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: Alexander Leif
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** ■ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 18, 2026 Return: August 20, 2026
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ ***OR*** ■ None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Easton, MD Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Conservative Climate Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Forums and seminars on the role Congressional staff and offices can play in advancing energy policy and conservation efforts.
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:** 9/2/26

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: Jodey C. Arrington **Date:** 9/2/26

Signature of Supervising Member: _____

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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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: Conservative Climate Foundation
2. Travel Destination(s): Easton, MD
3. Date of Departure: August 18, 2026 Date of Return: August 20,2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Alex Leif, Preston McGee, Emily Reid, Katherine Vittone

   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	$117.33	$393.80	$569.32	Boat Tour: $179.03
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: _____ **Date:** August 27, 2026

Name: Elizabeth Daniels **Title:** Executive Director

Organization: Conservative Climate Foundation

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

Address: 10340 Democracy Lane Suite 300 Fairfax VA 22030

Telephone: 360-481-1856 **Email:** elizabeth@rightonclimate.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: Alex Leif

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

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: [redacted] Easton, MD

4. a. Date of Departure: August 18th Date of Return: August 20th

   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.**

   [redacted]

   Press Secretary - using lessons learned from the event's programming, such as the AI best practices panel, to better message the committee's issues.

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:** 7/14/2026

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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:

   Conservative Climate Foundation

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 attached list

5. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: August 18, 2026 Date of Return: August 20, 2026
7. a. City of departure: August 20,2026
   b. Destination(s): Easton, Maryland
   c. City of return: Washington, D.C.
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:
   Attached

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): _____
      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: Tidewater Inn City: Easton, MD Cost Per Night: $179
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Location and meeting space availability
   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	$115.80	$393.80	$680.54
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: August 27, 2026

Name: Elizabeth Daniels Title: Executive Director

Organization: Conservative Climate Foundation

Address: 10340 Democracy Lane Suite 300 Fairfax VA 22030

Email: elizabeth@rightonclimate.org Telephone: 360-481-1856

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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August 17, 2026

Mr. Alexander Leif
Committee on the Budget
204 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Leif:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Easton, Maryland, scheduled for August 18 to 20, 2026, sponsored by Conservative Climate Foundation.

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

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

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

MG/MD:nl

Answer to 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.

Explanation of the invites below: CCF invited Communications Directors from every member office of the Conservative Climate Caucus and relevant committees interested in clean energy and climate policy. In the case that the Communications Director was unavailable or the position wasn't filled, we extended the invite to another relevant communications member of the staff.

Alex	Leif	Press Secretary	House Budget Committee
Evan	Dixon	Communications Director	House Budget Committee
Bailey	Mailloux	Communications Director	House Committee on Natural Resources
Matt	VanHyfte	Communications Director	House Committee on Energy & Commerce
Sarah	Reese	Communications Director	House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Olivia	Stone	Communications Director	Rep. Abraham Hamadeh (AZ-8)
Charles	Russell	Communications Director	Rep. Addison McDowell (NC-6)
Annie	McCarthy	Communications Director	Rep. Andrew Garbarino (NY-2)
Kristen	Cianci	Communications Director	Rep. Andrew Garbarino (NY-2)
Alex	Bellizzi	Communications Director	Rep. Andy Barr (KY-6)

