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: Kade Smith
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ *OR* ■ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: Monday, October 19 Return: Tuesday, October 20
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ *OR* ■ None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Boston, MA Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Climate Solutions Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Our delegation met with researchers at MIT and industry stakeholders to discuss developments in nuclear technologies. We had several roundtables, a working dinner, a tour of the MIT energy campus, and also met with nuclear fusion stakeholders at Commonwealth Fusion Systems.
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: [signature] **Date:** 10/28/26

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: Julia Letlow **Date:** 10/28/26

Signature of Supervising Member: Julia Letlow

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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: Climate Solutions Foundation (CSF)
2. Travel Destination(s): Boston, MA
3. Date of Departure: Monday, October 19, 2026 Date of Return: Tuesday, October 20, 2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Kade Smith
   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	$410.95	$349.00	$160.58	
Accompanying Family Member				

6. ☒ All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. *Signify statement is true by checking box.*

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ **Date:** October 22, 2026

Name: Alex Flint **Title:** Chairman

Organization: Climate Solutions Foundation

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

Address: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Suite 410 Washington, DC 20003

Telephone: 301-518-6336 **Email:** andrea@mietusevents.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: Kade Aaron Smith

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

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Boston, Massachusetts

4. a. Date of Departure: Monday, October 19 Date of Return: Tuesday, October 20

   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 Senior Legislative Assistant for Congresswoman Letlow, participation in this trip supports my official legislative duties by providing firsthand exposure to federal energy research programs, emerging energy technologies, nuclear power generation, and critical minerals supply chain initiatives at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Commonwealth Fusion Systems. This experience will directly inform my work evaluating legislation, appropriations, federal programs, and policy proposals within my issue portfolio and will assist me in providing informed legislative advice to the Congresswoman.

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:** 9-9-25

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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:
   Climate Solutions Foundation (CSF)
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: Monday, October 19, 2026 Date of Return: Tuesday, October 20, 2026
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
   b. Destination(s): Boston, MA
   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:
    Please 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.*
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): Per diem of 184.00 for trip. 92.00 for two days.
       2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: MIT
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
    Hotel Name: Courtyard by Marriott City: Cambridge, Boston Cost Per Night: 349.00
    Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to locations to visit.
    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	$750.00	$349.00	$184.00
For each Accompanying Family Member			

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

19. ***Check only one:***
    a. ■ I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
    b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is anindividual 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 25, 2026

Name: Alex Flint Title: Chairman

Organization: Climate Solutions Foundation

Address: 600 Pennsylvania a Avenue, SE Suite 410 Washington, DC 20003

Email: andrea@mietusevents.com Telephone: 301-518-6336

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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October 14, 2026

Mr. Kade Smith
Office of the Honorable Julia Letlow
142 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Smith:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Cambridge, Massachusetts, scheduled for October 19 to 20, 2026, sponsored by the Climate Solutions 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

Question 4

House and Senate staff are chosen because they are the people who help shape and implement federal climate and energy policy. A visit to MIT gives them direct access to scientists, researchers, and innovators working on technologies and solutions that could inform the policies Congress is considering. MIT has specifically hosted bipartisan congressional staff seminars on climate, energy, and emerging technologies, so this is a well-established type of engagement.

For the Climate Solutions Foundation, the purpose is to give bipartisan staff a firsthand, solutions-oriented look at climate innovation, what techn ologies are being developed, what is read y to scale, what challenges remain, and where federal policy can help. MIT itself emphasizes the importance of connecting climate science and technology with policymakers

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Climate Solutions Foundation Bipartisan Staff Delegation
Monday, October 19 – Tuesday, October 20, 2026

Monday, October 19, 2026

6:59 AM — **American Airlines Flight # 3235 depart Washington Reagan National Airport**

8:46 AM — **American Airlines Flight # 3235 arrives in Boston Logan International Airport**

9:15 AM — **Depart Airport for MIT Campus**
Drive time 30 minutes to MIT Campus

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Welcome & Framing
Speakers: Chris Knittel, Associate Dean for Climate & Sustainability, MIT

Staff will receive an overview of the U.S. energy system and its current state of play, offering a foundational understanding of the technologies, infrastructure, markets, and policy considerations shaping the nation's energy landscape. He will also introduce the research and expertise across MIT that is helping to address emerging energy challenges and inform policymakers, from rising electricity demand and grid reliability to energy innovation, competitiveness, and decarbonization. The discussion will frame the two-day educational staff delegation, providing context for the subsequent conversations, site visits, and research briefings with MIT experts.

