educational forum to better understand the complex issues facing allies in the Indo-Pacific from the standpoint of security, energy policy, bilateral and multilateral trade agreements, immigration, and demographic change.

FMC's Congressional Study Group on Japan is responsible for organizing the program, arranging meetings, and inviting expert speakers to the study tour. FMC is solely responsible for all invitations to and communications with program participants, as well as the budget for the 2026 Senior Senior Congressional Staff Retreat on Asia.

Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA awards grant monies to fund the year-round programming of The Congressional Study Group on Japan as a part of their mission of promoting understanding between the U.S. and Japan. Experts from Sasakawa USA will participate in select roundtables as panelists.

15. b. 2) Charlottesville was selected to play host to the 2026 Senior Congressional Staff Retreat on Asia for its convenient location, proximity to locally-based experts on the Indo-Pacific at institutions such as the University of Virginia, as well as landmarks and attractions which encourage Congressional staff to participate in the program.

Additional Sponsor Form Addendum: Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

4. Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA receives a grant from the Embassy of Japan to fund the Japan-U.S. Military Program (JUMP). That is the only funding Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA receives from a foreign government, and it is only for this JUMP program. No Embassy of Japan funding is ever put towards the grant for the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress.

THE CONGRESSIONAL STUDY GROUP ON JAPAN
A PROGRAM OF FMC

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2026 Senior Congressional Staff Retreat on Asia

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House Invitee List

Rick Adkins, Office of Rep. Sheri Biggs (R-SC)

Hannah Aiken, Office of Rep. Jim Himes (D-CT)

Eric Akers, Office of Rep. Jim Baird (R-IN)

Amy Albro, Office of Rep. Stephanie Bice (R-OK)

Amelia Allert, Office of Rep. French Hill (R-AR)

Liz Amster, Office of Rep. Jake Auchincloss (D-MA)

Jenn Arnold, Office of Rep. Derek Tran (D-CA)

Bardia Asefnia, Office of Rep. Deborah Ross (D-NC)

Marie Baldassarre, Office of Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA)

Amanda Baldwin, Office of Rep. Nathaniel Moran (R-TX)

Blaire Bartlett, Office of Rep. Brad Knott (R-NC)

Nick Bayer, Office of Rep. Jeff Hurd (R-CO)

Hillary Beard, Office of Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL)

Alyssa Becker, Office of Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (R-PA)

Caroline Bender, Office of Rep. Erin Houchin (R-IN)

Brook Bennett, Office of Rep. French Hill (R-AR)

Jeff Bishop, Office of Rep. Jefferson Shreve (R-IN)

John Bleed, Office of Rep. Blake Moore (R-UT)

Julian Bordallo, Office of Rep. Jim Moylan (R-GU)

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Jen Bradley, Office of Rep. Rutherford (R-FL)

Elena Brunk, Office of Rep. Abe Hamadeh (R-AZ)

Carissa Bunge, Office of Rep. Laura Friedman (D-CA)

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Chris Concepcion, Office of Rep. Kim King-Hinds (R-MR)

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Emily Crerand, Office of Rep. Andrea Salinas (D-OR)

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Alec Daman, Office of Rep. Bill Huizenga (R-MI)

Owen Dankworth, Office of Rep. Jake Ellzey (R-TX)

Mariana de Vreeze, Office of Rep. Maggie Goodlander (D-NH)

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Betsy Dudley, Office of Rep. Marilyn Strickland (D-WA)

Laura Engquist, Office of Rep. Troy Balderson (R-OH)

Cam Erickson, Office of Rep. Abe Hamadeh (R-AZ)

Mackenzie Fallt, Office of Rep. Jason Crow (D-CO)

Alex Ferro, Office of Rep. Carlos Gimenez (R-FL)

Liam Fitzsimmons, Office of Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ)

Roddy Flynn, Office of Rep. Sarah McBride (D-DE)

Kevin Fox, Office of Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA)

Zachary Freiman, Office of Rep. Yassamin Ansari (D-AZ)

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David Gans, Office of Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO)

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Sarah Ghermay, Office of Rep. Yassamin Ansari (D-AZ)

Jacob Glasser, Office of Rep. Sarah McBride (D-DE)

Geoff Gosselin, Office of Rep. Mike Rogers (R-AL)

Ann Marie Graham-Barnes, Office of Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL)

Alexander Gristina, Office of Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ)

Zach Grossman, Office of Rep. Ritchie Torres (D-NY)

Tiffany Guarascio, Office of Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ)

Ashley Gutwein, Office of Rep. Zach Nunn (R-IA)

Tom Hammond, Office of Rep. Brian Babin (R-TX)

Maryl Harold, Office of Rep. Deborah Ross (D-NC)

Jack Harrigan, Office of Rep. Dale Strong (R-AL)

Colby Harriman, Office of Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV)

Andrew Heineman, Office of Rep. Kweisi Mfume

(D-MD)

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