# 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: Gabrielle Sheitelman

2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____

3. a. Dates: Departure: 2/14/26 Return: 2/20/26
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: 2/14/26 -2/15/26 ***OR*** ☒ None

4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Mexico City, Mexico Return City: Washington, DC

5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Center Forward

6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Meetings with Mexican government officials/staff and indsutry stakeholders impacted by U.S. - Mexico Trade

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:** Gabrielle Sheitelman **Date:** 10/27/26

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:** Juan Ciscomani **Date:** 10/27/26

**Signature of Supervising Member:** _____

*last updated 7/2023*

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## 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: Center Forward
2. Travel Destination(s): Mexico City, Mexico
3. Date of Departure: Saturday, February 14, 2026 Date of Return: Friday, February 20, 2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Gabrielle Sheitelman

   ***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 | $1,316.32 | $876.00 | $260.77 | $5.00 (museum ticket) |
| Accompanying Family Member | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |

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:** Riley Kilburg **Date:** Friday, February 20, 2026

**Name:** Riley Kilburg **Title:** Executive Director

**Organization:** Center Forward

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

**Address:** 1214A Ingleside Ave, McLean, VA 22101

**Telephone:** 563-542-6821 **Email:** riley@center-forward.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.**

*last updated 7/2023*

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Gabrielle Sheltelman
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Center Forward
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Mexico City
4. a. Date of Departure: Monday February 16th, 2026 Date of Return: Friday February 20th, 2026
   b. Yes ☒ No ☐ Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
   If yes, list dates at personal expense: February 14th and 15th
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 Deputy Chief of Staff who works for a member that represents a border district the meetings with Mexican officials and the U.S. - Mexico Foundation is relevant 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:** 1/21/26

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## 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:

   Center Forward

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): Please see attachment.

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

6. Date of Departure: Monday, February 16, 2026 Date of Return: Friday, February 20, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C. or District
   b. Destination(s): Mexico City, Mexico
   c. City of return: Washington, D.C. or District

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:
   Please see attachment.
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): Please see attachment.
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Please see attachment.
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
   Hotel Name: InterContinental Presidente City: Mexico City Cost Per Night: $219 USD
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Please see attachment.
   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<br>☒ Good Faith Estimates | Total **Transportation** Expenses per Participant | Total **Lodging** Expenses per Participant | Total **Meal** Expenses per Participant |
|---|---|---|---|
| For each Member, Officer, or Employee | $1,200.00 (airfare + ground transportation | $876.00 | $375.00 |
| For each Accompanying Family Member | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 |

| | **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 | $15.00 | Anthropology Museum ticket |
| For each Accompanying Family Member | $0.00 | 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: R. Kilburg Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Name: Riley Kilburg Title: Executive Director

Organization: Center Forward

Address: 1214A Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA 22101

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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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February 12, 2026

Ms. Gabrielle Sheitelman
Office of the Honorable Juan Ciscomani
461 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Sheitelman:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Mexico,[1] scheduled for February 13 to 20, 2026, sponsored by Center Forward. We note that this trip includes three days at your personal expense.

Committee travel regulations require that you submit your complete pre-trip approval request to the Committee at least 30 days before the commencement of the trip or it will not be granted. Despite your failure to do so in this instance, we are approving your current request. However, any future requests must adhere to the 30-day requirement or they will be denied.

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.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently $525] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts

[1] Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at https://step.state.gov.

from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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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Center Forward International Chiefs of Staff Conference
Mexico City, Mexico — February 16 - 20, 2026
Conference Agenda

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## Friday, February 13, 2026

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| **6:40 am ET** | Blakely Wall departs Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA). American Airlines Flight 1617 \| 1 hour 45 min flight time |
| **8:25 am ET** | Blakely Wall arrives at Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) |
| **9:15 am ET** | Blakely Wall departs Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT). American Airlines Flight 829 \| 4 hours 30 min flight time |
| **12:45 pm CT** | Blakely Wall arrives at Benito Juárez Mexico City International Airport (MEX) |

