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): Senate Working Group

Travel date(s): March 24-26, 2022

Name of accompanying family member (if any): Marc

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	$275	$192	$147	

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

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
☒ Good Faith Estimate ☐ Actual Amount	$0	$0	$147	

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

4/22/22 *(Date)* Pamela Thiessen *(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.

4/22/22 *(Date)* Rob Portman *(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)*

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

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EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

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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: Pam Thiessen

Employing Office/Committee: HSGAC

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Senate Working Group

Travel date(s): March 24-26, 2022

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

Destination(s): The Greenbrier, 101 W Main St, White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

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

I will be participating on a panel of Senate Committee Staff Directors so that attendees will better understand the ways personal offices can work with committees to better serve their members and constituents.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): Marc Thiessen

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:

2/18/22
(Date)

(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 Portman *(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)* hereby authorize Pam Thiessen *(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)* ☒

2/18/22
(Date)

Rob Portman
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

(Revised 10/19/15) Form RE-1

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): Senate Working Group, Inc. (SWG)

2. Description of the trip: Senate Chiefs of Staff and Staff Director's Symposium. This event will be for senior staff to obtain educational resources and connect with policy experts and thought leaders.

3. Dates of travel: March 24 - 26, 2022

4. Place of travel: The Greenbrier Resort - White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia

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

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:

Senate Working Group is the sole sponsor for this event, and has financed and organized the symposium.

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

Please see attached document.

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

Senate Working Group is a new organization, created on October 8, 2021. Senate Working Group has not previously sponsored any congressional trips.

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

Senate Working Group plans to provide educational trainings, as well as host widely attended events, throughout the calendar year. These trainings and events will be offered to all Senate staff, from Chiefs of Staff to Senate Interns.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
☒ Good Faith estimate	$275	$192	$147	
☐ Actual Amounts	Spouse: $0	Spouse: $0	Spouse: $147	

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 event was arranged and organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

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

Given that the event is classified as a symposium, we want the event to be outside of Washington, D.C. However, to ensure attendance and minimal travel costs, we chose having the event in West Virginia.

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

The Greenbrier Resort, 101 W. Main St. White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

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

We selected the Greenbrier due to its outstanding reputation in hosting similar events and its close proximity to Washington, D.C.

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:

All expenses are at or below per diem

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:

Mileage reimbursed

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: James Kimmey, Executive Director

Name of Organization: Senate Working Group, Inc.

Address: 1825 I Street NW, Suite 900, Washington, D.C. 20006

Telephone Number: (858) 336-0293

Fax Number:

E-mail Address: James@senateworkinggroup.org

Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form
Attachment

Question 5

In response to question 5, the following individuals are invited:

Honorable Roger Marshall, Senator (Kansas)
Honorable Shelley Moore Capito, Senator (West Virginia)
Dan Kunsman, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Barrasso
Sean Farrell, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Blackburn
Stacy McBride, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Blunt
Toni-Marie Higgins, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Boozman
Josh Kelley, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Braun
Natasha Hickman, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Burr
James Quinn, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Cassidy
Steve Abbott, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Collins
Beth Jafari, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Cornyn
Doug Coutts, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Cotton
Mark Gruman, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Cramer
Susan Wheeler, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Crapo
Steve Chartan, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Cruz
Jason Thielman, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Daines
Lisa Goeas, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Ernst
Emily Leviner, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Fischer
Richard Perry, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Graham
Aaron Cummings, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Grassley
Adam Telle, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Hagerty
Eric Teetsel, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Hawley
Tony Eberhard, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Hoeven
Doug Davis, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Hyde-Smith
Luke Holland, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Inhofe
Sean Riley, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Johnson
David Stokes, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Kennedy
Michelle Altman, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Lankford

