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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): Climate Solutions Foundation

Travel date(s): May 31 - June 1, 2022

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	$372.10	$258.00	$99.25	

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.): Attached.

6/24/22 (*Date*) Lydia Denis (*Printed name of traveler*) Lydia Denis (*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.

6/24/22 (*Date*) Rob Portman (*Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer*)

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

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Climate Solutions FOUNDATION

The Climate Solutions Foundation New York City Programming
U.S. House & U.S. Senate Staff Delegation Schedule
Tuesday, May 31 to Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

1:50 PM	**Depart Washington Union Station for New York Penn Station** *Acela #2168*
4:49 PM	**Delegation Arrives in New York City** *New York Penn Station*
5:00 PM – 5:15 PM	**Travel from Penn Station to the Beacon Hotel**
5:15 PM	**Check-In to Beacon Hotel**
6:30 PM	**Travel from the Beacon Hotel to Columbia University Faculty House** *Columbia University Faculty House, 64 Morningside Drive, New York, NY* *2.5 miles, 30-minute estimated drive*
Drive time 15- 30 mins	**University Faculty House**
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	**Opening Dinner and Discussion Session 1: Supply Chains & Scaling the Clean Energy Transition**

7:05 PM **Welcome Remarks**
RJ Johnston, *Senior Research Scholar, Center on Global Energy Policy*
Bio-for Robert (RJ) Johnston

7:10 PM **Climate, Energy Innovation, and CO2 Capture: Key Trends and Observations**

Dr. Ah-Hyung (Alissa) Park, *Lenfest Earth Institute Professor of Climate Change; Director of Lenfest Center for Sustainable Energy, The Earth Institute; Chair, Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering, Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science* Bio for -Dr. Ah-Hyung (Alissa) Park

8:05 PM **The Global Oil/Gas Price Spike: Key Risks & Outlook for Next 12 Months**
RJ Johnston, *Senior Research Scholar, Center on Global Energy Policy*

9:00 p.m. **Dinner concludes**

Background: We will be meeting Columbia Climate School Faculty and climate experts at the Cocktail Reception and Dinner being held at the Columbia University Faculty House. Their mission is to develop and inspire knowledge-based solutions and educate future leaders to just and prosperous societies on a healthy planet. In keeping with our mission to bring together ideologically diverse congressional staff, scientists, and academics to discuss climate science, economics, and policy, this discussion will provide the delegation the ability to converse with issue-area experts and researchers to further their understanding of the global supply chain and scaling the clean energy transition. Researchers, academics, professors, and Columbia Climate School faculty members will participate in conversation with the delegation. The topic of conversation will be about supply chains and scaling the clean energy transition. Specifically, discussion will involve critical minerals, non-technical barriers to investment, sustainable financing, and the energy/trade nexus. This dinner, and the subsequent discussions taking place on Tuesday, are relevant to the delegation's interests, as the House and Senate staff attending all manage legislative portfolios focused on climate change and the environment. This dinner will be paid for by the Climate Solutions Foundation.

RON **Hotel Beacon**
2130 Broadway, New York

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

7:00 AM **Delegation departs Beacon Hotel**
Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University
1255 Amsterdam Avenue

Drive time 15- 30 minutes

Arrive Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University 1255 Amsterdam Avenue
**Please use the entrance at the southeast corner of Amsterdam and 122nd Street. CGEP is not accessible via the main entrance between 121st and 122nd Streets. Luggage can be stored in Room 101C.

7:45 AM **Breakfast**

8:00 AM **Bus departs for Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory**
Senior Faculty from Columbia University will share with the staff delegation the details of the day with a planned visit to Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Palisades, NY

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM **Travel from the Center on Global Energy Policy to Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory**
15.3 miles, 22–55-minute estimated drive

Drive time 30-55 minutes

9:00 AM – 11:45 AM **Session 2: Lab Tours and Discussions with Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Scientists**

9:00 AM **Bus arrives at Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory**

9:10 AM **Core Repository**
Basement of Geoscience Building

Nichole Anest, *Core Lab Curator, Biology and Paleo Environment Division*
Bio for Nichole Anest