## Monday, February 16, 2026

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| **6:40 am ET** | Will Smith departs Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA). American Airlines Flight 1617 \| 1 hour 45 min flight time |
| **8:25 am ET** | Will Smith arrives at Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) |
| **9:15 am ET** | Will Smith departs Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT). American Airlines Flight 829 \| 4 hours 30 min flight time |
| **10:35 am MT** | Molly Harris departs Albuquerque International Sunport (ABQ). American Airlines Flight 2645 \| 1 hour 55 min flight time |
| **12:45 pm CT** | Will Smith arrives at Benito Juárez Mexico City International Airport (MEX) |
| **1:30 pm CT** | Molly Harris arrives at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) |
| **4:45 pm CT** | Molly Harris departs Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW). American Airlines Flight 2233 \| 2 hours 50 min flight time |
| **5:45 pm ET** | Staff departs Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD). United Airlines Flight 1566 \| 5 hours 5 min flight time |
| **7:35 pm CT** | Molly Harris arrives at Benito Juárez Mexico City International Airport (MEX) |
| **9:50 pm CT** | Staff arrive at Benito Juárez Mexico City International Airport (MEX)<br><br>*After collecting your luggage and clearing customs, you will walk into the Terminal 2 Arrival Hall. Center Forward staff and driver will be waiting to greet you with a card noting "Center Forward" at the barrier, which you will see immediately as you walk into the Arrivals Hall. After everyone has gathered, the driver will depart the airport.* |
| **10:10 pm - 10:40 pm** | Depart Benito Juárez Mexico City International Airport en route to InterContinental Presidente Mexico City Hotel via shuttle (30 min.)<br><br>Campos Elíseos 218, Polanco, Col. Chapultepec Polanco, Miguel Hidalgo, 11560 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico |
| **10:40 pm** | Check-in at the InterContinental Presidente Mexico City Hotel |

## Tuesday, February 17, 2026

**BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN**
Continental breakfast is available in Café Urbano from 6:00 am - 11:00 am

*****Business attire for the day. Please bring a government ID.***

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| **8:15 am** | Attendees meet in Café Urbano of the InterContinental Presidente Mexico City Hotel.<br><br>InterContinental Presidente Mexico City Hotel \| Campos Elíseos 218, Polanco, Col. Chapultepec Polanco, Miguel Hidalgo, 11560 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico |
| **8:15 am - 8:45 am** | Welcome Remarks, Conference Overview, & Security Debrief<br><br>- Riley Kilburg, Executive Director, Center Forward |
| **8:45 am - 9:45 am** | Depart the InterContinental Presidente Mexico City Hotel en route to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs via shuttle (1 hour). In transit, a member of the Center Forward team will brief conference participants on the U.S.-Mexico diplomatic relationship and recent regional and border security developments.<br><br>Ministry of Foreign Affairs \| Av. Juarez 20, Colonia Centro, Centro, Cuauhtémoc, 06010 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico<br><br>**Conference participants will complete a security check-in upon arrival.** |
| **9:45 am - 10:45 am** | Briefing from the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Economic Development & Regional Security.<br><br>- The Hon. Roberto Velasco-Alvarez, Chief Officer for North America, Undersecretary for North America<br><br>*The Hon. Roberto Velasco-Alvarez, from the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will share remarks on President Shienbaum's top foreign policy priorities and discuss where the Mexican government sees opportunities for collaboration and partnership in U.S.-Mexico economic development and regional security initiatives.* |

**10:45 am - 11:15 am** Briefing from the General Director for Sports Diplomacy on Infrastructure Development, Sports Diplomacy, and Tourism.

