COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM ☐ *Original* ☐ *Amendment*

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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: Christian Rehder
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 8/10/2026 Return: 8/12/2026
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ ***OR*** ☐ None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Cambridge, MD Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Congressional Institute
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: multiple trainings on AI / LLMs, seminars on leadership, crafting Additionally, each meal provided.
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:** 08/26/2026

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: Jason Smith **Date:** 08/26/2026

Signature of Supervising Member: _____

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☒ *Original* ☐ *Amendmen*

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

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Congressional Institute
2. Travel Destination(s): Cambridge, MD
3. Date of Departure: August 10, 2026 Date of Return: August 12, 2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): See attached list

   Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if ***all*** information is ***identical*** for each person listed.
5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total **Transportation** Expenses	Total **Lodging** Expenses	Total **Meal** Expenses	Total **Other** Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	$82.62	$419.96	$237.70	$487.74 - Room Rental
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: Brenda L Becker **Date:** August 21, 2026

Name: Brenda Becker **Title:** Chair

Organization: Congressional Institute

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

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

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

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

   Congressional Institute

2. ☒ I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. ***Check only one.*** I represent that:
   a. ☒ The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
   b. ☐ The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
   c. ☐ The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

   If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):

   See addendum & attached invitation list

5. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: August 10, 2026 Date of Return: August 12, 2026
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
   b. Destination(s): Cambridge, MD
   c. City of return: Washington, DC
8. ***Check only one.*** I represent that
   a. ☐ The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
   b. ☒ The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
   c. ☐ The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

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

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

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

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

13. ***Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary***:
   a. Mode of travel: Air ☐ Rail ☐ Bus ☒ Car ☐ Other ☐ (specify:_____)
   b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (specify:_____)
   c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. ☒ I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. ***Check only one.*** I represent that either:
   a. ☐ The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
   b. ☒ The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
      1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided):
         Day 1- $89, Day 2 - $118.80, Day 3 - $36
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
         Relative proximity to DC and capacity to handle a large event

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
   Hotel Name: Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay City: Cambridge, MD Cost Per Night: $210
   Reason(s) for Selecting: proximity to DC, availability & facility size
   Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
   Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
   Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
   Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

17. ☒ I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total **Transportation** Expenses per Participant	Total **Lodging** Expenses per Participant	Total **Meal** Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	$84.37	$420	$243.80
For each Accompanying Family Member	$84.37	n/a	$243.80

	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	$471.28	Room Rental
For each Accompanying Family Member	$471.28	Room Rental

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

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

Signature: Brenda L. Becker Date: June 24, 2026

Name: Brenda Becker Title: Chair

Organization: Congressional Institute

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

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

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

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August 11, 2026

Mr. Christian Rehder
Office of the Honorable Jason Smith
1011 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Rehder:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Cambridge, Maryland, scheduled for August 10 to 12, 2026, sponsored by Congressional Institute.

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

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

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

MG/MD:mc

Post-Travel Disclosure Instructions:

You are required to file 5 items with the Clerk's Office:

(1) Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (included)
(2) Completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form, including attachments (included)
(3) Primary Trip Sponsor Form, including all attachments (completed by the Congressional Institute prior to the trip) (included)
(4) Page 2 of the completed Traveler Form you previously submitted to the House Ethics Committee, and
(5) the letter from the House Ethics Committee approving your participation on this trip.

File this entire packet with the Clerk of the House, by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel

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Name of Supervising Member: Jason Smith **Date:** 08/26/2026

Signature of Supervising Member: _____

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2026 LEGISLATIVE AND COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORS CONFERENCE

AGENDA

DAY 1	The Congressional Institute welcomes you to this year's Legislative and Communications Directors Conference, grounded in our commitment to strengthening the institution by supporting those who serve within it. Our discussions on strategy, policy, and the evolving media landscape will help Legislative and Communications Directors better serve Members of Congress, their constituents, and the American people.		
Monday, August 10, 2026	**9:30 am**	**BUSES DEPART CAPITOL HILL**	S. Capitol Street (Between Rayburn & Longworth)
	11:00 am – 12:15 pm	**WELCOME LUNCHEON**	Choptank Ballroom
	11:00 am – 5:00 pm	**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**	Chesapeake Foyer
	11:30 am	**BUSES ARRIVE AT THE HYATT REGENCY CHESAPEAKE BAY**	Conference Center Entrance (Lower Level)
	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	**WELCOME REMARKS** **Dan Meyer**, Congressional Institute Board of Directors **HOW IDEAS WIN: THE NEW SCIENCE OF POLICY, COMMUNICATIONS AND COALITION BUILDING** **David Chavern**, President and CEO, American Council of Life Insurers, ACLI **Marty Reiser**, Partner, S-3 Group | Former Policy Director, Office of then-Republican Whip Steve Scalise ***Summer Johnson**, Public Affairs Advisor, Moderator*	Chesapeake Ballroom
	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	**AI TRAINING SESSION – OpenAI, ChatGPT** **Laura Keenan**, Open AI ***Meghan Dorn**, OpenAI, Moderator*	Chesapeake Ballroom

