Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

☒ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): American Foreign Policy Council

Travel date(s): Saturday, August 4 - Saturday, August 11, 2018

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____
Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
☐ Good Faith Estimate ☒ Actual Amount	Total $1905.09 (Flights $1395) (Trains $285.74) (Ground $224.35)	Total $767.28 Beijing $119.85/day Shanghai $143.94/day	Total $256.29 Airport meals $52.39 Beijing $33.53/day Shanhai $34.89/day	Chinese Visa $140

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
☐ Good Faith Estimate ☐ Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. *See* Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): See final itinerary attached.

8/31/18 (Date) Michael Sobdile (Printed name of traveler) (Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

8/31/18 (Date) (Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

(Revised 1/3/11) **Form RE-2**

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): American Foreign Policy Council

2. Description of the trip: The delegation to China will focus on bi-lateral and regional issues affecting U.S.-China relations with emphasis on political, economic, and security related topics.

3. Dates of travel: Saturday, August 4 - Saturday, August 11, 2018

4. Place of travel: Beijing and Shanghai, China

5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Please see attached.

6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:

   ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

   – OR –

   ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) *(see question 9)*.

7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

   – AND –

   ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

8. I *certify* that:

   ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.

   – AND –

   ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**
I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10).*

– OR –

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**
If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

Please see attached.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

Founded in 1982, AFPC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to bringing information to those who make or influence the foreign policy of the U.S. The purpose of this trip is to inform U.S. policymakers on issues affecting U.S.-China relations.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

AFPC has sponsored annual delegations to China that have involved staff from the U.S. House and U.S. Senate. Most recently in April 2018, AFPC brought a House Staffer on a similar delegation to Ukraine.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

AFPC sponsors a briefing series for congressional staffers on topics relating to foreign policy and national security.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
☒ Good Faith estimate ☐ Actual Amounts	Total $2000 (Flights $1400) (Trains $300) (Ground $300)	Total $900 Beijing $150/night Shanghai $150/night	Total $300 Beijing $40/ day Shanghai $50/day	Chinese Visa $140

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation **or** b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The trip is arranged without regard to Congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The delegation will travel to Beijing and Shanghai, China to meet with senior officials in the government, Communist Party members, and think tank representatives, and military scholars.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Beijing Wanshou Hotel, No A 12 Wanshou Road, Haidian District, Beijing 100036, China

Hongqiao State Guest Hotel, 221 Honggu Rd, Changning Qu, Shanghai Shi, China, 200336

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The hotels in both Beijing and Shanghai offer affordable rates and the locations are very convenient to attend the scheduled meetings.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

They are below the US State Department per diem maximum daily lodging rate of $258 (Beijing) and $259 (Shanghai), the delegation will only spend $150 per night in each city. The daily meals and incidental rates are $119 in Beijing and $143 Shanghai, we anticipate spending $300 on meals per person for the week.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

All flights and ground transportation internationally and domestically will be coach class. The train to and from Beijing will be business class to allow more discussion during the commute between cities.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None.

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: _____

Name and Title: Richard M. Harrison, Vice President of Operations

Name of Organization: American Foreign Policy Council

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5. Name and title of Senate invitees:

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Senior Professional Staff Member/Investigator, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security
U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Carol (Foster) Fowler
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12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

AFPC is the sole sponsor and will organize all aspects of the delegation including the selection of the delegates, organizing transportation, coordinating meetings and lodging in China, and providing funding for the Congressional staffers. The Sarah Scaife Foundation gave a grant to the AFPC China program with no funding requirements that the funds be used for this trip. Therefore the Sarah Scaife Foundation has not directly or indirectly earmarked funding for this trip and the foundation played no role in organizing any aspect of the trip.

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June 20, 2018

Ms. Cherilyn Pascoe
Senior Professional Staff Member/Investigator, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security
U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Dear Cherilyn,

I hope this email finds you well. I'm writing to invite you to participate in the 5th annual American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC) delegation to China for leading policy experts. You were recommended by Leisel Bogan to join our August 2015 delegation.