Tyler	Staker	Communications Director	Rep. Andy Barr (KY-6)
Bethany	Holden	Communications Director	Rep. August Pfluger (TX-11)
Madelon	Clark	Deputy Press Secretary	Rep. August Pfluger (TX-11)
Ben	Martin	Communications Director	Rep. Barry Moore (AL-2)
Brian	Patrick	Communications Director	Rep. Bill Huizenga (MI-2)
Caroline	Hamilton	Communications Director	Rep. Blake Moore (UT-01)
Madison	Weber	Press Secretary	Rep. Blake Moore (UT-1)
Karen Ashley	Juhn	Communications Director	Rep. Bob Latta (OH-05)
Lauren	Ridinger	Communications Director	Rep. Bob Onder (MO-3)
Coleton	Cristiani	Press Assistant	Rep. Brandon Gill (TX-26)
Marjorie	Jackson	Communications Director	Rep. Brandon Gill (TX-26)
Alex	Rodriguez	Communications Director	Rep. Brett Guthrie (KY-2)
Kinsey	Featherston	Communications Director	Rep. Bruce Westerman (AR-4)
Michael	Donatello	Communications Director	Rep. Bryan Steil (WI-1)
Harley	Adsit	Communications Director	Rep. Buddy Carter (GA-1)
Preston	McGee	Press Assistant	Rep. Buddy Carter (GA-1)
Colby	Walker	Communications Director	Rep. Burgess Owens (UT-4)

Maria	Gonzalez	Press Secretary	Rep. Carlos Gimenez (FL-28)
Roberto	Lugones	Communications Director	Rep. Carlos Gimenez (FL-28)
Sydney	Jones	Communications Director	Rep. Chuck Edwards (NC-11)
Harrison	Wilkinson	Communications Director	Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (TN-3)
Justin	Doil	Communications Director	Rep. Chuck Fleishmann (TN-3)
Alexia	Spentzas	Communications Director	Rep. Cliff Bentz (OR-2)
Sutton	Houser	Communications Director	Rep. Craig Goldman (TX-12)
Nick	Baker	Communications Director	Rep. Dan Crenshaw (TX-2)
Ross	Tullis	Communications Director	Rep. Dan Crenshaw (TX-2)
Juan	Ayala	Communications Director	Rep. Dan Newhouse (WA-04)
Teddy	Wynn	Press Assistant	Rep. Dave Joyce (OH-14)
Jackson	Baker	Communications Director	Rep. David Schweikert (AZ-6)
Rebecca	Thompson	Communications Director	Rep. David Taylor (OH-2)
Paige	Ash	Communications Director	Rep. David Valadao (CA-21)
Sarah	Young	Communications Director	Rep. David Young (OH-14)
Daniel	Rankin	Communications Director	Rep. Don Bacon (NE-2)

Kristen	Kurtz	Communications Director	Rep. Dusty Johnson (SD-1)
Brandon	Jackson	Communications Director	Rep. Frank Lucas (OK-3)
Travis	Evans	Communications Director	Rep. French Hill (AR-02)
Alexandria	Cullen	Communication Director	Rep. Gabe Evans (CO-8)
Caroline	Leach	Press Assistant	Rep. Glenn Thompson (PA-15)
Kelsey	Holt	Communication Director	Rep. Glenn Thompson (PA-15)
Alexander	Crane	Communications Director	Rep. Greg Murphy (NC-3)
Curtis	Laurent	Press Assistant	Rep. Greg Murphy (NC-3)
James	Hogge	Communications Director	Rep. Jack Bergman (MI-1)
T'Nelta	Mori	Communications Director	Rep. James Moylan (GU-AL)
Connor	Chapinski	Communications Director	Rep. Jay Obernolte (CA-8)
Eve	Sparks	Communications Director	Rep. Jeff Crank (CO-5)
Matthew	Smith	Press Assistant	Rep. Jeff Crank (CO-5)
Mark	Fogelson	Communications Director	Rep. Jeff Hurd (CO-3)
Paxton	Antonucci	Communications Director	Rep. Jeff Van Drew (NJ-2)
Krystina	Shurk	Communications Director	Rep. Jen Kiggans (VA-2)
Nicholas	Roland	Press Secretary	Rep. Jen Kiggans (VA-2)