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	**AI TRAINING SESSION – Google, Gemini** **Macaulay Porter**, Google ***Carly Eason***, *Google, Moderator*	Chesapeake Ballroom
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	**AI TRAINING SESSION – Anthropic, Claude** **Jessie Brown**, Anthropic ***Mary Croghan***, *Anthropic, Moderator*	Chesapeake Ballroom
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	**BREAK** *As a reminder, while participating in privately sponsored travel, you may not use this time for official meetings, agenda-setting activities, or campaign-related work. You may check email or briefly communicate with your office as needed.*	
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	**DINNER**	Regatta Pavilion

DAY 2

Tuesday, August 11, 2026	**7:45 am – 8:45 am**	**BREAKFAST**	Water's Edge Grill
	9:00 am – 10:30 am	**CLARITY ALWAYS WINS: HOW UNDERSTANDABLE IDEAS BECOME INFLUENTIAL** ***A CONVERSATION WITH NICHOLAS JOHNSTON FEATURING A SMART BREVITY DEMONSTRATION*** **Nicholas Johnston**, Publisher, Axios ***Summer Johnson***, *Public Affairs Advisor, Moderator*	Chesapeake Ballroom
	10:30 am – 11:45 am	**THE STRATEGIC MINDSET: LEADING WITH INTENTION IN A REACTIVE WORLD** **Jamie Jones Miller**, Dean and CEO, Northeastern University, Arlington Campus | Former House Chief of Staff ***Dan Meyer***, *Congressional Institute Board of Directors, Moderator*	Chesapeake Ballroom
	12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	**LUNCH**	Chesapeake Ballroom
	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	**<u>COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORS PROGRAMMING</u>** **WHERE ATTENTION LIVES: REACHING PEOPLE FROM THE DISTRICT TO THE NATIONAL STAGE** **Joby Fortson**, Senior Vice President, Government Relations and Public Policy, Nielsen **Carly Eason**, Strategic Partner Manager, YouTube **Arpit Patel**, Partner Manager, Meta ***Summer Johnson***, *Public Affairs Advisor, Moderator*	Chesapeake Ballroom

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	**STOP REACTING. START LEADING.** **Summer Johnson**, Public Affairs Advisor	Chesapeake Ballroom
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	**DON'T CHASE THE NEWS. MAKE THE NEWS.** **Elizabeth Elkind**, Reporter, Fox News Digital **Dan Ronayne**, Senior Vice President, Touchdown Strategies ***Summer Johnson**, Public Affairs Advisor, Moderator*	Chesapeake Ballroom
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	**EARNING TRUST IN THE ATTENTION AGE** **Kristen Soltis Anderson**, Echelon Insights | Author of *The Selfie Vote* **Ken Spain**, CEO, Narrative Strategies ***Summer Johnson**, Public Affairs Advisor, Moderator*	Chesapeake Ballroom
	<u>LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORS PROGRAMMING</u>	
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	**ARTICLE I: THE FIRST BRANCH** **Matthew Spalding**, Vice President of Washington Operations and Dean of the Van Andel Graduate School of Government, Hillsdale College **Dan Ziegler**, Principal, Williams & Jensen | Former Policy Director, Office of Speaker Mike Johnson ***Dan Meyer**, Congressional Institute Board of Directors, Moderator*	Choptank Ballroom
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	**THE PEOPLE'S CHAMBER: HOW THE HOUSE ACTUALLY WORKS** **Tom Wickham**, Vice President and Managing Director of Government Affairs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce | Former Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives **Kyle Nevins**, Partner, Harbinger Strategies | Former Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of then-Majority Leader Eric Cantor ***Ben Howard**, Partner, Duberstein Group | Former Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, Donald J. Trump Administration | Former Director of Floor Operations, Office of then-Majority Whip Steve Scalise, Moderator*	Choptank Ballroom
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	**BEYOND GOOD POLICY: WHAT MOVES IN CONGRESS** **Ben Howard**, Partner, Duberstein Group | Former Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, Donald J. Trump Administration | Former Director of Floor Operations, Office of then-Majority Whip Steve Scalise **Marty Reiser**, Principal, S-3 Group | Former Policy Director, Office of then-Republican Whip Steve Scalise ***Adam Howard**, Vice President of Cyber Policy, Twenty Technologies, Inc. | Former Staff Director, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Moderator*	Choptank Ballroom

