

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: John Lin
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** ☐ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 9/8/26 Return: 9/10/26
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** ☐ None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Seattle, WA Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: I attended all of the events listed on the attached agenda.
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:  Digitally signed by John Lin
Date: 2026.09.14 17:30:14 -04'00' Date: 9/14/26

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: Chairman Brett Guthrie Date: 9/14/26

Signature of Supervising Member: 

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☒ Original ☐ Amendment

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

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF)

2. Travel Destination(s): Seattle, WA

3. Date of Departure: September 8, 2026 Date of Return: September 10, 2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): _____

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	\$850	\$498	\$176	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: Jackie Whisman Date: 09/14/2026

Name: Jackie Whisman Title: EVP, Strategic Partnerships

Organization: ITIF

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

Address: 700 K Street NW, Suite 600, Washington DC 20001

Telephone: (240) 687-1834 Email: jwhisman@itif.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: John Lin
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Seattle, WA
4. a. Date of Departure: 9/8/26 Date of Return: 9/10/26
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.**
I am a senior counsel for the Communications and Technology Subcommittee, where I work on matters related to technology and telecommunications. This trip provides an opportunity to meet with companies in this space, discuss issues facing this industry, and learn about their latest innovations to help inform my work on the Committee. 
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: 8/5/26

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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:

Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF)

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 Attachment 1.

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

6. Date of Departure: September 8, 2026 Date of Return: September 10, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Seattle, WA

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 Attachment 2.

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): \$92 per day

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The Seattle area is the home to many of the country's leading innovation companies.

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

Hotel Name: The Grand Hyatt Seattle City: Seattle, WA Cost Per Night: \$248

Reason(s) for Selecting: cost, proximity, 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	\$780	\$496	\$200
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

19. **Check only one:**

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

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

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

Signature:  Date: August 3, 2026
Name: Jackie Whisman Title: Executive Vice President, Strategic Partnerships
Organization: Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF)
Address: 700 K Street NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20001
Email: jwhisman@itif.org Telephone: 240-687-1834

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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September 3, 2026

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

Dear Mr. Lin:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Seattle, Washington, scheduled for September 8 to 10, 2026, sponsored by Information Technology and Innovation 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:rp

ITIF EDUCATION SERIES STAFF TRIP TO SEATTLE, WA – INVITEES

Attachment 1 – Question 4:

We invited staff on committees and offices with jurisdiction over science and technology, intellectual property, copyright, and life sciences.

Full Invitation List:

First Name	Last Name	Title	Organization Name
Brett	Abbott	Economist and Professional Staff Member	Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Aiyha	Abdelbagi	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Mark R. Warner
Jonathan	Abdnor	Deputy National Security Advisor	Office of Senator John Thune
Arlet	Abrahamian	Senior Legislative Counsel	Office of Representative Zoe Lofgren
Joshua	Adams	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Keith Self
Shelby	Adams	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Troy Carter
Diane	Adamson	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Jamie Raskin
David	Adkins	Policy Director	Office of the Senate Majority Leader
Harley	Adsit	Deputy Chief of Staff/Communications Director	Office of Representative Buddy Carter
Puj	Adusumilli	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Deborah K. Ross
Eric	Akers	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Jim Baird
Katherine	Albani	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Vince Fong
Deidre	Alexander	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Bennie G. Thompson
Shinnola	Alexander	Policy Advisor	Office of Representative Sara Jacobs
Theresa	Allman	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator James Lankford