Andrea	Hitt	Communications Director	Rep. Jim Baird (IN-4)
Noah	Slayter	Press Secretary	Rep. Jim Baird (IN-4)
Stefanie	Farrell	Deputy Press Secretary	Rep. Jim Jordan (OH4)
Brett	Hedges	Communications Director	Rep. Jodey Arrington (TX-19)
Jackson	Lydon	Press Secretary	Rep. Jodey Arrington (TX-19)
Brittany	Slaughter	Communications Director	Rep. John McGuire (VA-5)
Katiana	Taubenberger	Communications Director	Rep. John Rutherford (FL-4)
Paige	Lindgren	Communications Director	Rep. Juan Ciscomani (AZ-6)
Kate	Roberts	Communications Director	Rep. Julie Fedorchak (ND)
Katherine	Vittone	Communications Director	Rep. Laurel Lee (FL-15)
Claudia	Rondon	Communications Director	Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (Fl-27)
Graham	Moore	Press Assistant	Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (Fl-27)
Anthony	Fakhoury	Communications Director	Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA-01)
Emily	Reid	Press Assistant	Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA-01)
Andrea	Morales	Communications Director	Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-26)
Carrie	Kwarcinski	Communications Director	Rep. Mark Amodei (NV-2)

Jane	Vickers	Communications Director	Rep. Mark Harris (NC-8)
Valerie	Nelson	Communications Director	Rep. Mark Messmer (IN-8)
Mitchell	Shedd	Communications Director	Rep. Michael Cloud (TX-27)
Emily	Cassil	Communications Director	Rep. Michael McCaul
Reece	Stallman	Press Secretary	Rep. Michelle Fischbach
Kaley	Stidham	Communications Director	Rep. Mike Haridopolos (FL-8)
Emma	Williams	Communications Director	Rep. Mike Kennedy (UT-3)
Caroline	Hunt	Communications Director	Rep. Mike Lawler (NY-16)
Jackson	Krug	Communications Director	Rep. Morgan Griffith (VA-9)
Sydney	Long	Communications Director	Rep. Nancy Mace (SC-1)
Emerson	Mason	Press Assistant	Rep. Nathaniel Moore (TX-1)
Will	Judson	Communications Director	Rep. Nathaniel Moran (TX-1)
Eleanor	Allison	Communications Director	Rep. Neal Dunn (FL-2)
Silver	Prout	Communications Director	Rep. Nick Begich (AK)
Mary	O'Hara	Communications Director	Rep. Nick LaLota (NY-1)
Anthony	Raisley	Communications Director	Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (NY-11)

Alyssa	Fisher	Press Secretary	Rep. Pat Fallon (TX-4)
Peter	Vicenzi	Communications Director	Rep. Pat Fallon (TX-4)
Lexi	Kranich	Communications Director	Rep. Pat Harrigan (NC-10)
Anthony	Foti	Communications Director	Rep. Paul Gosar (AZ-4)
Rafaello	Carone	Communications Director	Rep. Pete Sessions (TX-32)
Kelsey	Emmer	Communications Director	Rep. Pete Stauber (MN-8)
Alexandra	Hamel	Press Assistant	Rep. Randy Feenstra (IA-4)
Billy	Fuerst	Communications Director	Rep. Randy Feenstra (IA-4)
Symphony	Rojas	Communications Director	Rep. Randy Weber (TX-14)
Charlotte	Law	Communications Director	Rep. Richard Hudson (NC-09)
Lesley	Byers	Communications Director	Rep. Rick Crawford (AR-1)
Hannah	Pope	Communications Director	Rep. Rob Bresnahan (PA-8)
Grace	Emery	Press Secretary	Rep. Rob Wittman (VA-1)
Abigail	Gost	Communications Director	Rep. Rob Wittmans (VA-1)
Arnaud	Armstrong	Communications Director	Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (PA-7)
Garrett	Brown	Communications Director	Rep. Ryan Zinke (MT-1)