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	**OVERSIGHT: SERVING CONSTITUENTS. SHAPING POLICY** **Mitch Benzine**, Senior Associate, Eversheds Sutherland | Former General Counsel, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform **Kim Hamm**, Partner, Morrison Foerster | Former General Counsel, Office of then-Speaker Kevin McCarthy ***Meg McGaughey**, Senior Director of Federal Government Affairs, FanDuel Inc, | Former General Counsel, Office of Majority Leader Steve Scalise, Moderator*	Choptank Ballroom
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	**DINNER**	Crescent Pool

DAY 3

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Hotel checkout is at 11:00 am. Attendees may store luggage with the bellman if driving. Attendees riding the bus should bring their luggage to Choptank Ballroom.

7:45 am – 8:45 am	**BREAKFAST**	Chesapeake Ballroom
8:45 am – 10:00 am	**THE LEADER YOU ARE BECOMING: THE JOURNEY OF LEADERSHIP** ***A CONVERSATION WITH DEE ANN TURNER*** **Dee Ann Turner**, Dee Ann Turner & Assoc. | Former Vice President, Talent, Chick-fil-A ***Jackie Bossman**, Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director, Office of the Representative Zach Nunn, Moderator*	Chesapeake Ballroom
10:00 am – 11:00 am	**GOING BACK TO THE BEGINNING TO LEAD THE NATION FORWARD: AMERICA AT 250** ***A CONVERSATION WITH JONATHAN TURLEY*** **Jonathan Turley**, Shapiro Professor of Public Interest Law, George Washington University Law School | Author of *Rage and the Republic: The Unfinished Story of the American Revolution* ***Chris Jaarda**, Partner, Holland and Knight | Former Senior Policy Advisor and Counsel, Office of Speaker Mike Johnson | Former Senate Legislative Director, Moderator*	Chesapeake Ballroom
11:00 am	**CONFERENCE CONCLUDES**	
11:30 am	**BUSES DEPART HOTEL**	Conference Center Entrance (Lower Level)
2:00 pm	**BUSES ARRIVE AT CAPITOL HILL**	S. Capitol Street

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Participant List

First Name	Last Name	Company Name	Title
Tim	Achinger	Office of Rep. Patronis (FL-01)	Legislative Director
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Nathan	Barker	Office of Rep. Crawford (AR-01)	Legislative Director
Edgar	Barrios	Office of Speaker Johnson	Rapid Response Director
Austin	Becera	Office of Rep. Babin (TX-36)	Legislative Director
Shawn	Bengali	Office of Rep. Arrington (TX-19)	Legislative Director
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Lacey	Bowersox	Office of Rep. Bost (IL-12)	Legislative Director
Nicholas	Boyd	Office of Majority Whip Emmer	Deputy Press Secretary
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Caroline	French	Office of Rep. Rouzer (NC-07)	Communications Director
Teagan	Gambert	Office of Rep. Smith (NJ-04)	Communications Director
Andrew	Godfrey	Office of Majority Leader Scalise	Floor Assistant
Abby	Goins	Office of Rep. Smith (NE-03)	Legislative Director
AJ	Gonzalez	Office of Rep. Cloud (TX-27)	Communications Director
Abigail	Gost	Office of Rep. Wittman (VA-01)	Communications Director

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Question 4: Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):
See attached invitation list. This Congressional Institute sponsored conference focuses on the important roles of Legislative Directors and Communications staff in congressional offices. Therefore, the invitation to this conference is being extended to legislative directors and the most senior communications staffer in House Republican personal offices, policy directors and senior communications staffers in committee offices, and policy and communications staff in leadership offices, as well as any House staff who will present at the conference.