- Daniel Alcaraz, General Director for Sports Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

*Daniel Alcaraz, General Director for Sports Diplomacy, will present on Mexico's infrastructure projects in preparation for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, Mexico's development of its tourism and hospitality sectors, and the Sheinbaum administration's approach to sports diplomacy in the lead-up to the USMCA review.*

**11:15 am - 11:45 pm** Depart the Ministry of Foreign Affairs en route to Eno via shuttle (30 min).

Eno | Chihuahua 139, Roma Nte., Cuauhtémoc, 06700 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

**11:45 pm - 1:15 pm** Lunch | Harvesting Opportunity: Mexican Agriculture & North American Trade

- The Hon. Julio Berdegué Sacristán, Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development

*Over lunch, Secretary Berdegué will brief attendees on the Sheinbaum administration's top agricultural policy objectives, with a special focus on mitigating the impacts of climate change, combating rural poverty, and advancing North American trade. Following his remarks, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and hold a discussion on U.S.-Mexico agricultural trade objectives.*

**1:15 pm - 1:45 pm** Depart Eno en route to the Mexican Senate of the Republic via shuttle (30 min).

Mexican Senate of the Republic | Av. P.º de la Reforma 135, Tabacalera, Cuauhtémoc, 06030 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

**Conference participants will complete a security check-in upon arrival and will be required to present their passport.**

**1:45 pm - 2:15 pm** Tour of the Mexican Senate of the Republic.

- The Hon. Alejandro Murat Hinojosa, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee
- Additional staff of the Senate of the Republic to be confirmed

*Attendees will receive a guided tour of the Senate of the Republic.*

**2:15 - 3:15 pm** Interparliamentary Meeting

- The Hon. Alejandro Murat Hinojosa, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee
- Additional members and senior staff of the Mexican Congress to be confirmed

*The Hon. Alejandro Murat Hinojosa will provide welcome remarks on recent priorities within the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in small-group discussions with their staff counterparts in the Mexican Senate. These conversations will be focused on collaborative governance and the U.S.-Mexican working relationship.*

**3:15 pm - 3:45 pm** Depart the Mexican Senate en route to Museo Nacional de Antropología via shuttle (30 min).

Museo Nacional de Antropología | Av. P.º de la Reforma s/n, Polanco, Bosque de Chapultepec I Secc, Miguel Hidalgo, 11560 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

**3:45 pm - 5:45 pm** Overview and Tour of Mexican History at Museo Nacional de Antropología followed by a policy roundtable

- Enrique Perret, Managing Director, U.S.-Mexico Foundation

*Conference participants will tour the Museo Nacional de Antropología to learn the history and culture of the Mexican people. Enrique Perret, Managing Director of the U.S.-Mexico Foundation, will join conference participants for a fireside chat on the importance of collaboration between American businesses, non-profits, and political leaders to promote peace, security, and economic prosperity for both the U.S. and Mexico.*

**5:45 pm - 6:00 pm** Depart Museo Nacional de Antropología en route to the InterContinental Presidente Mexico City Hotel via walking (15 min)

InterContinental Presidente Mexico City Hotel | Campos Elíseos 218, Polanco, Col. Chapultepec Polanco, Miguel Hidalgo, 11560 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

**6:00 pm** Official programming concludes for the day. **DINNER ON YOUR OWN.**

## Wednesday, February 18, 2026

**BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN**
Continental breakfast is available in Café Urbano from 6:00 am - 11:00 am

***Business casual attire for the day. Government ID required.***

**8:00 am - 9:00 am**

Depart InterContinental Presidente Mexico City Hotel en route to Ford Cuautitlán Stamping & Assembly Plant via shuttle (1 hour). In transit, a member of the Center Forward team will provide conference participants with a briefing on recent nearshoring automotive manufacturing trends and the impact of tariffs on the auto industry.

Ford Cuautitlán Stamping & Assembly Plant | Querétaro - Mexico Supermanzana Highway Manzana 001 Km 36.5, Lomas del Salitre, 54730 Cuautitlán Izcalli, Méx., Mexico

**9:00 am - 10:30 am**

Plant Tour & Discussion | Driving Economies: Exploring the Auto Industry's Impact Across Borders

- Marcos Madrid, Plant Manager, Ford Cuautitlán Stamping & Assembly Plant

*Marcos Madrid will lead an interactive tour of the Ford Cuautitlán Stamping & Assembly Plant Plant. This visit showcases Ford's commitment to advanced manufacturing, EV production, and strong labor relations in Mexico. Attendees will gain insight into how these facilities bolster North American supply chains and Ford's regional competitiveness. Following the tour will be a roundtable discussion on the economic impact of the auto industry in both the U.S. and Mexico.*

**10:30 am - 11:30 am**

Depart Ford Cuautitlán Stamping & Assembly Plant en route to Mastercard via shuttle (1 hour). In transit, a member of the Center Forward team will provide conference participants with a briefing on how cross-border dynamics influence financial technology, including regulatory alignment and market integration.

