

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: Kate Robinson
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR ☒ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 8/26/2026 Return: 8/29/2026
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR ☒ None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: New York City, N.Y. Return City: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Conservative Partnership Institute
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: We met with media bookers, hosts, and social media executives.
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: Kate Robinson Date: 9/11/2026

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: Rep. Andy Biggs Date: 9/11/2026
Signature of Supervising Member: [Signature]

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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: Conservative Partnership Institute
2. Travel Destination(s): New York City, N.Y.
3. Date of Departure: August 26 Date of Return: August 29
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): See attached
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	\$208.20	\$711	\$245.89	\$65 (local transportation and taxi)
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: Ed Corrigan Date: 9/11/2026
Name: Ed Corrigan Title: President & CEO

Organization: Conservative Partnership Institute

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

Address: 300 Independence Ave SE, Washington, D.C. 20003

Telephone: 202-816-2353 Email: psternal@holtzmanvogel.com

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

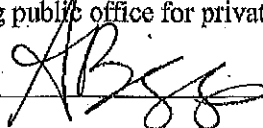
1. Name of Traveler: Kate Robinson
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Conservative Partnership Institute
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: New York City, New York
4. a. Date of Departure: 8/26/2026 Date of Return: 8/29/2026
b. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you 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 a press assistant, I correspond with media producers, bookers, and journalists daily. Having the opportunity to tour the news stations and meet industry professionals will be beneficial to my work.

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: 7/23/2026

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

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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. 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 Partnership 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 attached

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

6. Date of Departure: 8/26/2026 Date of Return: 8/29/2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.

b. Destination(s): New York City, NY

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.**

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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 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.*

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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): \$87.00

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

This location is where the studios and the relevant professionals in the field work

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

Hotel Name: Westin NYC Grand Central City: New York City, NY Cost Per Night: \$237.00

Reason(s) for Selecting: proximity to meeting locations, economical, conducive to education, and training

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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	\$130.20	\$711	\$261
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	\$50	Taxi and local transportation
For each Accompanying Family Member		

19. **Check only one:**

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Signature: _____

Ed Corrigan

Date: 07/20/2026

Name: Ed Corrigan

Title: President & CEO

Organization: Conservative Partnership Institute

Address: 300 Independence Ave SE, Washington, D.C. 20003

Email: cdavis@compasslegal.org

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Date: 07/20/2026

Name: Ed Corrigan

Title: President & CEO

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August 21, 2026

Ms. Kate Robinson
Office of the Honorable Andy Biggs
464 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Robinson:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to New York, New York, scheduled for August 26 to 29, 2026, sponsored by Conservative Partnership 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

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**Conservative Partnership Institute's (CPI's)
2026 Veritas Fellowship New York Media Trip
August 26 - 29, 2026**

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

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| 9:25 - 9:45 am | Meet CPI Group at the back Amtrak section of Union Station |
| 9:45 - 10:05 am | Group boards train together |
| 10:05 am | Train 2108 departs Washington D.C. |
| 1:05 pm | Arrive in New York City, Moynihan Train Hall |
| 1:05 - 2:00 pm | Travel to Hotel |
| 2:00 - 3:00 pm | Drop off luggage at Hotel (Westin Grand Central, 212 East 42nd Street, New York City, NY, 10017) and Check In |
| 3:00 - 3:30 pm | Travel to Newsmax, 805 3rd Ave, New York |
| 3:30 - 5:00 pm | Tour and Discussion with Newsmax
Newsroom staff will unpack how a news organization works, explaining to students how using an interconnected media environment can maximize exposure and recognition of issues.
<i>Speaker: Moche Maryles, Newsmax Booking Producer & Newsmax Team</i> |
| 5:00 - 5:30 pm | Return to Westin Grand Central Hotel |
| 5:30 - 8:00 pm | Dinner with Digital Expert at Westin Grand Central Hotel
Dinner discussion on how to capitalize on the news cycle, use digital media to spread rapid responses messages and the role of influencers in the 2026 media landscape.
<i>Speaker: Mike Crispi, Host and Commentator</i> |

Thursday, August 27, 2026

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| 9:00 - 9:30 am | Travel to Meta, 225 Park Ave S, New York |
| 9:30 - 11:00 am | Tour and Panel Discussion with Meta
Fellows will hear from a panel of Meta employees about the role of Meta in public policy discourse.
<i>Speakers: Arpit Patel, Partner Manager, Government & Social Impact at Meta, and Josh Althouse, Public Policy Manager at Meta</i> |