The eight-person delegation will engage in a series of meetings and candid discussions with Chinese officials and scholars on a wide range of bilateral strategic and national security issues. The delegation will depart the U.S. on a Saturday and return on Saturday during the month of August (the dates are not yet fixed but we are targeting 8/4-8/11). Normal food, transportation and lodging expenses will be covered. The main meetings will be held in Beijing, but we will also spend time in a second province and meet with officials there. The composition of our delegation will be a mix of Congressional staffers, representatives from think tanks/members of FFDRCs, and individuals in the private sector.

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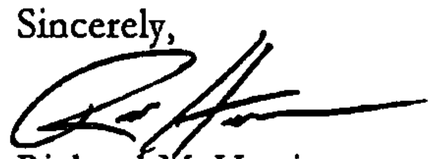
Please let me know if you are interested as soon as possible. I would love to discuss the trip in detail with you and answer any questions you may have. Feel free to contact me via email at harrison@afpc.org or phone at 610-256-0634 for any further inquires and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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June 28, 2018

Ms. Carol (Foster) Fowler
Legislative Assistant
Office of U.S. Senator Ron Johnson

Dear Carol,

I hope this email finds you well. I'm writing to invite you to participate in the 5th annual American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC) delegation to China for leading policy experts. You were recommended by Oren Adaki to join our delegation, who traveled on the August 2015 trip.

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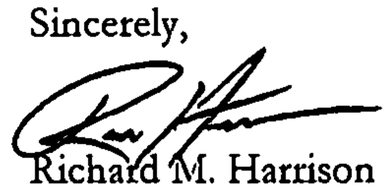

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June 1, 2018

Mr. Michael Sobolik
Legislative Correspondent
Office of U.S. Senator Ted Cruz

Dear Michael,

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International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)

Amanda Azinheira
Research Fellow and Program Officer
American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC)

AFPC Delegation to China Program
(August 5th-11th 2018)

Representatives from the U.S. policymaking and think tank community will travel on a delegation to China. The eight-person delegation will engage in a series of meetings and candid discussions with Chinese officials and scholars on a wide range of bilateral strategic and national security issues. Meeting topics include, but are not limited to the following:

- Belt and Road initiative
- Made in China 2025
- Understanding Party views on U.S. and regional nations
- Chinese views on U.S.-Indo Pacific Strategy
- Flashpoint military issues in the region – North Korea, Taiwan, South China Sea
- National defense mobilization
- Public security and crisis prevention
- Initiatives including grid management and smart cities
- Promotion of Socialism with Chinese characteristics/Chinese-style governance internationally as an alternative to democracy

This mid-career level trip is a relatively new initiative, focused on promoting exchanges between rising policy experts from both countries. It will provide U.S. delegates an opportunity to interact with officials in the Chinese government, the Party, the think-tank community, academia, and the military to discuss the meeting topics listed above. Collectively, the meetings will provide a more comprehensive understanding of the political, economic and security situation in and around China and lead to better informed US policy decisions. There will be no media presence on the delegation or during the meetings. Each meeting will be a closed format with representatives from the Chinese side on one side of the table and members of the U.S. delegation on the other, there are no public forums.

August 4th, Saturday	
06:55-09:59	AFPC delegation travels on Alaska Airlines flight 1081 from IAD - SEA
14:00	AFPC delegation departs on Hainan Airlines flight 496 from SEA
August 5th, Sunday	
16:35	AFPC delegation arrives in Beijing at PEK
August 6th, Monday	
07:00-08:00	Breakfast and discussion with IDCPC* officials on the plan of the visit and brief introduction of role and responsibility of the IDCPC
09:00-11:00	Meeting with leaders from National Defense University - Discussion will focus on China's defense policies, National defense mobilization, regional hotspot issues (North Korea, Taiwan, South China Sea), and Chinese views on U.S.-Indo Pacific Strategy.
12:00-13:00	Lunch
14:00-17:00	Meeting with officials from the National Development and Reform Commission - Discussion will be centered on China's reform, recent economic developments and smart city initiatives, and opening up and Belt and Road Initiative.

