RE-2 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.**This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

Certification:*In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

Private Sponsor(s):
Conservative Climate Foundation

Travel Dates:
08/02/2023 to 08/04/2023

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$507.00	$454.00	$448.00	$0.00

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- **The final Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

8/24/23
Date

THOMAS BRANDT
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.

8/24/23
Date

Jerry Moran
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

● Yes ○ No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
Transportation	$507.00	Total transportation expenses increased by $89. The initial cost was a good-faith estimate, and the final cost included an additional bus transfer, tour transportation, and booking fees.
Meals	$448.00	Total meal expenses decreased by $102. The initial cost was a good-faith estimate. We were able to select a well-priced caterer at our external events and saved money using the same caterer with a multi-booking discount.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

● Yes ○ No

Explanation: In the month before the conference, we had a few changes to the program due to last-minute cancellations. This included a shift in participants already scheduled to speak and a few individuals getting added as panelists, none of which are registered lobbyists (Karly Matthews, Matthew Mailloux, Jen Bristol, Richard Chalkey). One two-hour panel was split into two one-hour panels.

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

○ Yes ● No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp

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.

Name of Traveler:

Thomas Brandt

Employing Office/Committee:

Senator Jerry Moran

Private Sponsor(s):

Conservative Climate Foundation

Destination(s):

Charleston, South Carolina

Travel Dates:

August 2-4, 2023

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

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

As the Deputy Chief of Staff and Communications Director for Sen. Jerry Moran (Kan.), I communicate on behalf of the senator on issues related to energy and climate. Sen. Moran is a senior member of the Appropriations Committee and Commerce Committee which both have an impact on energy policy. This trip will give me the opportunity to hear from experts, network with climate leaders, and learn more about the current state of the U.S. energy infrastructure, the global energy market, and new technologies that are impacting the climate.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip? **Name and Relationship to Traveler:**

☐ (signify "yes" by checking box)

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

7/11/23

Date

Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

I Sen. Jerry Moran (Print Senator's/Officer's Name) hereby authorize Thomas Brandt (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)

7/11/23

Date

Jerry Moran

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

REQUEST FOR TRIP EXTENSION

Pursuant to the *Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* § III.E.3:

When a traveler extends their trip by arriving earlier or staying later than scheduled by the sponsor, this is a trip extension. Prior written Committee approval is required for all trip extensions, regardless of whether the traveler is extending for an official or personal purpose. In the case of a Senate employee, the individual's supervising Senator or officer must also approve the extension.

Under no circumstance may a trip sponsor pay expenses attributable to a trip extension. At a minimum, the Senate traveler is responsible for the cost of any increase in expenses incurred because of a personal extension, and all meal and lodging expenses associated with the extension day(s). For officially-related extensions, consistent with Senate Rule 38, the Senate office must pay all additional expenses.

The Committee will determine the expenses the Senate traveler or Senate office will be required to pay based on a review of the totality of the circumstances of the trip, including the length and purpose of the extension, as follows:

- If an extension is equal to or less than the length of the trip, the traveler may accept transportation to and from the trip location. Any additional expenses incurred as a result of the extension must be paid by the traveler (for personal extensions) or the Senate office (for official extensions).
- If an extension is greater than the length of the trip and on one side of the trip, the Senate traveler may only accept transportation from the sponsor on the side of the trip that is continuing as scheduled. The Senate traveler (for personal extensions) or the Senate office (for official extensions) must pay all transportation costs on the side of the trip with the extension. As with all extensions, the Senate traveler must also pay any additional expenses incurred as a result of the extension.
- If an extension is greater than the length of the trip and on both sides of the trip, or significantly greater than the length of the trip (e.g., more than double) and on one side of the trip, the Senate traveler or Senate office must pay all transportation costs to and from the trip location, as well as any additional expenses incurred as a result of the extension. In determining whether to approve an extension, the Committee will also consider whether special circumstances support extending the trip, such as restrictions on travel due to religious observances or for medical reasons.