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Critical Minerals & the Energy System
Speakers: Elsa Olivetti, Professor in Engineering, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, MIT

This conversation will focus on the critical minerals underpinning next-generation energy technologies and infrastructure, examining the strategic and economic importance of resilient mineral supply chains. The discussion will explore critical minerals through three core lenses: security, availability, and trade, considering the vulnerabilities and opportunities within each and how they intersect with U.S. energy and economic interests. Staff will examine the role of domestic production, processing, recycling, international partnerships, and trade policy in strengthening critical mineral supply chains, with particular attention to various policies from the administration and Congress and their implementation.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Working Lunch: Energy Technology Development & Deployment
Speakers: Michael Short, Professor of Nuclear Science & Engineering, MIT | Heather Zwahlen, Group Leader, MIT Lincoln Laboratory

The working lunch will provide congressional staff with an opportunity to explore how emerging energy technologies move from research and development to real-world deployment. The discussion will examine the role of universities, national laboratories, and the private sector in advancing new technologies, as well as the technical, regulatory, economic, and infrastructure challenges that can shape their path to commercialization. Speakers will draw on their work at MIT and the MIT Lincoln Laboratory, sharing lessons from nuclear energy and other emerging technologies, U.S. competitiveness in a rapidly evolving global landscape, and opportunities to accelerate the development and deployment of technologies that can strengthen U.S. energy security and reliability.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM **Walk to MIT Laboratory for Nuclear Security & Policy**
10 min walk

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM **Tour of MIT Laboratory for Nuclear Security & Policy**
Speakers: Michael Short, Professor of Nuclear Science & Engineering, MIT | Heather Zwahlen, Group Leader, MIT Lincoln Laboratory

Staff will visit the MIT Laboratory for Nuclear Security & Policy (LNSP), an interdisciplinary research lab focused on applying science and engineering to challenges at the intersection of nuclear technology, national security, and public policy. The tour will showcase current research on nuclear nonproliferation and treaty verification, nuclear security and detection technologies, radiation forensics, and the security implications of emerging energy technologies. Staff will hear directly from MIT researchers about how technical research can help define the boundaries of complex policy challenges and inform practical policy approaches, providing a firsthand look at how academia can contribute to nuclear security and policymaking.

2:00 PM – 2:20 PM **Walk to Nuclear Reactor Tour**
138 Albany Street, Cambridge, MA 02139
20 minute walk

2:20 PM – 3:00 PM **Nuclear Reactor Tour**
Speakers: Michael Short, Professor of Nuclear Science & Engineering, MIT | Heather Zwahlen, Group Leader, MIT Lincoln Laboratory

Staff will take a tour of MIT's Nuclear Reactor Laboratory, home to the 6MW Research Reactor (MITR), one of the nation's leading university-lead research reactors. The tour will provide an inside look at reactor operations, safety systems, and the role of university research facilities in advancing the U.S. nuclear energy sector. Staff will learn how the reactor supports research and workforce development across nuclear science and engineering, including advanced nuclear fuels and materials, reactor instrumentation, neutron science, isotope production, all relevant to the next generation of nuclear reactors and corresponding policies currently under development.

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM **Nuclear Energy Q&A**

This concluding discussion will bring together the day's discussions on nuclear technology, security, research, and deployment. Staff will have an opportunity to ask MIT experts follow-up questions and connect what they have seen firsthand at the Laboratory for Nuclear Security & Policy and Nuclear Reactor Laboratory to broader policy questions surrounding all multiple types of nuclear energy technologies and their role in the U.S. energy ecosystem. The conversation will explore remaining barriers to deployment (including regulation, siting, safety, workforce, and technology development) and identify areas where federal policy could help accelerate innovation and deployment while emphasizing safety and proper integration in the existing system.