Allyson Bell, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Lee
Brent Robertson, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Marshall
Sharon Soderstrom, Chief-of-Staff, Leader McConnell
Terry Carmack, Chief-of-Staff, Leader McConnell
James Kelly, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Moran
Kaleb Froehlich, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Murkowski
William Henderson, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Paul
Kevin Smith, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Portman
Ryan White, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Risch
Liz Johnson, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Romney
Kyle Chase, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Rounds
Mike Needham, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Rubio
Ray Sass, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Sasse
Craig Carbone, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Rick Scott
Jennifer DeCasper, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Tim Scott
Watson Donald, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Shelby
Larry Burton, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Sullivan
Ryan Nelson, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Thune
Ted Lehman, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Tillis
Dan Brandt, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Toomey
Stephen Boyd, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Tuberville
Michelle Richardson, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Wicker
John Connell, Chief-of-Staff, Senator Young
Neri Martinez, Staff Director, Select Committee on Aging
Fitz Elder, Staff Director, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Shannon Hines, Staff Director, Appropriations Committee
John Wason, Staff Director, Armed Services Committee
Brad Grantz, Staff Director, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Nick Myers, Staff Director, Committee on the Budget
John Keast, Staff Director, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Richard Russell, Staff Director, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Adam Tomlinson, Staff Director, Committee on Environment and Public Works
Gregg Richard, Staff Director, Finance Committee

Arjun Mody, Staff Director, Senate Republican Conference

Chris Socha, Staff Director, Committee on Foreign Relations

David Cleary, Staff Director, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Pam Thiessen, Staff Director, Committee on Homeland Security & Government Affairs

Brian Walsh, Staff Director, Intelligence Committee

Kolan Davis, Staff Director, Judiciary Committee

William Henderson, Staff Director, Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship

Jon Towers, Staff Director, Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Kristi Williams, Staff Director, Committee on Indian Affairs

Question 13

In response to question 13, Senate Working Group is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing educational resources to Senate staff. In addition to local trainings and receptions throughout the year, the 2022 Chief-of-Staff and Committee Staff Director's Symposium provides us the ability to connect Senate staff with policy experts and thought leaders in an intimate, off-the-record setting.

Senate Working Group
2022 Senate Republican Chief-of-Staff & Committee Staff Director's Symposium
March 24-26, 2022

Thursday, March 24, 2022

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Opening Dinner Plenary
This two-hour, opening dinner plenary session will examine the issues that are driving constituents back home and how Senate members can work alongside one another to bring light to these issues. Whether it's the economy or education, Americans are increasingly concerned over the issues that impact them the most. The purpose of this session is to examine those issues and get diverse perspectives from the state and federal level officials.

Speakers: James Kimmey, Executive Director, Senate Working Group
Honorable Jim Justice, Governor, West Virginia
Honorable Shelley Moore Capito, Senator (West Virginia)
Mary Katharine Ham, Moderator

Friday, March 25, 2022

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Interplay of Campaign Finance with Official Senate Duties (1 hour)
There are always questions on what can and cannot be done when working in the Senate. The purpose of this session is to break down the senate ethics rules along with an explanation on how to comply with campaign finance regulations while carrying out official Senate duties during the 2022 election cycle.

Speaker(s): Ryan Dollar, Esq., National Republican Senatorial Committee
Honorable Sean Cooksey, Commissioner, Federal Election Commission

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9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Morning Plenary Session
Policy Lighting Round: A Deeper Dive into Kitchen Table Issues (3 hours)
This three-hour, morning brunch plenary will go deeper into the "kitchen table issues" which were introduced the night prior. Kitchen Table issues are issues that are of concern to the average person that might be discussed by the family around a kitchen table. Featuring policy experts from various prominent think-tanks, we will look into Education, specifically the Critical Race Theory, Immigration, Foreign Policy, specifically U.S. – China relations, and the Economy, specifically the impact of inflation. Each topic will be broken down into 45-minute segments. Each segment will give the speaker 20 - 30 minutes to introduce and discuss the issue, then will leave 15 or more minutes to take questions from the audience.

Speaker(s): Deroy Murdock, Senior Fellow at the London Center for Policy Research
Education and Critical Race Theory
9:00 AM – 9:45AM

Daniel Garza, The Libre Institute
Immigration
9:45 AM – 10:30 AM

Michael Sobolik, American Foreign Policy Council
Foreign Policy: U.S. – China Relations
10:30 AM – 11:15 AM

Dr. Michael Strain, American Enterprise Institute
Inflation and the Economy
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM

12:00PM - 3:00PM – Executive Time

3:00PM – 4:00 PM – Women of the Senate Roundtable (1 hour)
The purpose of the roundtable is to discuss the challenges/ opportunities women senior staff members encounter while working on the Hill along with a discussion on increasing diversity among Senate members and how an increase in female voices will positively impact various pieces of legislation.