Conservative Climate Foundation	Charleston, South Carolina
Trip Sponsor	*Trip location*
8/2/23	8/2/23
Original departure date/time	*Revised departure date/time*
8/4/23	8/5/23
Original return date/time	*Revised return date/time*

Thomas Brandt		7/11/23
Printed name of traveler	*Signature*	*Date*
Sen. Jerry Moran	Jerry Moran	7/11/23
Printed name of supervising Senator/officer	*Signature*	*Date*

Conservative Climate Foundation: Communicator's Retreat

THOMAS BRANDT

Title:
None

Employing Office/Committee:
MORAN, JERRY

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):
Charleston, South Carolina

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

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Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Conservative Climate Foundation

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
● Yes ○ No

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Public Charity

Address
1090 Vermont Ave NW, Suite 750

Address 2 (Optional)
Public Charity

City, State Zip
Washington, District Of Columbia 20005 United States

Phone Number
9095833698

Organization URL
rightonclimate.org

History of Congressional Travel

The Conservative Climate Foundation has successfully hosted three different privately sponsored travel events: 1) the UNFCCC Conference of Parties (COP) in Ireland in November 2021, 2) the Communicators Retreat in Easton, Maryland in August 2022 and 3) COP in Egypt in November 2022

Educational Activities

The Conservative Climate Foundation's (CCF) mission is to engage and inform the public and policymakers about reducing global and domestic emissions with common sense, economic, and environmentally sustainable strategies and solutions based on conservative principles. CCF hosts regular educational briefings on Capitol Hill, publishes a quarterly white paper on climate issues, supports the work of a policy fellow, and convenes regular networking events for conservative climate professionals.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and do not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- 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.

Comments

None Entered

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

The Communicators Retreat is a professional development conference that will help communications professionals from different sectors learn best practices around communication on climate issues. The conference will include a series of panels, workshops, speakers, and site visits that will deepen participants understanding of climate policy and the most effective way to create messaging campaigns around the issue.

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

The Conservative Climate Foundation's (CCF) mission is to engage and inform the public and policymakers about reducing global and domestic emissions with common sense, economic, and environmentally sustainable strategies and solutions based on conservative principles. This conference will engage and inform our audience, communications professionals from both the public and private sectors, on the merits of good, sustainable climate policy. By educating and engaging these professionals, we are accomplishing our mission.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

● Yes ○ No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized without 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

- ● 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

- ● 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
- ○ The trip is limited to 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

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.

- ○ 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
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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- 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.

Invitees

Members and staff from the House of Representatives **will** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:		Trip End Date/Time:
08/02/2023 @ 08:37 AM	⇄	08/04/2023 @ 12:00 PM

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

○ Yes ● No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $417.98 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$352.81
Note Round trip airfare from Washington National Airport to Charleston International Airport		
Ground Transportation	Coach	$65.17
Note Ground transportation via bus from airport to hotel, from hotel to marina, from marina to Citadel campus, and from Citadel campus to hotel (does not include return airport return transfer).		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $454.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
08/02/2023	08/04/2023	Mills House Hotel	Charleston	South Carolina	United States	2	$227.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $550.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
08/02/2023	$0.00	$50.00	$100.00	$50.00	**$200.00**	Charleston	South Carolina	United States	Yes

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason									
(Good faith estimates) Congressional participants will be given meals commensurate with other non-congressional participants. CCF selected meals for the conference participants based on location (hotel catering for the meals at the conference venue) and cost and selected vendors that were deemed of reasonable quality and price-point. The tourist season and nature of large-scale event catering has elevated the costs beyond per diem rates.									
08/03/2023	$35.00	$60.00	$100.00	$50.00	**$245.00**	Charleston	South Carolina	United States	Yes
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08/04/2023	$35.00	$60.00	$0.00	$10.00	**$105.00**	Charleston	South Carolina	United States	Yes
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Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $0.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
There are no miscellaneous expenses.		

Additional Attachments

Document Name
There are no additional attachments.

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: CCF Communicators Retreat

Travel Date(s): Wednesday, August 2nd - Friday, August 4th

Travel Destination(s): Charleston, South Carolina

Sponsor: Conservative Climate Fandation

Lauren Wright — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Executive Director — *(title)*

(signature of sponsor representative)

6.22.23 — *(date)*

Senate Invitees

Laura Mengelkamp; Senator John Barrasso
Marty Boughton; Senator Jim Risch
Molly Block; Senator Bill Cassidy
Rachel Dumke; Senator Steve Daines
Brian Dusek; Senator Lisa Murkowski
Kami Capener; Senator John Hoeven
Aly Beley; Senator James Lankford
Chriss Gallegos; Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith
Charyssa Parent; Senator Roger Marshall
Abbey Schieffer; Senator Kevin Cramer
Ben Dietderich; Senator Dan Sullivan
Tom Brandt; Senator Jerry Moran
Stacey Daniels ; Senator Cynthia Lummis
Natalie Yezbick; Senator John Cornyn
Nate Sizemore; Senator Debra Fischer
Phoebe Ferraiolo; Committee on Senate Appropriations - Minority
Peter Hoffman; Committee on Environment and Public Works - Minority
Kevin Bishop; Senator Lindsey Graham
Katie Vincentz; Senator Tim Scott
Kelley Moore; Senator Shelley Moore Capito
Zach Riddle; Senator Mike Braun
Kelsi Daniell; Senator Joni Ernst
Adam Webb; Senator Thom Tillis