Question 12: For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
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DAY 1	*The Congressional Institute welcomes you to this year's Legislative and Communications Directors Conference, grounded in our commitment to strengthening the institution by supporting those who serve within it. The conference will provide information and best practices through discussions with outside speakers and experts on topics including leadership, management, communications strategies, and policy to help staff best serve Members of Congress, their constituents, and the American people.*		
Monday, August 10, 2026	**10:00 am**	**BUSES DEPART CAPITOL HILL**	S. Capitol Street (Between Rayburn & Longworth)
	11:00 am-5:00 pm	**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION** *Attendees may arrive and check in at any time during this open registration period to receive event materials and credentials.*	
	12:00 pm	**BUSES ARRIVE AT THE HYATT REGENCY CHESAPEAKE BAY**	
	12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	**CONGRESS CONNECTED: RESOURCE FAIR**	
	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	**AI WORKSHOPS** *Attendees will learn about specific AI tools and potential applications in their work.*	
	3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	**AI WORKSHOPS** *Attendees will learn about specific AI tools and potential applications in their work.*	
	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	**DINNER**	

DAY 2

Tuesday, August 11, 2026	**7:45 am – 8:45 am**	**BREAKFAST**
	9:00 am – 10:30 am	**WELCOME AND CONFERENCE KICK-OFF** Brenda Becker, Chair, Congressional Institute Board of Directors **LEADING IN THE ATTENTION AGE; HOW POLICY, TRUST, AND COMMUNICATION BREAK THROUGH** *This session will feature a keynote speaker who will provide attendees with insights into what resonates with today's audiences and how congressional offices can effectively connect ideas, messaging, and impact.*
	10:30 am – 11:30 am	**THE SKILLS THAT MATTER MOST: MANAGING UP, MANAGING ACROSS AND MANAGING A TEAM** *Panel discussion on best practices for team management and effective leadership.*
	11:45 pm – 1:00 pm	**LUNCH**
		COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORS PROGRAMING
	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	**WHERE ATTENTION LIVES: REACHING PEOPLE FROM THE DISTRICT TO THE NATIONAL STAGE** *This panel discussion will examine how Americans consume information today, how it differs across various age groups, geographic regions, and communities, and what Communications Directors should be paying attention to as they develop communications strategies.*
	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	**STOP REACTING, START LEADING** *This session will explore how to build and execute a modern communications plan that drives audience growth, amplifies key messages, and aligns with office priorities.*
	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	**DON'T CHASE THE NEWS. MAKE THE NEWS.** *This session will explore how information moves through newsrooms, podcasts, newsletters, social media, and digital platforms, and how that momentum translates into coverage, interviews, appearances, and audience growth.*
	4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	**EARNING TRUST IN THE INFORMATION AGE** *This panel discussion will focus on how to build trust and constituent engagement in an era of increasing media content, information skepticism, and competing voices and platforms.*
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	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	**ARTICLE 1: THE FIRST BRANCH** *This panel will discuss the important role and duties of Congress in our constitutional structure.*

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2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	**THE PEOPLE'S CHAMBER: HOW THE HOUSE WORKS** *This panel discussion will explore the House's unique structures, processes, and traditions that have developed over generations and determine how the institution functions.*	
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	**BEYOND GOOD POLICY: WHAT MOVES IN CONGRESS** *This session will discuss tactics and strategies for translating policy ideas into legislation and shepherding a bill through the legislative process.*	
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	**WHAT EVERY LD NEEDS TO KNOW: IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES** *This panel discussion will explore and discuss what policy staff should know and understand about recurring and/or annual legislative initiatives such as the NDAA, appropriations, the Farm Bill, and others.*	
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	**DINNER**	

DAY 3

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

7:45 am – 8:45 am	**BREAKFAST**	
9:00 am – 10:00 am	**PURPOSE, PERFORMANCE, AND PRODUCVITY** *The panel will provide tips and skills for maximizing performance, productivity, and focus while managing competing priorities.*	
10:00 am – 11:00 am	**GOING BACK TO THE BEGINNING, TO LEAD THE NATION FORWARD: AMERICA AT 250** *A conversation with Jonathan Turley (invited)* *Through the lens of American history and constitutional principles, Professor Turley will explore the enduring ideas that shape the American experiment and the vital institutions that sustain it.*	
11:30 am	**CONFERENCE CONCLUDES**	
12:00 pm	**BUSES DEPART HOTEL**	
2:00 pm	**BUSES ARRIVE AT CAPITOL HILL**	S. Capitol Street

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