Daniel	Redmon	Press Assistant	Rep. Sheri Biggs (SC-3)
Wesley	Harkins	Communications Director	Rep. Stephanie Bice (OK-5)
Sarah	Tomasetti	Communications Director	Rep. Steve Womack (AR-3)
Will	Garrett	Communications Director	Rep. Tim Burchett (TN-2)
Molly	Makarewicz	Communications Director	Rep. Tim Walberg (MI-7)
Jeff	Fix	Communications Director	Rep. Tom Barrett (MI-7)
Noelle	Berriet	Communications Director	Rep. Tom Kean (NJ-7)
Maddisen	Grimm	Press Secretary	Rep. Tom Tiffany (WI-07)
Alyssa	Gulick	Communication Director	Rep. Tony Gonzales (TX-23)
Aiden	Strongreen	Communications Director	Rep. Tony Weid (WI-8)
Kyle	Chance	Communications Director	Rep. Troy Balderson (OH-12)
Keegan	Bittner	Communications Director	Rep. Troy Downing (MT-2)
Liz	Willis	Communications Director	Rep. William Timmons (SC-4)
Maggie	Waldrop	Press Assistant	Rep. William Timmons (SC-4)
Ellie	Gilchrist	Communications Director	Rep. Young Kim (CA-40)
Isabell	Trafton	Press Secretary	Rep. Young Kim (CA-40)

Answer to Question 12:
The Conservative Climate Foundation (CCF) is a not-for-profit charitable and educational organization organized, operated, and recognized as a tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code as amended. The organization's mission is to engage and inform the public and policymakers about reducing global and domestic emissions with common sense, economic and environmentally sustainable strategies and solutions based on conservative principles. CCF's Annual Communicators' Retreat brings together communications professionals in the conservative space from the U.S. House, U.S. Senate, and CCF member organizations to learn, network, and collaborate on effective climate messaging.

5th Annual Communicators' Retreat
August 18-20, 2026 | Easton, MD
This is a working agenda and is subject to change.

Tuesday, August 18

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Travel to Easton, MD

- Note: Bus will depart from Garfield Monument Circle.

12:00 – 12:30 PM: Check in to Hotel

12:30 – 1:30 PM: Welcome Lunch
Welcome to Easton, MD! Speakers will go over agenda highlights for the week and answer any logistics questions from attendees.

- Location: Tidewater Inn, Crystal Room
- Speakers:
    - Elizabeth Daniels, Executive Director, Conservative Climate Foundation
    - Lisa Yonkers, Event Manager, Conservative Climate Foundation

1:30 – 2:30: PANEL: Communicating Renewable Energy in the Trump Administration
From wind and solar to hydropower and geothermal, communicating about renewable energy resources has never been more important. The Trump Administration has taken strong stances regarding different renewable resources, and companies have had to heavily shift their messaging to accommodate the current environment. Attendees will learn about the challenges and opportunities facing communicators when it comes to messaging renewable energy.

- Location: Tidewater Inn, Crystal Room
- Speakers:
    - TBD, Solar Energy Industries Association
    - Jefferson Caves, Senior Director, Communications, Invenergy
    - Frank Maisano, Senior Principal, Bracewell
    - TBD

2:30 – 3:30: PANEL: Effectively Messaging Data Centers to Local Communities
Data centers are at the forefront of the energy conversation. Local and policymaker opposition, resource restraints, and a lack of education have resulted in extreme challenges for data center deployment. Panelists will share best practices when it comes to communicating about data centers with local communities.

- Location: Tidewater Inn, Crystal Room
- Speakers:
    - John Koons, Digital Advocacy Manager, Constellation
    - TBD

3:30 – 4:00: PRESENTATION: Meeting the Moment: Fusion Energy
This session will discuss recent learnings from a communications campaign focused on advancing support for fusion energy commercialization.

- Location: Tidewater Inn, Crystal Room
- Speakers:
    - Liz Johnson, Senior Director for Policy & Government Affairs, Emerson Collective

4:00 – 6:00 PM: Executive Time

6:00 – 9:00 PM: Networking Reception & Dinner

- Location: Tidewater Inn, Carriage House

RON: Tidewater Inn

<u>Wednesday, August 19</u>

9:00 – 9:30 AM: Breakfast Briefing
During this breakfast briefing, CCF will give an overview of what attendees have learned thus far at the Communicators' Retreat and real-world applications.