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Lauren Wright
Executive Director
Conservative Climate Foundation
1090 Vermont Ave NW, Suite 750
Washington, DC 20005

May 2, 2023

Tom Brandt
Office of Senator Jerry Moran

Dear Tom,

I am pleased to invite you to join us for our upcoming event, the Conservative Climate Foundation's second annual **Communicators Retreat in Charleston, South Carolina over August 2 – 4th, 2023**. This retreat is for communications professionals in the conservative space to learn, network, and collaborate on effective climate messaging.

You will find our agenda outline attached to this letter. Our schedule includes a variety of panels, workshops, and site visits that will expand our understanding of and strategy for communicating on this important issue.

The Conservative Climate Foundation will, in accordance with House and Senate ethics regulations, pay for your travel, lodging, and conference-related expenses. Any non-conference related expenses will be at your own expense. Participants employed by the House of Representatives and Senate will be required to submit paperwork for privately sponsored travel to their respective ethics committees in advance of and after the conference.

Please respond as soon as possible to claim a spot at this retreat – we are unable to hold spots and we expect that the roster will fill quickly. Please email me at lauren@rightonclimate.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

Lauren Wright
Executive Director
Conservative Climate Foundation

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Draft Agenda Outline
As of May 5, 2023
Agenda is subject to change

Wednesday, August 2nd

Participants arrive mid-day

Welcome Lunch

Communications Panel

Reception and Keynote Dinner

Thursday, August 3rd.

Communications Panels and Workshop

Working Lunch

Educational Site Visits in Charleston Area

Working Dinner

Friday, August 4th

Communications Panel

Communications Panel

Working Lunch

Participants depart mid-afternoon

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Communicators Retreat
Conservative Climate Foundation
Charleston, South Carolina
August 2 – 4, 2023

Traveler: Tom Brandt

WEDNESDAY, August 2nd

8:37am	*American Airlines flight #1466 departs Washington National Airport*
10:36am	*American Airlines flight #1466 arrives Charleston International Airport*
10:36 – 11am	*Executive Time*
11 – 11:30am	*Depart airport en route Mills House Hotel* **Mills House Hotel** 115 Meeting St Charleston, SC 29401
11:30 – 12pm	*Arrive Mills House Hotel, check-in*
12 – 1pm	*Welcome Lunch // Mills House Hotel, Signers Ballroom* **Welcome and Introduction to the 2nd Annual Communicators Retreat** Welcome to the second annual Communicators Retreat! During this lunch-time session, we will make introductions to the team that is hosting the conference, go over the retreat schedule, and point out important retreat logistics. ***Lauren Wright,*** *Conservative Climate Foundation* ***Heather Reams,*** *Conservative Climate Foundation* ***Christine Harbin,*** *Conservative Climate Foundation* ***Luke Bolar,*** *Conservative Climate Foundation*
1 – 3pm	*Panel // Mills House Hotel, Signers Ballroom* **Energy 101: Today's Energy Landscape and the Communicators' Toolkit** The United States' energy infrastructure is the bedrock of the American economy and touches almost every policy area, from national security to tax reform. A multitude of factors, including public demand for clean energy, shifts in the global energy market, and emerging technologies have put the U.S. squarely in the middle of a significant energy transition. We are at a crossroads, and both the public and private sectors have been given the opportunity to reinvent the way we do things.

	This session will focus on the broad, overarching topic of today's energy landscape and provide an introduction to communications tactics around energy policies, answering questions such as: • What are the driving factors of today's energy landscape? • What are the roles of the private sector and the public sector in supporting this transition? • How are conservatives uniquely qualified to support the energy transition? • What are the emerging policy and communications tools for conservatives that want to lead on climate issues? ***Emily Crawford Gerhardt***, *Southern Company* ***Sean Gallagher***, *Solar Energy Industries Association (invited)* ***Shawna Berger***, *Duke Energy (invited)* ***David Heifetz***, *Breakthrough Energy* Moderated by ***George David Banks***, *Senior Policy Fellow, CRES Forum*
3 – 5pm	*Check-in to hotel room, executive time*
5 – 6pm	*Keynote Remarks // Mills House Hotel, Pool Terrace* **Climate Policy in the 117th Congress** Climate policy is an ever-changing landscape, and with Republicans holding a majority of the United States House of Representatives, it is more important than ever that conservatives are tuned-in to the portfolio. ***Representative Nancy Mace,*** *United States House of Representatives (invited)*
6 – 8pm	*Pre-Dinner Remarks and Working Dinner // Mills House Hotel, Iron Rose Restaurant* **Threading the Needle: Communicating on Climate in 2023** As more and more Americans prioritize climate issues, both the public and the private sector are primed to act on climate policy. Climate change is no longer a talking point of the left, but rather, an opportunity for the United States to grow its economy, our leadership on the global stage, and ensure our energy security for years to come. ***Tom Mullikin***, *South Carolina Floodwater Commission*