Mastercard | Av. Paseo de la Reforma 250 Torre A Col. Juarez, 22nd Floor Mexico City, Mexico 6600

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm** Mastercard Tour & Roundtable Discussion | Fintech Innovation and Market Expansion in Mexico

- Kiki Del Valle, Executive Vice President, Market Development - Latin America and Caribbean
- Mauricio Schwartzmann, Country Manager, Mexico

Mauricio Schwartzmann, Country Manager, Mexico, will share high-level insights about developing solutions that drive transformative change to better serve the needs and address the challenges of local markets. Attendees will complete an immersive tour exploring the technologies that are driving the future of financial technology. Kiki Del Valle, Executive Vice President, Market Development for Latin America and Caribbean, will lead a roundtable discussion focused on the challenges and opportunities associated with expanding business operations in Mexico and how to build a sustainable and inclusive digital economy.

**1:00 pm - 1:05 pm** Depart Mastercard en route to the American Chamber of Commerce Mexico via walking (5 min).

American Chamber of Commerce Mexico | Av. Paseo de la Reforma 295, Floor 3, Cuauhtémoc, 06500, Mexico City

**1:05 pm - 2:30 pm** Lunch | Open Markets, Shared Prosperity: A Dialogue on Trade and Investment in Mexico

- Pedro Casas Alatriste, Executive Vice President and General Director, American Chamber of Commerce Mexico
- María José Barragán, Chief of Staff, American Chamber of Commerce Mexico
- Additional business representatives to be confirmed

*Over lunch, the American Chamber of Commerce Mexico will facilitate a discussion about the social, economic, and geopolitical impact of increased foreign direct investment and open bilateral trade in Mexico. Business leaders will discuss how American business investments can spur economic growth for Mexico and increase employment opportunities.*

**2:30 pm - 3:00 pm** Depart the American Chamber of Commerce en route to the InterContinental Presidente Mexico City Hotel via shuttle (30 min).

InterContinental Presidente Mexico City Hotel | Campos Elíseos 218, Polanco, Col. Chapultepec Polanco, Miguel Hidalgo, 11560 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

**3:00 pm - 5:30 pm** Break

**5:30 pm - 6:15 pm** Depart InterContinental Presidente Mexico City Hotel en route to Mochomos via shuttle (45 min).

Mochomos | Av. Paseo de las Palmas 781, Lomas de Chapultepec, Miguel Hidalgo, 11000 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

**6:15 pm - 8:15 pm** Dinner | Farm to Table: Mexican Agriculture, Trade, and the Economic Ties That Feed Us

- Itzel Paniagua, Chef, El Taller Gastronómico

*Conference attendees will gather over dinner for a reflective discussion on the day's programming, with a focus on U.S.-Mexico foreign policy developments, agriculture-driven economic growth, and shared trade priorities. Itzel Paniagua, Runner-Up of MasterChef México Season 6, will lead conference participants in a culinary lesson, showcasing local cuisine and the importance of farming in the Mexican economy.*

**8:15 pm - 8:45 pm** Depart Mochomos en route to the InterContinental Presidente Mexico City Hotel via shuttle (30 min).