- 11:00 – 11:30 am** **Return to Westin Grand Central Hotel**
- 11:30 – 12:30 pm** **Trends in Broadcast Coverage of Capitol Hill**
Media analyst Teddy Stephan will walk through current trends in how broadcast media covers Capitol Hill and Washington, D.C. in 2026, and what those trends mean for how congressional offices communicate.
Speaker: Teddy Stephan, Fox News Booking Producer
- 12:30 – 2:00 pm** **Lunch and Presentation: Strategies on Communicating Across the Political Divide, at Westin Grand Central Hotel.**
Speaker will explain the nuances of pitching to reporters of various political ideologies. The content will focus on how to adjust a pitch for conservative media, national nonpartisan, and progressive media outlets.
Speaker: Wesley Denton, COO, CPI.
- 2:00 - 2:30 pm** **Executive Time**
- 2:30 – 3:30 pm** **Broadcast Media Booking and Pitching**
Speaker will explain the criteria producers use to evaluate a story and decide which guests to book. Participants will discuss the elements of an effective, newsworthy pitch.
Speaker: Jack Flanagan, Fox News Booking Producer
- 3:30 – 5:00 pm** **Executive Time**
- 5:00 – 6:30 pm** **Broadcast Media Salon Dinner at Westin Grand Central Hotel**
Over dinner, fellows will learn how a business newsroom functions, how nightly segments are formed, and what producers look for when booking guests for television.
Speaker: Scott Jennings Show Host, Scott Jennings

Friday, August 28, 2026

- 9:00 – 9:30 am** **Travel to X, 249 W 17th St, New York**
- 9:30 – 11:00 am** **Tour and Discussion with X**
A panel of X staff discussing X's role in public policy discourse, the role of AI in news media, and the future of social media evolution.
Speakers: Joey Rodriguez, Client Partner at X & X team
- 11:00 – 11:30 am** **Travel to WABC, 800 Third Avenue, New York**
- 11:30 - 1:30 pm** **Speaker Trends in National and Regional Radio Media at Hotel**
Radio media professionals will discuss the role of national and regional radio in the current media ecosystem, what producers look for in a guest, and how radio interviews differ from television and print.
Speaker: Chad Lopez, President of Red Apple Media & Staff at WABC Radio

- 1:30 – 2:30 pm** **Return to Westin Grand Central Hotel and Lunch.**
- 2:30 – 3:30 pm** **Executive Time**
- 3:30 – 4:00 pm** **Travel to United Nations, 405 East 42nd Street, New York**
- 4:00 – 6:00 pm** **Visit to the United Nations & Discussion on International Media**
 Fellows will meet with the communications team from the U.S. Mission to the United Nations to learn how international media coverage differs from domestic press and how public affairs officers approach communicating on global issues.
Speaker: J.P. Freire Chief of Strategic Communications and Public Affairs, UN Mission to the United Nations & team
- 6:00 – 6:30 pm** **Travel to Da Nico Restaurant, Little Italy, 164 Mulberry St, New York**
- 6:30 – 8:30 pm** **Dinner and Panel Discussion: Conservative Hot Topics in the Media**
 At dinner, Fellows will hear from three media experts on where they see conservative media going, how to get ahead of the curve of political media trends, and how to successfully pitch amidst an ever-changing media environment
Location: Da Nico, Little Italy
Speaker: Wesley Denton (CPI), Sondra Clark (Urban Legend Media), and Scooter Schaefer (Bilander Media)

Saturday, August 29, 2026

- 7:45 am:** Meet in lobby of the Hotel and travel as a group to Moynihan Train Hall
- 8:49 am:** Train 103 departs for Union Station, Washington, D.C.
- 12:22pm:** Train 103 arrives in Union Station.

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Travel Extended at Personal Expense

- 9:22 pm:** Train 139 departs from Moynihan Train Hall, New York City, NY
- 12:47 am (8/31):** Train 139 arrives in Union Station, Washington D.C.

