

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: _____
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** ☐ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: _____ Return: _____
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** ☐ None
4. Departure City: _____ Destination: _____ Return City: _____
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: _____
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: _____

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: Stephen N. Wooldridge Date: _____

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: _____ Date: 9/1/26

Signature of Supervising Member: Brett Sathur

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☒ Original ☐ Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: The Hoover Institution, Stanford University

2. Travel Destination(s): Stanford/Palo Alto CA

3. Date of Departure: August 17, 2026 Date of Return: August 18, 2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Nick Wooldridge

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	\$805.62	\$192.00	\$284.00	N/A
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:  Digitally signed by Eryn Witcher Tillman
Date: 2026.08.28 12:29:56 -04'00' Date: 08/28/2026

Name: Eryn Witcher Tillman Title: Director of Media and Governance

Organization: Hoover Institution, Stanford University

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

Address: 1399 New York Avenue NW, Suite 500

Telephone: 202-760-3200 Email: ewitcher@stanford.edu

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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August 12, 2026

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

Dear Mr. Wooldridge:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Stanford, California, scheduled for August 17 to 18, 2026, sponsored by Stanford University.

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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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Stephen Nicholas Wooldridge
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: The Hoover Institution, Stanford University
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Palo Alto, CA
4. a. Date of Departure: 8/17/26 Date of Return: 8/18/26
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 a professional staff member for the Energy and Commerce Committee working on Medicare policy for the Committee, this trip will better inform my understanding of Medicare policy, financing, and budgeting.
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: Brett Guthrie Date: 7/17/26

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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:

The Hoover Institution, Stanford University

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): _____
CJ Mahler, Jay Gulshen, Nick Wooldridge. See addendum for explanation.

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

6. Date of Departure: Aug 17, 2026 Date of Return: Aug 18, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington DC

- b. Destination(s): Stanford / Palo Alto, CA

- c. City of return: Washington DC

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

- a. ☒ The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
- b. ☐ The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
- c. ☐ The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

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

- a. ☒ I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
b. ☐ I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
c. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
d. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____

10. ☒ Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

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

- a. ☐ I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
b. ☒ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

The Hoover Institution is the sole organizer / sponsor. We are convening this topic on our
campus with our senior fellows and other academics.

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

- a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☒ Car ☒ Other ☐ (specify: See addendum.)
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): _____

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

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

Hotel Name: Sheraton Palo Alto City: Palo Alto Cost Per Night: \$192
Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to campus, price
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	\$1,400	\$192	\$210
For each Accompanying Family Member			

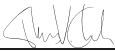
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

19. **Check only one:**

- a. ☐ I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
b. ☒ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature:  Date: 07-08-2026
Name: Thomas V. Church Title: Policy Fellow
Organization: Hoover Institution, Stanford University
Address: 434 Galvez Mall, Stanford, CA 94305
Email: tvchurch@stanford.edu Telephone: 989-859-7784

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

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS - PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM ADDENDUM
2026 MEDICARE BUDGET CONFERENCE
HOOVER INSTITUTION, STANFORD UNIVERSITY

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.

CJ Mahler, Senior Policy Advisor, House Committee on the Budget

CJ Mahler is a Senior Policy Advisor on the House Committee on the Budget, which oversees the federal budget process and the trajectory of mandatory spending, including Medicare. His portfolio covers the entitlement and reconciliation issues at the center of the program's sessions on Medicare's fiscal outlook and its scored savings options.

Jay Gulshen, Health Advisor, House Committee on Energy and Commerce

Jay Gulshen serves on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, which holds jurisdiction over Medicare Part B and the broader Medicare program. His health policy portfolio aligns with the program's sessions on provider payment, Medicare Advantage, and beneficiary cost-sharing.

Nick Wooldridge, Professional Staff Member, House Committee on Energy and Commerce

Nick Wooldridge serves on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, which holds jurisdiction over Medicare and its payment systems. His work on the committee's health portfolio connects directly to the program's focus on hospital payment reform and Medicare program integrity.

12. The Hoover Institution is a department within Stanford University and is headquartered on Stanford University's campus where sessions will take place. Sessions have been organized by Hoover Institution staff, and Hoover Institution staff are the sole organizer and sponsor for this trip. As a part of Stanford University, which is an institution of higher education committed to extending the frontiers of knowledge and solving real-world problems, the Hoover Institution is a research institution that, through its scholars and library and archives, promotes economic opportunity and prosperity. By convening the program on Stanford's campus, we will be able to include our Senior Fellows for substantive policy discussions with staff.

13. Attendees will be reimbursed for Uber rides between SFO airport and the Sheraton Palo Alto upon arrival. A chartered group shuttle will be provided for transportation between the Sheraton Palo Alto and the Hoover Institution throughout the program. For the return, attendees will be reimbursed for Uber rides between the Hoover Institution and SFO airport following the program. All airfare will be coach class.