InterContinental Presidente Mexico City Hotel | Campos Elíseos 218, Polanco, Col. Chapultepec Polanco, Miguel Hidalgo, 11560 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

**8:45 pm** Official programming concludes for the day.

## Thursday, February 19, 2026

Continental breakfast is available in Café Urbano from 6:00 am - 11:00 am

***Business attire for the day.* Please bring a photo I.D. with you.**

**9:00 am - 10:00 am** Mexico in Focus: Trade Policy, Public Opinion, and the Media Landscape Under President Sheinbaum

- Jésica Zermeño Núñez, Bureau Chief, Noticias Telemundo
- Ana María Salazar, Political Columnist, El Financiero Bloomberg

InterContinental Presidente Mexico City Hotel | Campos Elíseos 218, Polanco, Col. Chapultepec Polanco, Miguel Hidalgo, 11560 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

*Ana María Salazar and Jésica Zermeño Núñez will participate in a fireside chat focused on the Sheinbaum administration's trade, foreign affairs, and economic policy priorities. The conversation will also touch on Mexican public opinion on trade and tariffs, as well as the Mexican media landscape.*

**10:00 am - 10:30 am** Depart InterContinental Presidente Mexico City Hotel en route to the Ministry of Economy via shuttle (30 min).

Ministry of Economy | C. Pachuca 189, Colonia Condesa, Cuauhtémoc, 06140 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

**Conference participants will complete a security check-in upon arrival.**

**10:30 am - 12:00 pm** Roundtable Discussion | The Sheinbaum Administration's Economic Priorities: Trade, Investment, and Industry

- The Hon. Marcelo Ebrard, Secretary of Economy

*The Hon. Marcelo Ebrard, Secretary of Economy for the Mexican government, will brief conference participants on the Sheinbaum Administration's priorities for the USMCA review, approach towards attracting foreign direct investment, and re-launch of "Made in Mexico."*

**12:00 pm - 12:15 pm** Depart the Ministry of Economy en route to La Docena via shuttle (15 min).

La Docena | Av. Homero 135, Chapultepec Morales, Polanco V Secc, Miguel Hidalgo, 11560 Ciudad de México, CDMX

**12:15 pm - 1:45 pm** Lunch | Nearshoring Investment for Shared Prosperity

- Altagracia Gómez Sierra, Coordinator of the Advisory Council for Regional Economic Development and Business Relocation, Office of the Presidency of Mexico

*Altagracia Gómez Sierra will lead a discussion on how public-private collaborations can boost investment and economic development, support poverty reduction, and expand inclusive labor markets, especially in rural Mexico.*

**1:45 pm - 2:00 pm** Depart La Docena en route to InterContinental Presidente Mexico City Hotel via shuttle (15 min).

InterContinental Presidente Mexico City Hotel | Campos Elíseos 218, Polanco, Col. Chapultepec Polanco, Miguel Hidalgo, 11560 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

**2:00 pm - 3:15 pm** Break

**3:15 pm - 3:30 pm** Depart InterContinental Presidente Mexico City Hotel en route to BBVA Bancomer Tower via shuttle (15 min).

BBVA Bancomer Tower | Torre BBVA Bancomer, Av. P.º de la Reforma 506, Cuauhtémoc, 06600 Juárez, CDMX, Mexico

**3:30 pm - 5:30 pm** Remarks — Insights into Mexican Agriculture

- Carlos Crain L. Corcuera, Global Brand Ambassador, Volcán de mi Tierra

*Conference participants will engage in meaningful conversations about the region's agricultural practices, the challenges faced by local producers, and the innovative approaches driving sustainable growth. This unique experience offers an opportunity to connect with local traditions while gaining a deeper understanding of the intersection between culture, agriculture, and global impact.*

**5:30 pm - 5:50 pm** Depart BBVA Bancomer Tower en route to Saks via shuttle (20 min).

Saks Polanco | Campos Elíseos 133, Chapultepec Morales, esq, Miguel Hidalgo, 11560 Ciudad de México, CDMX

**5:50 pm - 8:00 pm** Dinner | Reflections on Bipartisan Approaches to U.S.-Mexico Partnership

- Riley Kilburg, Executive Director, Center Forward

*Riley Kilburg, Executive Director of Center Forward, will lead conference participants in a dialogue reflecting on their experiences in Mexico City. The conversation will explore insights into trade and economic partnership between the U.S. and Mexico, as well as perspectives on fostering bipartisan solutions in a global context.*

**8:00 pm - 8:10 pm** Depart Saks Polanco en route to the InterContinental Presidente Mexico City Hotel via walking (10 min).