Speakers: Kristin Walker, Chief of Staff
Allyson Bell, Chief of Staff
Michelle Barlow Richardson, Chief of Staff
Neri Martinez, Staff Director
Mary Katharine Ham, Moderator

5:00PM - 7:00PM - Reception (2 hours)
The purpose of this reception is for each attendee to network with other attendees and speakers. There will be no speakers for this reception, if announcements need to be made, they will be made by James Kimmey, Executive Director of Senate Working Group.

7:00pm - 10:00PM - Dinner Plenary Session (3 hours)

7:00PM – 7:15PM – Welcome remarks by James Kimmey, Senate Working Group

7:15PM – 8:15PM – How the Issues Are Received at Home
Whether it's the economy, education, voting rights or immigration, there are many legislative issues on the front of many American's minds. The purpose of this session is to examine the key legislative issues that are important to American voters. This session will focus on regional and national trends and how the Senate can influence those issues. Please note that there will be no

discussion on campaign-related activity at this seminar.

Speakers: Ryan Munce, co/efficient
Travis Smith, Creative Direct

8:15PM – 9:45PM – The Impact of New Media
As #1 political podcast in America, the hosts of The Ruthless Podcast will share their experience utilizing new media to connect with millions of Americans and how it impacted the way people view politics. As former Hill Staffers, they will share their experience both on and off the Hill, and how their podcast impacts the national political conversation.

Speakers: James "Josh" Holmes, The Ruthless Podcast
Michael Duncan, The Ruthless Podcast
Shashank Tripathi, The Ruthless Podcast
John Ashbrook, The Ruthless Podcast
Brent Robertson, Chief of Staff, Moderator

9:45PM – 10:00PM – James Kimmey, Executive Director of Senate Working Group will close out the dinner by giving closing remarks, thanking those in attendance, and provide information on future Senate Working Group events.

Saturday, March 26, 2022

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM
Redistricting 101: The Latest Challenges and How It Impacts the Senate (45 min.)
The purpose of this 45-minute presentation is to explain the new congressional maps created as a result of the 2020 census. The speaker will explain the various metrics that went into the creation of the maps, i.e., makeup of state legislatures, non-partisan commissions, etc., and then show how it will impact the incoming Congress. Please note that there will be no discussion on campaign-related activity at this seminar.

Speaker: Honorable Hans von Spakovsky, The Heritage Foundation

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9:15 AM – 10:45 AM
A Discussion with Committee Staff Directors
Transparency and communication is important, our hope is that this session provides each attendee an opportunity to hear from the various Committee Staff Director's in attendance, better understand their role, and ways each office can work the committees to better serve their members and constituents.

Speaker(s): Jon Towers, Staff Director
Pam Thiessen, Staff Director

Arjun Mody, Staff Director
Brad Grantz, Staff Director
Adam Tomlinson, Staff Director
Neri Martinez, Staff Director
Mary Katharine Ham (Moderator)

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM
Farewell Remarks
Speaker: James Kimmey, Executive Director, Senate Working Group

Symposium concludes at 11:00 AM

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SENATE WORKING GROUP.

2022 SENATE REPUBLICAN CHIEF-OF-STAFF & COMMITTEE STAFF DIRECTOR'S SYMPOSIUM

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022

OPENING DINNER PLENARY
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Cameo Ballroom

James Kimmey
Executive Director, Senate Working Group
The Honorable Jim Justice
Governor, West Virginia
The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Senator, West Virginia
Mary Katharine Ham *(Moderator)*
Author and CNN Commentator

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022

INTERPLAY OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE WITH OFFICIAL SENATE DUTIES
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM
Chesapeake Ballroom

The Honorable Sean Cooksey
Commissioner, Federal Election Commission (FEC)
Ryan Dollar, Esq.
General Counsel, National Republican Senatorial Committee

POLICY LIGHTNING ROUND: A DEEPER DIVE INTO KITCHEN TABLE ISSUES
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Chesapeake Ballroom

Deroy Murdock
Senior Fellow, London Center for Policy Research
Daniel Garza
President, The Libre Initiative
Michael Sobolik
Fellow in Indo-Pacific Studies, American Foreign Policy Council
Dr. Michael Strain
Director of Economic Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute

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EXECUTIVE TIME
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

WOMEN OF THE SENATE ROUNDTABLE
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Crystal Ballroom