Christopher	Anderson	National Security Advisor	Office of Senator Steve Daines
Collin	Anderson	Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Richard Blumenthal
Doug	Anderson	Aviation Advisor	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Erica	Andeweg	Senior Policy Advisor	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Chloe	Anduiza	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Yvette D. Clarke
Geoff	Antell	Chief of Staff	Office of the Senate Majority Leader
Hannah	Anton	Policy Analyst	Committee on Energy and Commerce
Sami	Araboghli	National Security Advisor	Office of Representative Greg Steube
Jessica	Arevalo	General Counsel	Office of Senator Brian Schatz
Ryan	Arient	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Kirk	Arner	Counsel	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Uday	Aryal	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Bardia	Asefnia	Co-Legislative Director	Office of Representative Deborah K. Ross
Grace	Ayyildiz	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Rob Menendez
Chase	Babair	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Vern Buchanan
Shaefer	Bagwell	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Suhas Subramanyam
Shiraz	Baig	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative John James
Stacy	Baird	Senior Policy Advisor/Counsel	Office of Senator Maria Cantwell
Marie	Baldassarre	Chief of Staff	Office of Rep. Ro Khanna (CA-17)
Amanda	Baldwin	Chief of Staff	Office of Rep. Nathaniel Moran (TX-01)
Bill	Ball	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Moran	Banai	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Rocco	Barbieri	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Cliff Bentz
Micah	Barbour	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Mark R. Warner
Christina	Barry	Senior Professional Staff Member	Committee on Homeland Security
Collin	Bastian	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Homeland Security
Anna	Baumstein	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Darren Soto
Owen	Beal	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Emilia Strong Sykes
Shana	Beavin	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Energy and Commerce
Austin	Becera	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Brian Babin
Arian	Beckwith	Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director	Office of Representative John James
Matt	Beiger	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Craig Goldman
Laura	Bell	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Josh Riley
Sara	Bell	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Dan Sullivan
Nate	Beltran	Counsel	Office of Representative Marc Veasey
Michelle	Benecke	Chief Counsel and Senior Policy Advisor - Technology and Acquisition	Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Shawn	Bengali	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Jodey C. Arrington
Ashlynn	Beninga	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator John Thune
Mitchell	Benzine	Deputy Staff Director/General Counsel	Committee on Homeland Security
Moira	Bergin	Subcommittee Director/Counsel	Committee on Homeland Security
Hannah	Berner	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Senator John Hickenlooper

Roberto	Berrios	Deputy Legislative Director/Senior Counsel	Office of Senator Brian Schatz
Max	Berry	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Richard McCormick
Alexander	Bertschi-Wrigley	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Ron Wyden
Marshall	Bessey	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Ken Calvert (CA-41)
Claire	Bienvenu	Policy Advisor	Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives
Jonathan	Black	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Ben Ray Luján
Ben	Blackmon	Chief Counsel	Office of Senator Marsha W. Blackburn
Richard	Blackmon	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Robert Garcia (CA-42)
Nora	Blalock	Legislative Director/Deputy Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Kathy Castor
Luke	Blanchat	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Richard Hudson
John	Bleed	National Security Advisor/Senior Defense Policy Advisor	Office of Representative Blake Moore
Brent	Blevins	Staff Director	Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Julia	Block	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Diana Harshbarger
Kevin	Block	Senior Counsel	Committee on Homeland Security
Meaghan	Body	Senior Advisor	Office of Senator Elizabeth Warren
Savannah	Bolender	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Michelle L. Fischbach
Emily	Bonanno	Policy Assistant	Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Nick	Borgaonkar	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Senator John K. Fetterman
Shelby	Boxenbaum	Chief Counsel	Office of Senator Ben Ray Luján
John	Boyd	Deputy Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Claudia Tenney
Matt	Brady	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks

Sean	Brebbia	Chief Counsel for Oversight and Investigations	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Claudine	Brenner	Deputy Chief Counsel	Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Grace	Brightbill	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Don Beyer
Layla	Brooks	Legislative Director	Office of Representative LaMonica McIver
Amy	Brown	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Tammy Baldwin
Byron	Brown	Chief Counsel	Committee on Energy and Commerce
Hannah	Browne	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Jeremy	Browner	Counsel	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Julia	Brunner	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Brad Schneider
Sam	Bryant	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Brian Babin
Joshua	Buckingham	Legislative Director (Acting)	Office of Representative Shri Thanedar
James	Buckley	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Roger Wayne Marshall
Jacob	Buckner	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Ron Wyden
Anna	Budko	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Randy Fine (FL-06)
Paul	Burdette	Senior Legislative and Policy Analyst	U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
Benjamin	Burnett	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Eric Swalwell
Kaitlin	Burns	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Michael F. Bennet
Molly	Burns	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Debbie Dingell
Will	Burns	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Jay Obernolte
Chase	Busch	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Sheri Biggs
Daniel	Butler	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Tom Kean