8 – 9pm	*Site Visit // Battery of Downtown Charleston* **Walking Tour of the Charleston Battery: Flood Zones, Resiliency, and Vulnerability of the Coastal City** The City of Charleston is one of many coastal cities that has a vested interest in mitigating climate impacts. The city was built in 1875, well before the concept of climate change was ever studied. Today, city planners are in a constant battle to not only address their own impact on the climate, but what they must do to keep their city intact. Local experts from the city council and the Historic Charleston Foundation will lead us in an after-dark tour of the peninsula, focusing on the Battery, portions of which have recently been renovated for climate resilience. The walking tour will also explore the history of Charleston's vulnerability to flooding, city infrastructure that is most at risk, and what can be done to save it. ***Dale Morris**,* *Chief Resiliency Officer, City of Charleston* ***TBD**, City Councilperson* ***TBD**, Historic Charleston Foundation*
9pm	RON

Thursday, August 3rd

8 – 9am	*Breakfast Panel // Mills House Hotel, Signers Ballroom* **Conservative Climate Caucus Introduction and Briefing** The Conservative Climate Caucus, just about two years old, is one of the largest Republican caucuses in the House of Representatives. The Caucus represents a growing movement and acknowledgement that conservative values are aligned with clean energy policy and uniquely positioned to the benefit of the United States' economy. Representatives from the Conservative Climate Caucus will give an overview of their work and introduce the ways in which they can serve as a resource for individuals looking to better communicate on climate issues. ***Grace Bellone** Executive Director,* *Conservative Climate Caucus* ***Adam Cloch**, Communications Director,* *Conservative Climate Caucus*
9 – 10:30am	*Workshop // Mills House Hotel, Signers Ballroom* **Interpreting and Communicating on Popular Opinion** The first step to any good message is to best understand your audience. Quality polling is an invaluable tool in messaging on

	climate, recognizing that each audience, speaker, and end goal will create a different message. Representatives of two recently conducted polls will share their findings and answer the following questions: • What are the overarching themes of the recently conducted research? Where does the American public at large stand on climate? • What are the most important factors in determining an individual's stance on climate? • What are the lessons learned from these polls? What talking points work? ***Rich Thau**, President, Engagious* Moderated by ***Luke Bolar**, CCF Board*
10:30 – 11am	*Gather belongings to leave hotel for the rest of the day*
11 – 11:30am	*Travel to Aquarium Marina for climate impact tour via coach bus*
11:30 – 2:45pm	*Expert-Narrated Climate Impact Tour // Aquarium Marina, Charleston Harbor* **Charleston Harbor Tour: Impacts of Climate on the Carolina Coast** The Charleston Harbor hosts the Port of Charleston, the deepest American port on the Atlantic Ocean. Port operations support 1 in 10 jobs in South Carolina and generate a $63.4 billion annual economic impact. The harbor and its port are economic and environmental lifelines of South Carolina and represent the urgency in protecting the vibrant and bustling coastline of the United States. Our tour of the Charleston Harbor will narrate four key sites: 1. Current vulnerabilities of the peninsula, including impact of flooding on septic systems of historic settlements 2. Noting future flood risks with projects on sea level rise, 3. The Port of Charleston's perspective on threatened critical infrastructure and economic impacts of sea level rise 4. Impact of climate change to the environment in Charleston Harbor, including impacts of sea level rise to the natural habitat of the marsh ***Dale Morris**, Chief Resiliency Officer, City of Charleston* ***Kaylan Koszela**, Special Projects Manager, City of Charleston* ***Andrew Wunderley**, Executive Director, Charleston Waterkeeper*