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

9:55 AM **Rock Mechanics Lab**
Instrument Lab Building (near Shipping)
Christine McCarthy, *Lamont Associate Research Professor, Seismology, Geology and Tectonophysics Division*

10:40 AM **Tree-Ring Lab**
Tree-Ring Building

Edward Cook, *Ewing Lamont Research Professor, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Biology and Paleo Environment Division* Bio for Edward Cook
Brendan Buckley, *Lamont Research Professor, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Biology and Paleo Environment Division* *Bio for Brandan M Buckley*
Nicole Davi, *Adjunct Senior Research Scientist, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Biology and Paleo Environment Division* *Bio for Nicole K. Davi*

11:30 AM **Coffee Break with Dean Maureen Raymo**
Directorate Conference Room, Monell Building
Maureen Raymo, *Co-Founding Dean, Columbia Climate School; Director, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory; G. Unger Vetlesen Professor of Earth and Climate Science*
Bio for Maureen Raymo

12:00 PM **Bus departs for the Center on Global Energy Policy**

1:00 PM **Bus arrives at the Center on Global Energy Policy**

Background: The second discussion session will begin with our visiting Lamont–Doherty Earth Observatory which is the scientific research center of the Columbia Climate School, and a unit of The Earth Institute at Columbia University. It focuses on climate and earth sciences and is located on a 189-acre campus in Palisades, New York, 18 miles north of Manhattan on the Hudson River. Lamont-Doherty is a unique research enterprise, bringing together courageous, entrepreneurial thinkers dedicated to bold exploration and discoveries that illuminate their understanding of Earth's processes and the myriad ways our planet is changing as our climate warms. Since its founding in 1949, Lamont has been a leader in the Earth sciences, and is now the scientific research heart of the Columbia Climate School founded in 2020. They are a dynamic community of 500 scientists, students, and staff, with nearly 300 PhD-level researchers, and 80-90 graduate students involved in research. Their scientists study the planet from its deepest interior to the outer reaches of its atmosphere, on every continent and in every ocean, providing a rational basis for the difficult choices facing humanity. The Staff Delegation will have the opportunity to see a variety of labs and these experts at work and be able to discuss the issues of climate.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM **Bus Depart the Lamont- Doherty Center**

Drive time 30-55 minutes

1:00 PM **Bus arrives Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University**
1255 Amsterdam Avenue

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM **Lunch and Discussion: Sanctions, Foreign Policy, and US Energy Interests**
Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University
Richard Nephew, *Senior Research Scholar, Center on Global Energy Policy*-Bio for Richard Nephew

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM **Future of US Electric Power Markets and Infrastructure in the Energy Transition**
Columbia Climate School, 1255 Amsterdam Avenue, New York
David Hill, Adjunct Senior Research Scholar, Center on Global Energy Policy *Bio for David Hill*
Cheryl LaFleur, *Non-Resident Fellow and Advisory Board Member, Center on Global Energy Policy*
Bio for Cheryl LaFleur

3:00 PM **Briefings conclude**

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM **Travel from Columbia University to New York Penn Station**
7 miles, estimated 30 to 45-minute drive

4:25 PM **Depart New York Penn Station for Washington Union Station**
Northeast Regional #129

7:57 PM **Arrive at Washington Union Station**

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): Climate Solutions Foundation (CSF)

2. Description of the trip: See Attached

3. Dates of travel: Tuesday, May 31, 2022- June 1, 2022

4. Place of travel: New York City, NY (May 31st) -June 1st (61 Route 9W, Palisades, NY)

5. Name and title of Senate invitees: 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:

The Climate Solutions Foundation (CSF) is the sole sponsor and focuses on its mission to inspire know-ledge based solutions and educate future leaders to help achieve and be informed of climate. They will engage with many researchers/scientists to discuss the future goals and solutions about climate change.

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

The Climate Solutions Foundation founded in 2019 as an educational bi-partisan non-profit organization mission is to bring together ideologically diverse Members of Congress and their staff, global leaders, to discuss climate science, economics, and policy.

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

The Climate Solutions Foundation has recently only worked with Members of Congress in sponsoring trips keep in mind the pandamenic impacted any opportunities in 2020-2022. This is our first Senate Staff Delegation trip and feel it will really be representative of a great opportunities for future programming.

