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COVER SHEET FOR AMENDMENT OF POST-TRAVEL SUBMISSION

Instructions: Use this form as a cover sheet for any paperwork you may need to submit to the **Office of Public Records** in order to make your Privately Sponsored Post-Travel Submission complete in accordance with Rule 35. **Only complete this form if you need to submit an amendment to a post-travel filing you have already submitted.**

SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO THE **OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN 232 HART BUILDING**

Name of Traveler: Prerna Bhat

Employing Office/Committee: Office of Senator Elizabeth Warren

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources): The Third Way Foundation (Progressive Policy Institute is a project of the Third Way Foundation)

Travel Date(s): March 16-19, 2023

Description/Title of Attached Forms: _____

Final versions of the private sponsor travel certification form and itinerary.

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): _____

Updating the submission with the final version of trip documents.

9/29/23

(Date)

Prerna Bhat
(Signature of Traveler)

Trip Name: PPI Congressional Staff Delegation Trip to Austin, TX

Organization Information

Organization Name:

The Third Way Foundation (Progressive)

If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:



Private Foundation



Public Charity

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Address:

1156 15th Street NW

Phone Number:

202-525-3926

City, State, Zip:

Washington, DC 20005

Organization URL:

progressivepolicy.org

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

The Progressive Policy Institute (PPI) has sponsored several Congressional staff and member delegations since its founding in 1989. These educational trips have focused on a wide variety of policy areas and they aim to explore how the issues moving on Capitol Hill have an impact on the real world. PPI last sponsored Senate travel in 2018.

Educational Activities

Describe the educational activities performed by your organization other than sponsoring congressional travel.

As of non-profit 501 (c) (3) think-tank, the nature of PPI's work is educational. We release dozens of reports, research, and other policy analysis work annually. PPI also hosts public forums, Congressional staff and member briefings, webinars, roundtables, and other events around issue education.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status (Select one):



I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.



I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Select one):



I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and does not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.



I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal but does retain or employ one or more agents of a foreign principal.

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Must select all):



I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.



I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.



I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

This trip is a bipartisan, bicameral congressional staff delegation trip to Austin, TX. It will focus on the cutting edge innovation happening in Austin on the issues of electronics recycling, e-waste, and broader clean energy strategies. It will include informative tours and meetings with experts in state and local government, private industry, and academia around these issues.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

The trip directly related to PPI's mission to providing educational programming on important issue areas. The bipartisan nature of the trip also reflects PPI's commitment to the development of pragmatic policy that can help break through partisan gridlock.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If No, describe your organization's role in planning the trip.

If there are multiple sponsors, each sponsor must submit Organization Information (Page 1 of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form) and a Signature Page Form.

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

If you have a Grantmaking Organization, you must attach a Grantmaking Organization Certification Form.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

With or Without Regard to Congressional Participation (Select one):

- ☐ The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.
- ☐ The trip is arranged or organized with regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

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

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing (Must select all):

- ☒ The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- ☒ No funds or in-kind contributions were 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.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations (Select one):

- ☐ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- ☐ The trip is limited to 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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Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations (Select one):

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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol (Must select all):

- ☒ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- ☒ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Will members and staff from the House of Representatives receive invitations?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Travel Details (Submit additional pages as needed)

Trip Start Date/Time:
March 16, 2023



Trip End Date/Time:
March 18, 2023

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Transportation (Member/Officer/Employee: \$⁴³⁵ Accompanying Family Member: \$^{N/A})

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	\$345
Bus	-	\$50
Ride share/taxi	-	\$40
Details (optional)		

Lodging (Member/Officer/Employee: \$⁴⁵⁰ Accompanying Family Member: \$)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
3/16/23	3/18/23	Courtyard by Marriott Austin	Austin	TX	
Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.		
2	\$225	Yes	Hotel prices are elevated due to the annual South by Southwest conference. This is the best available rate.		
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Meals (Member/Officer/Employee: \$¹¹⁷ Accompanying Family Member: \$)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem (Y/N)
3/16/23			\$30	\$4	\$34	Austin	TX	Travis	N
3/17/23	\$15	\$15	\$30	\$4	\$64	Austin	TX	Travis	N
3/18/23	\$15			\$4	\$19	Austin	TX	Travis	N

If costs exceed the federal per diem, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses

(Member/Officer/Employee: \$ Accompanying Family Member: \$)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes

Additional Details (optional)