InterContinental Presidente Mexico City Hotel | Campos Elíseos 218, Polanco, Col. Chapultepec Polanco, Miguel Hidalgo, 11560 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

**8:10 pm** Official programming concludes for the day.

## Friday, February 2026

**BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN**

Continental breakfast is available in Café Urbano from 6:00 am - 11:00 am

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| **6:50 am - 7:40 am** | Staff depart InterContinental Presidente Mexico City Hotel en route to Benito Juarez Mexico City International Airport (MEX) via shuttle (30 min). |
| **7:00 am** | Heather Swift departs Benito Juarez Mexico City International Airport (MEX). American Airlines Flight 1498 \| 3 hours 20 min flight time |
| **7:40 am - 8:10 am** | Staff complete security and check-in |
| **9:40 am CT** | Staff depart Benito Juárez Mexico City International Airport (MEX). United Airlines Flight 1567 \| 4 hours 15 min flight time |
| **11:20 am ET** | Heather Swift arrives at Miami International Airport (MIA) |
| **11:20 am CT** | Blakely Wall departs Benito Juárez Mexico City International Airport (MEX). American Airlines Flight 758 \| 4 hours flight time |
| **2:55 pm ET** | Arrive at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) |
| **4:20 pm ET** | Blakely Wall arrives at Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) |
| **6:15 pm ET** | Blakely Wall departs Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT). American Airlines Flight 1775 \| 1 hour 30 min flight time |
| **7:45 pm ET** | Blakely Wall arrives at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA). |

**Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form: Supplemental**

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| Shahid | Ahmed | Chief of Staff | Office of Rep. Jennifer McClellan (D-VA) | As Chief of Staff to a Member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Mr. Shahid can add to discussions on the USMCA review, specifically provisions for consumer protection and product safety. |
| Liz | Amster | Chief of Staff | Office of Rep. Jake Auchincloss (D-MA) | As Chief of Staff to a Member of the House Commitee on Energy and Commerce, Ms. Amster can speak to U.S.-Mexico trade, sports diplomacy, and tourism development opportunities. |
| Roddy | Flynn | Chief of Staff | Office of Rep. Sarah McBride (D-DE) | As Chief of Staff to a Member on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Mr. Flynn can engage in discussions on regional security, international law enforcement priorities, and diplomacy with the Sheinbaum administration. |
| Sarah | Gilbert | Chief of Staff | Office of Rep. Neal Dunn (R-FL) | As Chief of Staff to a Member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, Ms.Gilbert can share insights into U.S.-Mexico trade relations, including USMCA negotiations, and consumer protection. |
| Molly | Harris | Deputy Chief of Staff | Office of Rep. Jake Ellzey (R-TX) | As Deputy Chief of Staff to a Member of the House Committe on Small Business Subcommittee on Rural Development, Energy, and Supply Chains, Ms. Harris can speak to Committees' priorities in the 119th Congress as related to streamlining U.S.-Mexico supply chains. |
| Maeve | Healy | Chief of Staff | Office of Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY) | As Chief of Staff to a Member of the House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs, Ms. Healy can provide insight into funding priorities related to regional diplomacy, foreign trade oversight, and U.S.-Mexico regional security. |
| Willie | Lyles | Chief of Staff | Office of Rep. Troy Carter (D-LA) | As Chief of Staff to a Member of the House Committee on Homeland Security, Mr. Lyles can provide expertise on border security and ensuring U.S.-Mexico supply chains can withstand threats and are resilient to disruption. |