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

CSF has expanded its programming to include educational trips,congressional staff briefings, a public climate summit with over 500 virtual attendees, and a congressional fellowship set to launch this summer.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
☐ Good Faith estimate ☒ Actual Amounts	$372.12	$258.00	$99.25	N/A

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:

This trip is arranged and organized with regard to congressional participation. CSF is working with the University and have leading experts share their thoughts to spark a bipartisan discussion on Climate.

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

We selected NYC for the chance to engage with Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University and and visit Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory to have a better understanding of climate and earth sciences.

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

The Beacon Hote1-2130 Broadway, New York, NY

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

We selected the Beacon because it is close to Columbia University.

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:

We are working to stay within GSA Per Diem Rate for lodging and meals. Since we are hosting everything at Columbia University we are able to control costs with our F & B working directly with University on those costs.

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:

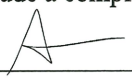
We will be providing all coach class level of service for all attendees when booking their tickets for their transportation on the Acela to NYC and on the Northeastern Regional for the return to DC

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:

N/A

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: Alex Flint, Executive Director

Name of Organization: Climate Solutions Foundation

Address: 233 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20003

Telephone Number: 301-518-6336

Fax Number: 202-747-5212

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Climate Solutions FOUNDATION

CSF Senate Ethics Filing-New York Senate Staff Trip to Columbia University
Tuesday, May 31, 2022 – Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Question # 2

During our stay in New York City, the delegation will participate in educational discussions hosted by Columbia University's Climate School on supply chains and the clean energy transition; the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war on US energy policy and global energy transition; and the future of the US power grid. Your work on these topics will be a great asset to our delegation.

Question #5

First	Last	Title	Office
Adam	Battalio	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Mike Braun (IN)
Patrick	Bond	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Angus King (ME)
Susanne	Brooks	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Michael Bennett (CO)
Morgan	Cashwell	Legislative Director	Office of Senator Angus King (ME)
Lydia	Denis	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Robert Jones Portman (OH)
Janelle	DiLuccia	Energy and Environment Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Jean Shaheen (NH)
Dan	Dudis	Environmental Counsel	Office of Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)
Callie	Eideberg	Senior Professional Staff Member	Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Scott	Graber	Chief Counsel	Office of Senator Lindsey Graham (SC)
Christian	Graf	Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Debbie Stabenow (MI)
Nicholas	Graham	Legislative Correspondent	Office of Senator Tammy Baldwin (WI)
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Eva	Gutierrez	Legislative Correspondent	Office of Senator Jean Shaheen (NH)
Annie	Hoefler	Legislative Director	Office of Senator Lisa Murkowski (AK)
Josh	Klein	Senior Professional Staff Member	Senate Foreign Relations Committee
Kyle	McGovern	Legislative Aide	Office of Senator Lindsey Graham (SC)
Jess	Pavel	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Mitt Romney (UT)
Sarah	Peery	Legislative Director	Office of Senator Robert Jones Portman (OH)
Kelly	Riddle	Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Jacky Rosen (NV)
Molly	Ryan	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Susan Collins (ME)
Aaron	Suntag	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Debbie Stabenow (MI)
Colleene	Thomas	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Tammy Baldwin (WI)
Connor	Tomlinson	Legislative Aide	Office of Senator Marco Rubio (FL)
Anna	Yelverton	Deputy Legislative Director	Office of Senator Chris Coons (DE)

Date/Time Stamp:

EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics** in **SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Lydia Denis

Employing Office/Committee: Senator Rob Portman

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Climate Solutions Foundation

Travel date(s): May 31 - June 1

*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*

Destination(s): New York City, Columbia University, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory in Palisades, NY

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

I am the energy and environment staff for Senator Portman, and this educational trip to New York City witll focus on: supply chains and the clean energy transition; the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war on U.S. energy policy; and the future of the U.S. power grid.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): None.

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

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

5/17/2022
(Date)

Lydia Denis
(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Senator Rob Portman hereby authorize Lydia Denis

(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) *(Print Traveler's Name)*

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (*signify "yes" by checking box*) ☐

5/17/2022
(Date)

Rob Portman
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

(Revised 10/19/15)

Form RE-1