

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.)

The Aspen Institute, Inc (Financial Security Program)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all):

Travel date(s): October 17-19, 2022

Name of accompanying family member (if any): Jacob Chereskin

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.)

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

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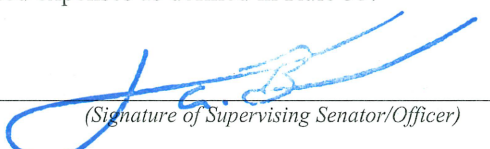
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(Printed name of traveler)


(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.

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(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

THE ASPEN LEADERSHIP FORUM ON RETIREMENT SAVINGS

OCTOBER 17-19, 2022

THE TIDES INN, IRVINGTON, VIRGINIA

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 - Aron Szapiro, Morningstar
 - Julie Peachey, Deputy State Treasurer for Consumer Programs, PA Treasury
 - Ray Boshara, Aspen FSP
 - Melissa Sanchez, Senator Cory Booker’s Office (invited)
 - Moderator: Jason Ewas, Aspen FSP

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Featured Discussants:

- Chantel Sheaks, Vice President of Retirement Policy, US Chamber of Commerce
- Jodan Ledford, CEO, SmartUSA
- Patrice Willoughby, NAACP

In every conversation about the future of the retirement savings system in America, we quickly get to the United States’ choice to put the employer in the role of fiduciary. In an employer-based system, with a wide diversity of employers making different decisions on offering or designing a plan, our goals around retirement security and equity for vulnerable employees aren’t going to be easy. So, do we have any alternatives to the yes/no employer-as-fiduciary binary? Are there any off ramps from our current system? Can we deconstruct the fiduciary role in ways that might help us get unstuck? In this discussion, leaders from diverse vantage points will discuss new ways to think about the right role for the employer in retirement savings.

11:45 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. | Weaving the Threads Together: A Concluding Conversation

Karen Andres and Kara Watkins from Aspen FSP will facilitate a closing conversation, connecting the discussions of the previous days into preliminary takeaways and next steps.

12:15 P.M. - 12:30 P.M. | Closing Remarks

Aspen FSP staff will provide closing remarks and wrap-up.

12:30 P.M. | Forum Adjourns

1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. | Bus travels from Tides Inn to Washington, D.C.

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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): The Aspen Institute, Inc (Financial Security Program)
 2. Description of the trip: To attend the Aspen Leadership Forum on Retirement Savings (ALFRS), a conference to discuss efforts and issues aimed at achieving retirement security for all.
 3. Dates of travel: October 17-19, 2022
 4. Place of travel: Irvington, VA
 5. Name and title of Senate invitees: See attached list
 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.

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☐ (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 Aspen Institute is solely responsible for the development and execution of the convening; the Institute developed the agenda and organized the event, including the programming, production and speakers.

See attached appendix.

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

The Aspen Institute is an educational and policy studies non-profit whose mission is to foster leadership based on enduring values and provide a non partisan forum for the exchange of ideas.

See attached appendix.

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

The Aspen Institute has a nearly 40 year history of conducting non-partisan educational forums, which often include members of Congress and staff. The Aspen Institute Financial Security Program has been conducting ALFRS for 5 years.

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

The Aspen Institute holds numerous education activities, including educational briefings, roundtables, forums, and conferences for a diverse range of attendees, including federal and state policymakers, business and organizational leaders, members of the press and the general public.

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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 event was organized without regard to congressional participation.

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

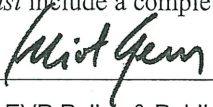
The location is close enough to Washington, D.C. to facilitate easy travel for participants from the DC area and it also provides sufficient conference and hotel space to accommodate all participants.

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

The Tides Inn; 480 King Carter Drive, Irvington, VA 22480

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

The Tides Inn has sufficient meeting and lodging space to accommodate the entire conference.

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:
- The lodging and meal per diem rates exceed the per diem rates; however, the conference was planned without regard to Congressional participation and all conference attendees will receive the same lodging, meals and other expenses.
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:
- Transportation is provided via a shuttle bus from Washington, D.C. to the Tides Inn and from the Tides Inn to Washington, D.C.
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: Elliot Gerson, EVP Policy & Public Programs
- Name of Organization: The Aspen Institute
- Address: 2300 N Street, NW Suite 700 Washington, DC 20036
- Telephone Number: 202-736-5859 (Lisa Jones, Deputy General Counsel)
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 - Tim Rouse, SPARK Institute
 - Sam Thaliyapa, Founder, Zebec
- The Intersection of Housing and Retirement: Exploring Why Americans' Two Largest Sources of Wealth Are Disconnected, and Whether They Should Be
 - Er Yan Peh, Central Provident Fund Board of Singapore
 - Will Sandbrook, NEST Insight
 - Moderator: Tim Shaw, Aspen FSP
- Saving and Investing Across a Lifetime: Do We Have the Building Blocks We Need to Build "Early Savings and Assets" for All Americans?
 - Aron Szapiro, Morningstar
 - Julie Peachey, Deputy State Treasurer for Consumer Programs, PA Treasury
 - Ray Boshara, Aspen FSP
 - Melissa Sanchez, Senator Cory Booker's Office (invited)
 - Moderator: Jason Ewas, Aspen FSP

10:45 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. | Break

11:00 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. | The Next Big Retirement Savings Innovations Space: Reengineering the Role of the Employer

Featured Discussants:

- Chantel Sheaks, Vice President of Retirement Policy, US Chamber of Commerce
- Jodan Ledford, CEO, SmartUSA
- Patrice Willoughby, NAACP

In every conversation about the future of the retirement savings system in America, we quickly get to the United States' choice to put the employer in the role of fiduciary. In an employer-based system, with a wide diversity of employers making different decisions on offering or designing a plan, our goals around retirement security and equity for vulnerable employees aren't going to be easy. So, do we have any alternatives to the yes/no employer-as-fiduciary binary? Are there any off ramps from our current system? Can we deconstruct the fiduciary role in ways that might help us get unstuck? In this discussion, leaders from diverse vantage points will discuss new ways to think about the right role for the employer in retirement savings.

11:45 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. | Weaving the Threads Together: A Concluding Conversation

Karen Andres and Kara Watkins from Aspen FSP will facilitate a closing conversation, connecting the discussions of the previous days into preliminary takeaways and next steps.

12:15 P.M. - 12:30 P.M. | Closing Remarks

Aspen FSP staff will provide closing remarks and wrap-up.

12:30 P.M. | Forum Adjourns

1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. | Bus travels from Tides Inn to Washington, D.C.