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| Nancy | Peele | Chief of Staff | Office of Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR) | As Chief of Staff to the Chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources, Ms. Peele can speak to critical mineral priorities in U.S.-Mexico trade and potential critical mineral provisions ahead of the USMCA review. |
| Nikki | Rapanos | Chief of Staff | Office of Rep. Nick LaLota (R-NY) | As Chief of Staff to a Member on the House Committee on Small Business, Ms. Rapanos can offer her thoughts on the U.S.-Mexico trade relationship and small businesses' priorities. |
| Mitch | Rivard | Chief of Staff | Office of Rep. Jason Crow (D-CO) | As Chief of Staff to a Member of the House Committee on Armed Services, Mr. Rivard can engage in discussions on the committee's priorities in the 119th Congress pertaining to regional and border security. |
| Aaron | Schmidt | Chief of Staff | Office of Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-WA) | As Chief of Staff to a Member of the House Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade, Mr. Schmidt can share his perspective on how tariffs have impacted the U.S.-Mexico trade relationship and cross-border exchange of goods. |
| Gabrielle | Sheitelman | Deputy Chief of Staff | Office of Rep. Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ) | As Deputy Chief of Staff to a Member of the House Committee on Appropriations who is Vice Chair of the Subcommitee on Homeland Security, Ms. Sheitelman can speak to funding priorities for border community safety and combating supply chain vulnerabilities to illicit trade. |
| Amy | Soenksen | Chief of Staff | Office of Rep. Morgan McGarvey (D-KY) | As Chief of Staff to a Member on the House Committee on Budget Ms. Soenksen can provide expertise on the impact of U.S.-Mexico trade and tarriffs on U.S. businesses and consumers. |
| Will | Smith | Chief of Staff | Office of Rep. Nick Langworthy (R-NY) | As Chief of Staff to a Member on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Mr. Smith can offer insights into the committee's work on product safety and improved cross-border data security for consumers. |
| Heather | Swift | Chief of Staff | Office of Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-MT) | As Chief of Staff to a Member on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Ms. Swift can share her perspective on strengthening the U.S.-Mexico diplomatic partnership ahead of the USMCA review. |
| Blakely | Wall | Chief of Staff | Office of Rep. Janelle Bynum (D-OR) | As Chief of Staff to a Member on the House Committee on Financial Services, Ms. Wall can engage in discussions about the impact of USMCA on U.S. financial markets. |
| Shane | Wolfe | Chief of Staff | Office of Rep. Kristen McDonald Rivet (D-MI) | As Chief of Staff to a Member on the House Committee on Agriculture, Mr. Wolfe can share his perspective on agricultural trade priorities in the USMCA review and negotiation. |

12. Sponsor’s interest in the subject matter and role in organizing the trip:
Center Forward’s International Chiefs of Staff Issues Conference is being held to bring together a bipartisan group of pragmatic staff and cross-sectoral representatives to focus on common-sense solutions. Center Forward’s organizational mission is to provide centrists with the information they need to develop common-sense solutions and provide a collaborative space to develop actionable plans. Center Forward brings together Members of Congress, congressional staff, not-for-profits, academic experts, trade associations, corporations, and unions to find common ground.

Center Forward is the sole organizer of the trip. Center Forward is planning the conference and is responsible for the organization and execution of the event logistics as well as the programming content. Discussion topics will include bilateral trade, tariffs, and foreign direct investment, manufacturing and tech innovation, AI, data privacy, shared energy and infrastrucure initiatives, regional security, and the strengthening of economic ties between the two countries' governments and business communities. Participants are expected to include congressional staff and business leaders.

15.b.1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided) - USD $125 (Day one) + USD $125 (day 2) + USD $125 (day 3).

15.b.2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
Mexico City was selected for this trip to provide U.S. congressional staff and business leaders with an opportunity to engage with Mexican and American businesses and political leaders on issues affecting both the American and Mexican economies. As the two countries remain deeply intertwined and each has undergone significant political shifts, Mexico continues to be a major business hub with many major U.S. companies setting up headquarters in the country. This small, bipartisan delegation will focus on finding ways to increase shared economic growth, security, and prosperity while gaining a greater understanding of how Mexican leaders are addressing the challenges facing their nation. This visit will include programming focused on both domestic issues and international cooperation to continue strenghtening the critical relationship that already exists between the two countries.

16. Safe and central location for site visits and government meetings as well as suitable hotel room rates.