18:00-19:00	Dinner
August 7th, Tuesday	
07:00-08:00	Breakfast
09:00-12:00	Meeting and exchange with scholars from the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR) - Discussion will be focused on U.S.-China bi-lateral relations opportunities for cooperation and potential areas of conflict.
12:30-13:30	Lunch and discussion with IDCPC officials on the Chinese promotion of Socialism with Chinese characteristics/Chinese-style governance internationally as an alternative to democracy.
14:00-16:30	Meeting with officials from Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Discussion will be on China's foreign policy and China-U.S. relations.
17:00-18:00	The delegation will meet at the U.S. embassy with officials for a country team briefing. U.S. embassy representatives from the political, economic, and defense sections will brief the delegation on their respective perceptions of China. Delegation members will brief the embassy officials on the program and findings during meetings. (Awaiting final confirmation from U.S. Embassy)
18:30-19:30	Dinner
August 8th, Wednesday	
07:30-08:30	Breakfast
09:00-11:00	Meeting with Development Research Center of the State Council - Discussion will focus on China-U.S economic and trade relations and "Made in China 2025". Made in China 2025 is an initiative approved by the State Council in 2015 that was a blueprint to put more of an economic emphasis on hi-technology and bolster advanced industrial sectors including robotics, information technology, aviation, etc. China plans to become a "self-sufficient" "manufacturing superpower" that may cause problems for the global supply of high-tech products and affect U.S. economic interests.
12:00-13:00	Lunch
15:00-17:00	Meeting with Mr. Guo Yezhou, IDCPC Vice Minister on China-U.S. relations and global challenges.
18:00-20:30	Dinner and discussion with Ms. Du Dingding, IDCPC Deputy Director General - Discussion on American perspectives on China and U.S. foreign policy.
August 9th, Thursday	
07:00-08:00	Breakfast and discussion with IDCPC officials - Discussion will focus on the preparatory briefings for the Shanghai portion of the trip.
09:00-13:28	AFPC delegation departs for Shanghai by high-speed train G1
15:00-18:00	Discussion with scholars from the Shanghai Institutes for International

	Studies on China-U.S cooperation and regional hotspot issues.
18:00 -20:00	Dinner and briefing by leaders of the Foreign Affairs Office in Shanghai - Discussion will focus on economic and social development of the region.
August 10th, Friday	
07:00-08:00	Breakfast
09:00 -11:30	Visit Shanghai Free Trade Pilot Zone (SHFTZ) - Officially launched on Sept. 29th 2013, it is designed a four-pronged institutional innovation strategy targeted at investment management, trade facilitation, financial services and transformation of government functions. The establishment of SHFTZ is a major decision made by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China in response to new economic challenges. It is envisioned to explore new paths for economic reform and the delegates will be able to see first hand how China views their economic future.
12:00-14:00	Lunch and discussion with leaders from Shanghai Free Trade Pilot Zone - Discussion will provide delegation members with insight as to the future of China's economic strategy that may be applied to other regions.
14:30-16:00	Visit U.S corporations and high-tech firms in Shanghai – Invited companies include: China Hewlett-Packard Co. Ltd., Winda Technologies (with headquarters in San Marcos, California, providing solutions for municipal industrial wastewater treatment), and TA Instruments (a thermal analysis, rheology, microcalorimetry and mechanical analysis supplier, based in New Castle, Delaware - Discussion will focus on U.S.-China joint ventures, how cooperations interface with the Chinese government, and local implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative.
17:30-19:00	Dinner and discussion with IDCPC officials on major findings of the visit and future cooperation.
August 11th, Saturday **Delegation departs for the U.S.**	
07:00-11:38	AFPC delegation returns to Beijing from Shanghai via the high-speed train G6
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AFPC Delegation to China Program
(August 5th-11th 2018)

Representatives from the U.S. policymaking and think tank community will travel on a delegation to China. The eight-person delegation will engage in a series of meetings and candid discussions with Chinese officials and scholars on a wide range of bilateral strategic and national security issues. Meeting topics include, but are not limited to the following:

Belt and Road initiative
Made in China 2025
Understanding Party views on U.S. and regional nations
Chinese views on U.S.-Indo Pacific Strategy
Flashpoint military issues in the region – North Korea, Taiwan, South China Sea
National defense mobilization
Public security and crisis prevention
Initiatives including grid management and smart cities
Promotion of Socialism with Chinese characteristics/Chinese-style governance internationally as an alternative to democracy