Valerie	Bynog	Legislative Director	Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives
Matthew	Calogero	Legislative Counsel	Office of Representative Morgan J. Luttrell
Brendan	Campbell	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Mike Crapo
Lisa	Canini	Staff Director	Committee on Homeland Security
Christopher	Cao	Legislative Assistant	Committee on Homeland Security
Ronald	Carabbia	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Greg Steube
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Mary Kate	Carter	International Trade Counsel	Committee on Finance
Jonathan	Casas	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Richard McCormick
Grace	Cason	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Tammy Duckworth
Carlos	Castro	Legislative Counsel	Office of Representative Carlos A. Gimenez
James	Chang	Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Brian Schatz
Lily	Chang	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Laura Friedman
Rachel	Chasalow	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Linda T. Sánchez
Jacob	Chebowski	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Ashley Moody
Robin	Cheung	Policy Advisor	Office of Representative Daniel S. Goldman
Sean	Chilson	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Jim Jordan (OH-04)
Nicole	Christus	Deputy Staff Director	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Afton	Cissell	Chief of Staff/Legislative Director	Office of Representative Lloyd Doggett
Daniela	Clark-Murrieta	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Kathy Castor
Madyn	Coakley	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Jodey C. Arrington
Elisabeth	Coats	Economic Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Elissa B. Slotkin

Raphael	Cohen-Fuentes	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Al Green
James	Cokorinos	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative LaMonica McIver
Marcus	Coleman	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Homeland Security
Rachel	Colucci	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Brad Schneider
Katie	Conley	Senior Policy Advisor	Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Thomas	Connally	General Counsel	Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Dillon	Cooke	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Scott Peters
Elizabeth	Cooper	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Suhas Subramanyam
John	Cooper	Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director	Office of Representative Doris O. Matsui
Salvatore	Corasaniti	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Mike Crapo
Janie	Costa	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Hayden	Crawford	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Randy Weber
Ally	Crha	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Sheldon Whitehouse
Timia	Crisp	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Energy and Commerce
Ryan	Culross	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Michael Rulli
Chezney	Cunningham	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Shontel Brown (OH-11)
Sari	Cureton	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Gary C. Peters
Maria Alexandra	D'agostino	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Raul Ruiz
Reid	Dagul	Chief of Staff	Office of Rep. Ben Cline (VA-06)
Rory	Daly	Professional Staff Member	China Select Committee
Reggie	Darby	Legislative Assistant	House Committee on Veterans Affairs

Juliana	Dauchess	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Lloyd K. Smucker
Alexandra	Davis	Legislative Director	Office of Representative August Pfluger
Maddy	Davis	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Madeline	Davis	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Michael	Davisson	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Sebastian	De La Pena	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Lloyd Doggett
Trevor	Dean	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Catherine Cortez Masto
Isabel	deAntonio	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Darin LaHood
Will	DeHaan	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Josh Brecheen
Isabelle	Deibel	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Diana DeGette
Joshua	Delaney	Legislative Director	Office of Senator Raphael Warnock
Stephanie	DeLuca	Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Tammy Duckworth
Stephanie	DeMarco	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Laurel Moore Lee
Matt	Dernoga	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Nanette Diaz Barragán
Parul	Desai	Chief Counsel	Committee on Energy and Commerce
Andrew	Deshler	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Andrea Salinas
Kathryn	Devine	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Kevin Mullin
Blake	Dickerson	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks
Melissa	Dickerson	Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Gary C. Peters
Casey	Dolen	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Homeland Security
Andrew	Donlon	Legislative Director/Counsel	Office of Representative April McClain-Delaney
Jessica	Donlon	General Counsel	Committee on Energy and Commerce

Ariel	Dorsey	Senior Professional Staff Member	Committee on Ways and Means
Troy	Dougall	National Security Advisor	Office of Senator John Ream Curtis
Jalaina	Douglas	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Al Green
Jay	Dove	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Keith Self
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Joshua	Walton	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Nicholas J. Begich
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Attachment 2 – Question 12:

ITIF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2006 whose mission is to formulate and promote public policies to advance technological innovation and productivity. Recognizing the vital role of technology in ensuring American prosperity, ITIF focuses on innovation, productivity, and digital economy issues. Our interest in the trip is to help staff better understand how new technologies and technology applications are developing and what the trends are likely to be in the future, so that they can better understand and respond to the technological challenges facing our nation.

ITIF is co-chaired by former Members of Congress Ron Kind and Phil English and governed by a board of distinguished IT and innovation policy leaders and experts. Senators Chris Coons and Todd Young are Foundation’s Honorary Senate Co-Chairs, and Congresswoman Suzan DelBene and Congressman Darrell Issa are the Foundation’s Honorary House Co-Chairs.

This trip is part of the “ITIF Education Series” – a set of regular trips with Members of Congress and/or senior House and Senate staff to high-tech and innovation hubs around the country to hear from company leaders about new developments and issues, and to participate in educational forums on IT and innovation policy issues.