House Attendees

1. Sophie Lyczek – Communications Director, Rep. Ralph Norman (Invited as part of the Veritas Fellowship program, which aims to provide opportunities for fellows to improve skills in and gain a deeper understanding of communicating on policy and principles.)
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2026 Veritas Fellowship New York Media Trip
August 26 - 29, 2026**

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

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| 9:25 am | Meet CPI Group at the back Amtrak section of Union Station |
| 9:45 am | Group boards train together |
| 10:05 am | Train 2108 departs Washington D.C. |
| 1:05 pm | Arrive in New York City |
| 2:00pm | Drop off luggage at Hotel (Westin Grand Central, 212 East 42nd Street, New York City, NY, 10017) |
| 3:00 - 4:15pm | State of the Media - Veritas Discussion Groups
CPI staff gives a brief orientation of the NYC Media Trip. Fellows are then selected into groups of 3-4 to discuss the state of the media in 2026 and goals they have for the trip. |
| 4:30 - 5:00 pm | Room Check-In |
| 5:30 - 8:00 pm | Dinner with Principal TV Host
Over dinner CPI fellows will learn about how newsrooms function, how nightly segments are formed, and how participants can best position their members of Congress to appear on highly viewed TV shows.
<i>Invited Speaker: Shannon Beam, Journalist and Attorney</i> |

Thursday, August 27, 2026

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| 9:30 - 11:00 am | Tour and Panel Discussion with Twitter/X
Fellows will hear from a panel of Twitter/X employees about the role of Twitter/X in public policy discourse.
<i>Speakers: Caroline Strom, Head of US Elections</i> |
| 11:30 - 1:30 pm | Tour and Discussion with Newsmax
Newsroom staff will give a tour to fellows of Newsmax so the fellows can see how a news organization works and learn from staff about the different divisions and roles of a news organization.
<i>Speaker: Moche Maryles, Newsmax Booking Producer & Newsmax Team</i> |
| 2:00 - 3:30 pm | Lunch and Session: TV and Booking in 2025 |

Speaker will teach staff what makes a good pitch and why producers book certain guests on their shows. Participants will discuss how to draft compelling story pitches.

Speaker: Teddy Stephan, Fox News Booking Producer

3:30 - 6:00

Executive Time

6:00 – 8:30 pm

Dinner and Keynote Speaker

Speaker will discuss what issues producers see resonating with audiences, how they approach message testing with media trends.

Invited Speaker: Charlie Hurt, TV Commentator

Friday, August 28, 2026

9:30 – 11:00 am

Tour and Discussion with Meta

A panel of Meta staff will explain Meta's role in public policy discourse, the role of AI in news media, and the future of social media evolution to CPI Fellows after a tour of the building.

Location: Meta HQ

Speakers: Arpit Patel, Partner Manager, Government & Social Impact at Meta, and Josh Althouse, Public Policy Manager at Meta

11:30 - 1:00 pm

Tabloid and Rapid Response Journalism

Newsroom staff will unpack how a rapid response focused news organization functions, explaining to CPI fellows how stories are chosen, prioritized, and how the Fellows can optimize their pitches to get maximum exposure for their office.

Invited Speakers: Sam Chamberlain (NY Post Politics Editor) and Mark Cunningham (NY Post Editorial Editor)

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Lunch and Speaker

The dinner speaker will discuss the trends in political media and explain to CPI Fellows how using an interconnected media environment can maximize exposure and recognition of issues.

Invited Speaker Cody Derespina, Senior Editor for Politics at Fox News Digital

2:30 - 4:00 pm

Executive Time

4:00 - 6:00

Meeting with LinkedIn

LinkedIn team will talk about how fellows can leverage their social media platform to get the work of their Congressional office out to constituents through key tools and strategic posts.

Speaker: Christina Maruna, Senior Government and Advocacy Manager, LinkedIn

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Dinner and Panel Discussion: Conservative Hot Topics in the Media

At dinner, Fellows will hear from three media experts on where they see

conservative media going, how to get ahead of the curve of political media trends, and how to successfully pitch amidst an ever-changing media environment.

Location: Little Italy

Speaker: Wesley Denton (CPI), Sondra Clark (Urban Legend Media), and Scooter Schaefer (Bilander Media)

Saturday, August 29, 2026

7:45 am: Meet in lobby of the Hotel and travel as a group to Moynihan Train Hall

8:49 am: Train 103 departs for Union Station, Washington, D.C.

12:22pm: Train 103 Arrives in Union Station

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