AGENDA WITH HOUSE STAFF TRAVEL INFORMATION
2026 MEDICARE BUDGET CONFERENCE
HOOVER INSTITUTION, STANFORD UNIVERSITY
AUGUST 17-18, 2026

Travel day - All times listed in local time unless otherwise indicated. All airfare is coach class.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026 (ARRIVAL TRAVEL)

7:48 AM 10:45 AM	Depart Washington (DCA) via United Airlines, nonstop Arrive San Francisco (SFO) <i>CJ Mahler, Jay Gulshen, and Nick Wooldridge</i> <i>Flight number to be confirmed. Rideshare ground transportation from SFO to the Sheraton Palo Alto on arrival.</i>
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MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026

1:30 PM <i>Sheraton Palo Alto</i>	Group shuttle departs hotel en route Hoover Institution
2:00 - 2:15 PM <i>Annenberg Conference Room</i>	Welcome and Introduction <i>Lanhee Chen, Brian Miller, and Tom Church, Hoover Institution</i>
2:15 - 3:30 PM <i>Annenberg Conference Room</i>	Session 1: Hospital Payments Site-Neutral Payment Reform <i>Charlie Katebi, America First Policy Institute</i> 340B Drug Pricing Program Reform <i>Anthony DiGiorgio, University of California, San Francisco</i>
3:30 - 3:45 PM	Break
3:45 - 5:00 PM <i>Annenberg Conference Room</i>	Session 2: Medicare Advantage Reforms Benchmark Reform <i>Jeremy Nighohossian, Competitive Enterprise Institute</i> Overpayment and Coding Intensity <i>Adam Atherly, Virginia Commonwealth University</i>
6:00 - 6:30 PM <i>[Location to be confirmed]</i>	Reception
6:30 - 8:30 PM <i>[Location to be confirmed]</i>	Working Dinner: The Fiscal Outlook for Medicare <i>Remarks and moderated discussion led by Lanhee Chen and Joshua Rauh, Hoover Institution</i>
8:30 PM	Group shuttle departs Hoover Institution en route hotel

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026

7:45 AM <i>Sheraton Palo Alto</i>	Group shuttle departs hotel en route Hoover Institution
8:00 - 9:00 AM <i>Annenberg Conference Room</i>	Working Breakfast and Opening Framing Opening framing over breakfast on beneficiary-centered fee-for-service reform and additional Medicare savings proposals, setting up the morning sessions.
9:00 - 10:15 AM <i>Annenberg Conference Room</i>	Session 3: Beneficiary-Centered Fee-for-Service Reform Medigap Reform <i>Anna Bonelli, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget</i> Part A Cost Sharing and Part B IRMAA Reform <i>Tom Church and Brian Miller, Hoover Institution</i>
10:15 - 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 - 11:45 AM <i>Annenberg Conference Room</i>	Session 4: Additional Proposals for Reform Cost-Sharing Modernization <i>Lisa Grabert, Marquette University</i> STARS Reform <i>Brian Miller, Hoover Institution</i>
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM <i>Annenberg Conference Room</i>	Working Lunch <i>Remarks and moderated discussion [Speaker to be confirmed]</i>
12:30 PM	Attendees take ground transportation to SFO for their return flights

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026 (RETURN TRAVEL)

2:07 PM 10:30 PM	Depart San Francisco (SFO) via United Airlines, nonstop Arrive Washington (DCA) <i>CJ Mahler, Jay Gulshen, and Nick Wooldridge</i> <i>Flight number to be confirmed.</i>
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HOOVER INSTITUTION | STANFORD UNIVERSITY

July 8, 2026

Dear Nick,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the 2026 Medicare Budget Conference, hosted by the Hoover Institution on August 17 and 18, 2026. The program brings together congressional staff, academic experts, and Hoover scholars for substantive policy sessions on Medicare's fiscal outlook and the payment-reform options before Congress. Sessions take place on Stanford University's campus.

As a participant, and with proper signoff from your ethics committee, you will receive round-trip airfare, ground transportation in California, lodging near Stanford's campus, and meals that are part of the program.

To proceed, please confirm your participation by completing the [registration form](#) by the close of business on Wednesday, July 8, 2026. It is important that you complete this form on time so that we can prepare the required ethics paperwork. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of your spot. On the registration form you will also find additional information on accommodations, airfare, attire, ground transportation, and trip extensions. A full briefing packet will follow closer to the program dates.

We will send details on how to book your flight after you complete the registration form. Once your flight is secured, we will provide the remainder of your ethics paperwork, which must be submitted to your ethics committee by Friday, July 17, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact Jasmine Castaneda (jcastane@stanford.edu). We look forward to welcoming you to Hoover.

Sincerely,

Lanhee Chen, Tom Church, Brian Miller, and Josh Rauh
Hoover Institution

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