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: PPI Congressional Staff Delegation Trip to Austin, TX
Travel Date(s): March 16 - March 18, 2023
Travel Destination(s): Austin, TX
Sponsor: The Third Way Foundation (Progressive Policy Institute is a

Lindsay Lewis

(printed name of sponsor representative)

Executive Director

(title)*(signature of sponsor representative)*

2/10/23

(date)



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PPI Congressional Staff Delegation Trip to Austin, TX

Thursday, March 16, 2023 – Saturday, March 18, 2023

Thursday, March 16

5:35 PM

Flight to Austin, TX

United 1858 IAD-AUS, arrives 8:17 PM local time
(non-stop)

8:45 - 9:15 PM

Travel to hotel - Taxi/rideshare

9:15 PM

Check-in to hotel

Courtyard by Marriott, 300 E 4th St, Austin, TX 78701

Friday, March 17

7:30 - 8:15 AM

Breakfast at hotel with PPI Staff

Stuart Malec, Jasmine Stoughton and Elan Sykes of PPI will give welcoming remarks, provide an overview of the trip, conduct a full walk-through of the day's agenda, and answer any questions from congressional staff.

8:15 - 9:00 AM

Travel to Material Recovery Lab – Bus

9:00 - 11:00 AM

Material Recovery Lab Presentation and Tour

30.431646, -97.755947 (North Austin)

Staff will receive a presentation prior to embarking on a tour of the Material Recovery Lab, led by Michael Wieler of Apple. Presentation will be on e-waste issues and technology recycling innovation. Staff will then embark on a guided tour of the Material Recovery Lab, which will include a “meeting” with Daisy, a state-of-the-art recycling robot that disassembles and recycles parts from discarded smartphones.

11:15 - 12:00 PM

Travel to Texas State Capitol – Bus

12:00 – 1:45 PM

Luncheon with bicameral, bipartisan energy/environment staff from Texas State Legislature

1100 Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78701

Luncheon will be opened by Meghan Doyle, Legislative Director for State



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Representative Shawn Thierry, with welcoming remarks and update on energy and environmental policy. After remarks, congressional staff will have the opportunity to meet with their state legislature counterparts to discuss pending legislation and other initiatives concerning energy and environmental issues in Texas.

1:45 - 2:00 PM Travel to University of Texas Austin - Bus

2:00 – 4:00 PM Energy briefings at University of Texas Austin
2304 Whitis Ave, Austin, Texas 78712

Congressional staff will receive multiple briefings from leading academics at UT Austin. Staff will visit the UT Austin Energy Emissions Modeling and Data Lab to discuss research on developing new transparent models and datasets for accurate greenhouse gas emissions across global supply chains with Prof. David Allen and Prof. Arvind Ravikumar. Staff will also visit the UT Austin Energy Institute for a briefing by Prof. Varun Rai on global energy transition research and research on costs and impacts associated with investment in the United State's aging energy infrastructure.

4:00 - 4:15 PM Travel to City of Austin - Bus

4:15 - 5:15 PM Meeting with City of Austin officials to discuss Austin Climate Equity Plan
301 W 2nd St, Austin, TX 78701

Congressional staff will meet city officials (Katie Coyne, Assistant Director and Environmental Officer, and Gena McKinley, Assistant Director, Austin Resource Recovery) who will provide an overview of the Austin Climate Equity Plan. The plan takes into account the disproportionate burden climate change places on low-income communities and communities of color, and outlines a goal of equitably reaching net-zero community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 2040, with a strong emphasis on cutting emissions by 2030.

5:15 – 5:30 PM Travel to hotel – Bus

6:15 – 6:30 PM Travel to dinner – Rideshare (or 9 minute walk)



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6:30 – 8:30 PM

Dinner discussion on local energy issues with Texas Tribune

Roaring Fork
701 Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78701

Staff will meet with Erin Douglas, a Climate Reporter at the Texas Tribune to discuss local energy, climate, and storm response issues. UT professors and Material Recovery Lab representatives will also rejoin the group for dinner.

Saturday, March 18, 2023

9:00AM - 10:00 AM Breakfast at hotel with PPI Staff

Congressional staff will debrief the trip, discuss lessons learned, and have an opportunity to ask final questions to PPI staff.

10:00 AM

OFFICIAL PROGRAMMING ENDS

Sunday, March 19, 2023

5:19PM

Flight to Washington DC

United Flight #376 AUS - IAD arrives at 9:20PM local time