	***Jordi Yarborough**, Vice President of Statewide Stakeholders and Local Government Engagement Port of Charleston*
2:45 – 3:30pm	*Disembark and board bus en route* **The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina** 171 Moultrie Street Charleston, SC 29409
3:30 – 4:30pm	*Panel* **Local Climate Science and the Importance of Tapping Local Voices** While climate change is a marketed as a global problem, it is local communities and individuals that are on the front lines of research, education, and advocacy. Local entities, like Charleston's Citadel and South Carolina Aquarium, are key players in convening and educating their target constituencies. Dr. Scott Curtis and Dr. Sarah McDonald will discuss their own areas of research, offering their thoughts about how their research is best utilized and communicated. In 2020, the Citadel opened the Lt. Col James B. Near Jr. Center for Climate Studies. The program involves faculty across the Citadel's campus with the mission of spearheading climate research in the region and partnering with pre-existing local climate groups. The South Carolina Aquarium is a leader in Charleston's conservation and resiliency conversation, hosting regular events for locals to learn, participate in, and enjoy conservation and climate efforts. The Aquarium hosts not only visitors hoping to observe the wildlife, but a research facility and public education program that is working behind the scenes to make impact. Drs. Curtis and McDonald will explore questions such as: • What are the areas of research that you focus on as a local to Charleston? • How do you engage with the local community on this issue? What are the best practices? • How do you engage with larger constituencies? ***Dr. Scott Curtis**,* *Dr. John Lining Professor of Physics: Director Near Center for Climate Studies, The Citadel*

	Dr. Sara McDonald, *Director of Conservation,* *South Carolina Aquarium* Moderated by ***Christine Harbin**, CCF Board*
4:30 – 5:30pm	*Walking Tour* **The Citadel: Flood Impacts on Defense Infrastructure** 95 Calhoun St Charleston, SC 29401
5:30 – 7pm	*Pre-Dinner Remarks and Reception* **Climate Change and US Military Infrastructure Resilience** Climate change is widely acknowledged as a key strategic challenge for the United States Department of Defense (DoD). Not only will climate change create additional resource scarcity and destabilize vulnerable regions, but also threatens military infrastructure and thereby readiness. The Citadel, one of the country's most prominent military colleges, and works not only with these larger themes, but also the challenges with being located in a city that is subject to floods and sea level rise. ***General Glenn M. Walters,*** *President, The Citadel (invited)* ***Sally Selden,*** *Provost, The Citadel (invited)* ***Darin Zimmerman,*** *Dean, The Citadel (invited)*
7 – 8:30pm	*Dinner*
8:30 – 9pm	*Bus departs The Citadel en route Mills House Hotel*
9pm	RON

FRIDAY, August 4th

8 – 9am	*Breakfast served*
9 – 10am	*Panel // Mills House Hotel, Signers Ballroom* **A United Front: Communicating America's Energy Leadership on a Global Stage** The United States has long been a leader in energy innovation on the global stage, largely responsible for the production and development of countless clean energy technologies. As the global community comes online to the urgency of climate change and the need to insulate itself from geopolitical energy instability, the

	demand for clean energy innovation is higher than ever. Conservatives are at a crossroads and have been given the opportunity to unite behind an energy policy that benefits the U.S. economy, reduces global greenhouse gas emissions, and strengthens America's competitive edge. Effectively communicating on climate issues as a united block is essential for conservatives to have a seat at the table in the global climate conversation. In this session, we will address questions like: • What is the value of building a conservative coalition around climate issues on the global stage? • What is the role of large international climate conferences, such as the UNFCCC's COP, in uniting in our messaging? • What are the most important/effective talking points for climate issues in a global setting, as opposed to on a local stage? ***Bill Rivers**, Senior Writer, BP* ***Eric Moses**, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Occidental Petroleum* ***Andrew Malcolm**, Vice President and Chief of Staff, Constellation* Moderated by ***George David Banks**, CRES Forum*
10 – 11am	*Workshop // Mills House Hotel, Signers Ballroom* **Communications in Practice: Applying Lessons of the Communicators Retreat** Over the course of the retreat, we've discussed the importance of addressing climate change, the public perception of climate policy, accessible talking points, and best practices for coalition building. Understanding that every community and audience is unique, we want to challenge retreat participants to think through real-world applications for the lessons learned while in Charleston. In this session, we will have participants work individually and in groups to answer the following questions: • What issues matter most to your audience? • What is your most effective format of communication for the cause you want to serve? • What are the steps that must be taken to create an effective communications campaign? • What resources should be used when creating that campaign?

	***Michael Steel**, Senior Vice President of Communications, Business Roundtable* Moderated by ***Luke Bolar**, CCF Board*
11am – 12pm	*Lunch // Mills House Hotel, Signers Ballroom*
12:00pm	*Conference concludes, personal travel begins*

SATURDAY, August 5th

4:50pm	*American Airlines flight #4576 departs Charleston International Airport*
6:27pm	*American Airlines flight #4576 arrives Washington National Airport*