ITIF is the sole sponsor and is organizing and executing all aspects of the trip.

AGENDA
ITIF Education Series Staff Trip to Seattle, WA
Tuesday, September 8 – Thursday, September 10, 2026

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

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| 8:00 AM | Alaska Airlines Flight 1 Departs Washington, DC (DCA) |
| 10:46 AM | Alaska Airlines Flight 1 Arrives Seattle (SEA) |
| 11:15 AM | Shuttle Bus Departs SEA |
| 11:45 – 1:30 PM | NVIDIA Robotics Lab (701 N 34 th Street, Suite 400, Seattle)
At its Seattle Robotics Lab, NVIDIA conducts fundamental and applied robotics research across the full robotics stack, including perception, planning, control, reinforcement learning, imitation learning, simulation, and vision-language-action models. Participants will visit NVIDIA's Robotics Lab to learn about advances in physical AI, robotics, and autonomous systems that could inform future policy work related to advanced manufacturing and American competitiveness. |
| 2:00 – 3:00 PM | T-Mobile (1759 145 th Place, Bellevue)
Situating in the heart of Bellevue, Washington's Spring District, Tech Experience Center is located at T-Mobile's National Lab facility. Known as LaunchPad, the facility is also home to the company's network and device testing labs as well as our 5G Hub. It's here that they educate their visitors on the latest cutting-edge wireless tech, and how T-Mobile is leading the industry. |
| 3:30 – 5:00 PM | Google (1021 Valley Street, Seattle)
Guests will receive a briefing on Google Cloud's Public Sector Initiative where Google Cloud partners with and delivers product services for federal, state and local governments. Staff will also receive a tour of Google's South Lake Union's offices and visit the Google Maker Space where they will get a hands-on product experience from Senior Google Makers. |
| 5:30 – 7:30 PM | Roundtable Dinner: AI in Healthcare and Cancer Research
(Wild Ginger, 1401 3 rd Avenue, Seattle)
Hosted by ITIF, this off-the-record dinner discussion will bring together congressional staff, researchers, industry leaders, and policy experts to discuss the growing role of artificial intelligence in healthcare and biomedical research. The featured speaker will be Jeff Leek, who serves as Vice President and Chief Data Officer at |

Fred Hutch Cancer Center and Scientific Director of the Cancer AI Alliance. Using the Cancer AI Alliance as a starting point for the conversation, participants will explore how AI is advancing medical research, accelerating scientific discovery, and supporting improvements in patient care, as well as the public policy considerations surrounding emerging health technologies.

Remain Overnight

Grand Hyatt Seattle (421 Pine Street, Seattle)

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

7:00 – 8:30 AM

Breakfast Available at Hotel

8:30 AM

Shuttle Departs Hotel

9:00 – 10:30 AM

Coupang (720 Olive Way, Seattle)

Coupang is a global e-commerce and technology company with significant engineering and product development operations in Seattle. Participants will visit Coupang's Seattle headquarters to learn about the company's work in e-commerce, logistics, software development, and artificial intelligence. The visit will include discussions with company leaders on emerging technologies, digital commerce, supply chain innovation, and public policy issues affecting technology, trade, and economic competitiveness.

11:00 – 12:30 PM

Uber (1191 2nd Avenue #1200, Seattle)

Uber Technologies is a global technology company that develops platforms for mobility, delivery, and logistics, supported by engineering and product development teams in Seattle. Participants will visit Uber's Seattle Engineering Office to learn about the company's work in software engineering, artificial intelligence, mapping, and digital platforms. The visit will include discussions with company leaders on emerging technologies, innovation, and public policy issues related to transportation, logistics, artificial intelligence, and the future of digital services.

1:30 – 3:00 PM

SpaceX (22630 NE Marketplace Drive, Redmond)

SpaceX is a leading aerospace and satellite communications company with significant research, engineering, and manufacturing operations in the Seattle region. Participants will visit SpaceX's Redmond facility to learn about the company's work in satellite technology, advanced manufacturing, and space-based communications. The visit will include discussions with company leaders on emerging technologies, innovation, and public policy issues related to commercial space, satellite communications, advanced manufacturing, and U.S. competitiveness.

3:15 – 5:00 PM

Microsoft (16070 NE 36th Way, Redmond)

Microsoft is a global technology company focused on cloud computing, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, quantum computing, and enterprise software. Participants will visit Microsoft to learn about the company's investments in emerging technologies and digital infrastructure. The visit will include discussions with company leaders on advances in AI, cloud services, quantum computing, and the public policy issues shaping innovation, economic competitiveness, and the future of computing.