- Location: Tidewater Inn, Crystal Room
- Speakers:
    - Elizabeth Daniels, Executive Director, Conservative Climate Foundation

9:30 – 10:30 AM: PANEL: Communicating COP: Bringing American Solutions to the World

This panel will feature speakers who highlight the importance of participation in global conversations around climate change, such as COP. By attending COP, policymakers and staff have the opportunity to bring American energy and climate solutions to the rest of the world. Attendees will learn how to best communicate their priorities to a global audience and how to translate participation to their constituencies at home.

- Location: Tidewater Inn, Crystal Room
- Speakers:
    - MacKenzie Morales, Director of Advocacy and Outreach, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Global Energy Institute
    - TBD

10:30 – 11:30 AM: PANEL: Life After Capitol Hill: Pathways for Capitol Hill Communicators

This session explores the different pathways offered to Capitol Hill communicators, from corporations and trade associations to nonprofits and multi-client firms. Attendees will learn how the skills they've honed, such as media engagement, message crafting, and strategic communications, seamlessly translate to new roles in the private sector.

- Location: Tidewater Inn, Crystal Room
- Speakers:
    - Cody Sanders, Head of Strategic Partnerships & Senior Managing Director, Public Affairs, PLUS PR
    - Mary Collins Howell, Vice President of Communications, CRES Forum
    - Sean Smith, Senior Manager Public Affairs, GE Vernova
    - Liz Johnson, Senior Director for Policy & Government Affairs, Emerson Collective

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM: PRESENTATION: AI Best Practices: Real World Applications for Communicators

As AI technologies continue to be integrated into our daily lives, it's critical that communicators can effectively utilize them. The presenter will highlight AI best practices for communicators, including how to harness AI technologies to improve work flow, streamline daily tasks, and increase productivity.

- Location: Tidewater Inn, Crystal Room
- Speaker:
    - Caleb Smith, President, Drive Public Affairs

12:00 – 1:00 PM: Lunch Briefing

The speaker will present a case study on an emerging clean energy technology, demonstrating how the company is working to advance commonsense legislation and build public support.

- Location: Tidewater Inn, Crystal Room
- Speakers:
    - TBD

1:00 – 4:00 PM: Executive Time

4:00 – 4:30 PM: Travel to Boat Tour

4:30 – 6:30 PM: TOUR: Local Conservation, Restoration, and Agriculture Initiatives
Attendees will learn about environmental impacts on the Chesapeake Bay and locally-led conservation, restoration, and agriculture initiatives.

- Location:
- Speakers:
    - Bethany Ziegler, Director of Communications, ShoreRivers
    - Tim Rosen, Director of Agriculture & Restoration, ShoreRivers
    - Ben Ford, Miles-Wye Riverkeeper, ShoreRivers

6:30 – 9:00 PM: Dinner in St. Michael's, MD

- Location: The Crab Claw, *304 Burns Street, St. Michael's, MD 21663*

9:00 – 9:30 PM: Travel to Tidewater Inn

RON: Tidewater Inn

<u>Thursday, August 20</u>

9:30 – 10:00 AM: Breakfast Briefing
During this breakfast briefing, CCF will highlight lessons learned throughout the retreat, answer any questions about previous sessions, and outline travel logistics.

- Location: Tidewater Inn, Crystal Room
- Speakers:
    - Elizabeth Daniels, Executive Director, Conservative Climate Foundation

10:00 – 11:00 AM: PRESENTATION: Winning the Message

The speaker will share insights and messaging strategies from a 7-year research project studying how Americans view clean energy policy.

- Location: Tidewater Inn, Crystal Room
- Speakers:
    - Emily Johnson, Senior Director of External Affairs, ClearPath
    - Frances Wetherbee, Senior External Affairs Associate, ClearPath

12:00 – 2:00 PM: Travel to Washington, DC

- Note: Bus will drop off at Garfield Monument Circle.

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More information will be provided closer to the event.