This mid-career level trip is a relatively new initiative, focused on promoting exchanges between rising policy experts from both countries. It will provide U.S. delegates an opportunity to interact with officials in the Chinese government, the Party, the think-tank community, academia, and the military to discuss the meeting topics listed above. Collectively, the meetings will provide a more comprehensive understanding of the political, economic and security situation in and around China and lead to better informed US policy decisions. There will be no media presence on the delegation or during the meetings. Each meeting will be a closed format with representatives from the Chinese side on one side of the table and members of the U.S. delegation on the other, there are no public forums.

August 4th, Saturday	
06:55-09:59	AFPC delegation travels on Alaska Airlines flight 1081 from IAD - SEA
14:00	AFPC delegation departs on Hainan Airlines flight 496 from SEA
August 5th, Sunday	
16:35	AFPC delegation arrives in Beijing at PEK
August 6th, Monday	
07:00-08:00	Breakfast and discussion with AFPC Staff on the plan of the visit and brief introduction of role and responsibility of the IDCPC
09:30-11:30	Visit and briefing at Zhongguancun Inno Way (an enterprise incubator and China's version of silicon valley) and discussion with Director Mr. Tim Luan – Zhongguancun Innoway has incubated a total of 878 companies, including 121 overseas teams, with a total financing amount of 7.65 billion yuan ($1.22 billion), Xinhua reported on Feb 5. The country's first-ever global innovation community was built and put into operation in Zhongguancun Innoway over the year, attracting more than 200 worldwide projects, providing incubation services for over 100 startups and becoming home to five companies from the United States, Switzerland and South Korea. – Delegates learned how

	start-up companies receive their funding and interface with the Chinese government. Discussion provided delegation members with insight as to the future of China's economic innovation strategy that may be applied in other regions.
11:30-12:30	Lunch
14:00-15:00	Meeting with Mr. Wang Changlin from the Academy of Macroeconomic Research (AMR) within the National Development and Reform Commission - Discussion centered mainly on China's "Made in 2025" along with China's reform, recent economic developments and smart city initiatives, and opening up and Belt and Road Initiative. Made in China 2025 is an initiative approved by the State Council in 2015 that was a blueprint to put more of an economic emphasis on hi-technology and bolster advanced industrial sectors including robotics, information technology, aviation, etc. China plans to become a "self-sufficient" "manufacturing superpower" that may cause problems for the global supply of high-tech products and affect U.S. economic interests.
16:00-17:00	Meeting with Mr. Terry Branstad, U.S. Ambassador to China - The delegation met with U.S. embassy officials for a limited country team briefing. The Ambassador and U.S. embassy representatives from the political, economic, and defense sections briefed the delegation on their respective perceptions of China.
18:00-20:30	Dinner hosted by Deputy Director-General Zhou Rongguo, IDCPC - Discussion focused on American perspectives on China and U.S. foreign policy.
August 7th, Tuesday	
07:00-08:00	Breakfast
10:00-11:30	Meeting and exchange with scholars from the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR) - Discussion focused on U.S.-China bi-lateral relations opportunities for cooperation and potential areas of conflict.
12:00-13:30	Lunch and discussion with IDCPC officials on the Chinese promotion of Socialism with Chinese characteristics/Chinese-style governance internationally as an alternative to democracy.
15:00-16:30	Meeting with Mr. Chen Yanjun, Counselor (Deputy-Director-General protocol level), Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Discussion focused on China's foreign policy and China-U.S. relations.
18:00-20:00	Dinner meeting with U.S. Embassy officials - The delegation met with U.S. embassy officials from the political, economic, and defense sections to continue the country team briefing from Monday and discuss findings from delegation meetings.