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Drive Time: Redmond to Downtown

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Roundtable Dinner: AI Infrastructure and Data Centers
(Cortina, 621 Union Street, Seattle)

Hosted by ITIF, this off-the-record dinner discussion will bring together congressional staff, industry leaders, and policy experts to discuss the infrastructure that underpins the artificial intelligence economy. Participants will explore the growing demand for cloud computing, data centers, energy, connectivity, and advanced computing resources, along with the opportunities and policy considerations associated with supporting innovation, economic competitiveness, and the continued growth of AI infrastructure.

Remain Overnight

Grand Hyatt Seattle (421 Pine Street, Seattle)

Thursday, September 10, 2026

7:00 – 8:00 AM

Breakfast Available at Hotel

8:00 AM

Shuttle Departs Hotel

8:15 – 10:00 AM

AWS (2121 7th Avenue, Seattle)

Amazon employs tens of thousands of people across the Puget Sound region through its corporate offices, cloud computing operations, research and development facilities, and logistics network. Participants will visit Amazon Web Services (AWS) to learn about the company's role in cloud computing, artificial intelligence, and digital infrastructure. The visit will include discussions with company leaders on emerging technologies and public policy issues affecting innovation, technology investment, and U.S. competitiveness.

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Boeing (N 6th Street, Renton)

Boeing's 737 factory at the Renton, Washington, site leads the industry as the most efficient airplane factory in the world. More than 14,500 commercial airplanes (707, 727, 737, and 757) or about 30 percent of the worldwide fleet flying today were built in Renton. Beyond the commercial 737 variants, including the newest 737 MAX family of planes, the Renton site also builds the

P-8, a Navy submarine hunter and maritime patrol aircraft, and a military derivative of the 737-800. Participants will tour the facility and its major production lines and hear from senior site and program leaders about the innovative capabilities and manufacturing techniques of each platform.

- 12:30 PM **Airport Check In**
- 1:46 PM **Alaska Flight 2 Departs SEA**
- 9:59 PM **Alaska Flight 2 Arrives DCA**

From: [Maggie Henkin](#)
To: [Lin, John](#)
Subject: ITIF Invitation: Congressional Education Series Staff Trip to Seattle, Sept. 8-10 2026
Date: Friday, June 5, 2026 5:18:34 PM

Hi John,

On behalf of the [Information Technology & Innovation Foundation \(ITIF\)](#), I'm pleased to invite you to join your congressional staff colleagues and ITIF experts for our next Education Series Staff Trip to Seattle, Washington, taking place Tuesday, September 8 through Thursday, September 10, 2026.

For more than a decade, ITIF has hosted small groups of roughly 15 Hill staffers on educational trips that include visits with leading innovators across science and technology. These experiences provide a unique opportunity to engage directly with engineers, researchers, executives, and policymakers who are shaping the future of innovation and to gain firsthand insights into how emerging technologies intersect with public policy.

This trip will focus on the technologies and infrastructure that underpin America's digital economy and global competitiveness, including artificial intelligence, cloud computing, telecommunications, data infrastructure, and advanced technology innovation. Participants will explore Seattle's world-class innovation ecosystem through discussions with industry leaders and visits to organizations such as Amazon, Boeing, Coupang, Microsoft, Nvidia, T-Mobile, and Uber.

Trip Highlights:

- Roundtrip travel from Washington, DC to Seattle as part of a coordinated group reservation
 - Depart: Morning of Tuesday, September 8 (DCA → SEA)
 - Return: Afternoon of Thursday, September 10 (SEA → DCA)
- Site visits with leading technology companies, including Amazon, Boeing, Coupang, Microsoft, Nvidia, T-Mobile, and Uber.
- Discussions on AI, cloud infrastructure, telecommunications policy, digital infrastructure, U.S. innovation competitiveness, and more.
- Opportunities to engage directly with industry experts, engineers, and technology leaders.

All travel expenses and meals are covered by ITIF, and the trip is fully compliant with House and Senate rules governing privately sponsored travel. We will share all necessary ethics documentation once the itinerary is finalized.

We are limiting participation to one congressional staffer per office. If you are interested in attending, please let me know. If you are unable to participate but would like to nominate a colleague, we would be happy to consider them.

We hope you can join us.

Best,

Maggie

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