4:00 PM – 4:10 PM **Drive to Hotel**
5-10 minute drive

4:10 PM – 5:10 PM **Executive Time**

5:10 PM – 5:30 PM **Drive to Reception & Dinner**
7 minute drive or 25 minute walk

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM **Reception & Dinner**
Althea | 2 Columbia St, Cambridge, MA 02139

Staff will attend a reception with MIT leadership and researchers, CFS staff, and additional allies working in the energy and climate space. This setting will provide a valuable opportunity for staff to engage with a broader set of cross-sector energy ecosystem stakeholders and continue more in-depth, informal conversations, building on themes from conversation during the day's programming.

RON **Courtyard by Marriott – Boston Cambridge**
777 Memorial Dr, Cambridge, MA 02139

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

7:00 AM **Optional Staff Breakfast at Hotel**

7:45 AM **Drive to Commonwealth Fusion Systems Facility**
1 hour drive

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM **Tour of Commonwealth Fusion Systems Facility**
117 Hospital Rd, Devens, MA 01434
Agenda:
9:00-9:30 AM: SPARC Tour
9:30-10:00 AM: Site Tour
10:00-11:30 AM: Fusion Policy Discussion

Commonwealth Fusion Systems (CFS), a company spun out of MIT research, is developing SPARC, a compact fusion device using high-temperature superconducting magnets designed to demonstrate net energy gain from fusion. Delegates will tour the company's manufacturing and magnet-testing facilities in Devens, MA and see firsthand the engineering behind its approach to commercializing fusion power. Staff will gain a concrete understanding of how private capital and federal R&D investment translate into deployable technology, informing conversations on fusion permitting, supply chain policy, and public-private funding models that could further catalyze the technology towards commercialization.

11:30 AM **Drive to MIT Main Campus**
1 hour drive

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM **Lunch Roundtable: U.S. Energy System State of Play: Load Growth, Grid Capacity, and Energy Generation Expansion**
Speakers: Chris Knittel, Associate Dean for Climate & Sustainability, MIT | Joshua Hodge, Executive Director, Center for Energy & Environmental Policy Research, MIT | Paul Joskow, Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Economics, MIT | Morgan Andreae, Executive Director, Future Energy Systems Center and Eni-MIT Alliance, MITEI

This roundtable convenes experts from across the research and energy sectors to examine the current state of the grid: where load growth is concentrated, where capacity constraints are emerging, and how generation expansion, market structures, and grid modernization efforts are responding. The discussion is designed to establish a shared, systems-level understanding of the U.S. energy landscape, setting the stage for the delegation's subsequent conversations on specific technologies, market mechanisms, and regulatory tools available to policymakers as they shape the nation's energy future.

END OF PROGRAMMING

3:10 PM	**Depart MIT for Boston Logan Airport** *20-30 minute drive*
3:30 PM	**Arrive Boston Logan Airport**
5:35 PM	**American Airlines Flight # 0955 departs Boston Logan Airport**
7:27 PM	**American Airlines Flight # 0955 arrives in Washington Reagan National Airport**

Question # 12

The Climate Solutions Foundation (CSF) was founded in 2019 as an educational, bipartisan 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our mission is to bring together ideologically diverse Members of Congress and their staff, global leaders, and corporate and trade executives to discuss climate science, economics, and policy. The Climate Solutions Foundation hosts a series of bipartisan, bicameral gatherings of members of Congress, congressional staff, executives, and scientists to build trust within the climate change community and inspire collaborative efforts to advance the agenda on climate change. Since then, CSF has expanded its programming to include domestic educational trips, international trips to the UN's (COP) convenings, congressional staff briefings, receptions, and a congressional fellowship program. The Climate Solutions Foundation is solely responsible for organizing and planning all aspects of the trip.

Question # 15-2

A visit to MIT would give House and Senate staff a firsthand look at how climate science, technology, and innovation are translating into real-world solutions. Staff could hear directly from researchers about emerging technologies in clean energy, storage, grid reliability, carbon reduction, and other areas, while also learning about the challenges of bringing these solutions to scale. For a bipartisan climate nonprofit, the visit provides a substantive, solutions-focused opportunity to explore what is possible, what barriers remain, and how federal policy and investment can help accelerate innovation.