August 8th, Wednesday	
07:30-08:30	Breakfast
09:00-10:30	Meeting with Mr. Zhao Changwen, Director-General, Department of Industrial Economy, Development Research Center of the State Council - Discussion focused on China-U.S economic and trade relations and "Made in China 2025".
11:00-12:30	Meeting with the Mr. Wang Wei, Deputy Director-General, Office of International Military Cooperation, Ministry of National Defense at National Defense University. Delegates were joined by Lt. Col. Andy Tam from the U.S. embassy - Discussion focused on China's defense policies, crisis de-escalation, National defense mobilization, regional hotspot issues (North Korea, Taiwan, South China Sea), and Chinese views on U.S.-Indo Pacific Strategy.
12:00-13:00	Lunch
15:00-17:00	Meeting with entire staff from Bureau of North American, Oceanic and Scandinavian Affairs, IDCPC - Discussion focused on providing understanding of U.S. government and electoral process, perception of China in the U.S. and abroad, justification for tariffs on Chinese goods.
17:00-18:00	Meeting with Mr. Guo Yezhou, IDCPC Vice Minister on China-U.S. relations and global challenges.
18:00-20:00	Dinner and discussion with Mr. Zhou Rongguo, IDCPC Deputy Director General - Discussion focused on human rights and persecution of Muslim and Christians in China.
August 9th, Thursday	
07:00-07:30	Breakfast and discussion with AFPC staff - Discussion focused on preparatory briefings for Thursday's portion of the Shanghai meeting schedule.
09:00-13:28	AFPC delegation departs for Shanghai by high-speed train G1
15:30-17:15	Discussion with scholars from the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies on China-U.S cooperation and regional hotspot issues.
17:15-18:30	Meeting with young Chinese Communist Party Members, IDCPC Officials - Discussion focused on Chinese education and Party indoctrination, CPC views on religion and toleration within Party ranks. Delegation members provided understanding of various US parties and their ability to conduct foreign policy.
18:30-20:30	Dinner and briefing with Mr. Fu Jihong, Deputy Director-General of the Foreign Affairs Office of Shanghai Municipal Government - Discussion focused on economic and social development of the region.
21:00-21:30	Discussion with IDCPC officials - Discussion focused on the preparatory

	briefings for Friday's portion of the Shanghai meeting schedule.
August 10th, Friday	
07:00-08:00	Breakfast
09:50-12:00	Visit Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation-General Motors (SAIC-GM) meeting with Mr. Kevin McMahon, Vice President of Quality Control and Mr. Albert Xie, Vice President, Public Policy and Government Relations, GM China Group - Discussion focused on U.S.-China joint ventures, how cooperations interface with the Chinese government, and local implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative.
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June 1, 2018

Mr. Michael Sobolik
Legislative Correspondent
Office of U.S. Senator Ted Cruz

Dear Michael,

I hope this email finds you well. I'm writing to invite you to participate in the 5th annual American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC) delegation to China for leading policy experts. You were recommended by Samantha Leahy and Joshua Eisenman to join our August 2018 delegation.

The eight-person delegation will engage in a series of meetings and candid discussions with Chinese officials and scholars on a wide range of bilateral strategic and national security issues. The delegation will depart the U.S. on a Saturday and return on Saturday during the month of August (the dates are not yet fixed but we are targeting 8/4-8/11). Normal food, transportation and lodging expenses will be covered. The main meetings will be held in Beijing, but we will also spend time in a second province and meet with officials there. The composition of our delegation will be a mix of Congressional staffers, representatives from think tanks/members of FFDRCs, and individuals in the private sector.

AFPC CHINA DELEGATIONS

AFPC has been organizing annual, senior-level delegations to China for over two decades. Within the last few years delegations have included a former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a former National Security Advisor, five former Under Secretaries of State and Defense. This mid-career level trip is a relatively new initiative, focused on promoting exchanges between rising policy experts from both countries, will provide us an opportunity to interact with officials in the Chinese government, the Party, the think-tank community, academia, and possibly the military. Previous mid-career delegations have been led by Manisha Singh, Daniel Hartnett/Jeff Smith, Lyle Morris, and Ilan Berman.

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Please let me know if you are interested as soon as possible. I would love to discuss the trip in detail with you and answer any questions you may have. Feel free to contact me via email at harrison@afpc.org or phone at 610-256-0634 for any further inquires and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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