Michelle Barlow Richardson
Chief of Staff, The Honorable Roger Wicker
Allyson Bell
Chief of Staff, The Honorable Mike Lee
Neri Martinez
Minority Staff Director, U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging
Kristin Walker
Chief of Staff, The Honorable Cynthia Lummis
Mary Katharine Ham *(Moderator)*
Author and CNN Commentator

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022

SENATE WORKING GROUP RECEPTION
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Trellis Lobby & Cameo Ballroom

DINNER PLENARY SESSION
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Cameo Ballroom

Ryan Munce
President and Partner, co/efficient
Travis Smith
Principal, Creative Direct
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John Ashbrook
Michael Duncan
Josh Holmes
Comfortably Smug
The Ruthless Podcast

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022

REDISTRICTING 101: THE LATEST CHALLENGES AND HOW IT IMPACTS THE SENATE
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM
Chesapeake Ballroom

The Honorable Hans von Spakovsky
Manager, Election Law Reform Initiative and Senior Legal Fellow, Meese Center for Legal and Judicial Studies, The Heritage Foundation

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A DISCUSSION WITH COMMITTEE STAFF DIRECTORS
9:15 AM – 10:45 AM
Chesapeake Ballroom

Brad Grantz
Staff Director, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Neri Martinez
Staff Director, Special Committee on Aging
Arjun Mody
Staff Director. Senate Republican Conference
Pam Thiessen
Staff Director, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Adam Tomlinson
Staff Director, Committee on Environment and Public Works
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Thiessen, Pam (HSGAC)

From: James Kimmey <james@senateworkinggroup.org>
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 2:44 PM
To: Thiessen, Pam (HSGAC)
Cc: Stivender, Walton (Marshall)
Subject: Invitation: Republican Chiefs of Staff & Staff Director's Retreat



Invitation to the *2022 Senate Republican Chiefs of Staff & Committee Staff Director's Retreat*

Dear Pam,

On behalf of Senate Working Group, we would like to cordially invite you and your spouse to the first ever, *Senate Republican Chiefs of Staff & Committee Staff Director's Retreat.* The event will be held **March 24 - 26, 2022 at The Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia**.

The retreat is the largest concentration of Republican Senate Chiefs of Staff and Committee Staff Directors outside of Washington, D.C. Bringing together our country's leaders, policy experts, and thought leaders beyond the confines of our nation's capital, this retreat serves to provide an educational deep dive into the issues affecting our country. In addition to the Chiefs of Staff, Staff Directors, and their guests, Senate Working Group members will also attend portions of the retreat.

Senate Working Group is a registered 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing educational resources to Senate Staff. Founded in 2021, Senate Working Group hosts numerous educational trainings, workshops, and networking events throughout the year, including its signature *Retreat*. Senate Working Group does not employ or hire lobbyists and is funded solely by private and corporate donations.

Step 1: Register for the event!

Senate Working Group will coordinate all logistical arrangements for the retreat, including room reservations, meals, mileage reimbursement, meetings, and other activities during the retreat. Senate Working Group will happily cover the cost of participation for each invitee and their spouse. You are welcome to bring your children, though you will be responsible for the costs of their participation. All reservations must be made through Senate Working Group.

To register, please click the below link and add the corresponding access code when prompted. Once you answer each question within the registration process, you will be sent a confirmation email with additional details, including a calendar invite.

Registration link: https://www.senateworkinggroup.org/chiefs-committee-member-reg
Access Code: 2022retreat

Step 2: Submit Ethics Packet by Friday, February 18, 2022!

To comply with Ethics' rules, you will need pre-authorization from the Select Committee on Ethics. By following "Step 1" and registering for the event, you will be sent Senate Working Group's **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form**. Once you receive the form, please submit it along with your completed **Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** form **by Friday, February 18, 2022**.

Failure to submit your form 30 days prior to the event means we will be unable to cover the cost of your attendance and you would need to cover the cost personally. Please note that the 30th day coincides with President's Day Weekend, so please submit your paperwork no later than **Friday, February 18, 2022.**

Additionally, you must file your **Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses** with the Office of Public Records within 30 days of your return – **submit by April 25, 2022**.

Finally, we understand your attendance is pending Ethics' approval. More information on the retreat will be sent to you in the weeks leading up to the event. If you have any questions, concerns, or need additional information, please contact me directly at (858) 336-0293 or james@senateworkinggroup.org.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

James Kimmey
Executive Director
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