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Name of Traveler: Claire Wengrod

Employing Office/Committee: Senator Martin Heinrich

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources): Stanford University

Travel Date(s): August 7-10, 2023

Description/Title of Attached Forms: Updated invitation to the Biosecurity Workshop that was not included in my initial package

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

This includes the official invitation that I received to the Biosecurity Workshop, and my initial submission included a different invitation that my supervisor received.

10/16/2023

(Date)


(Signature of Traveler)



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Dear Ms. Wengrod,

I hope this message finds you well! I am writing to invite you to attend a Workshop on Biosecurity Policy at Stanford University, sponsored by the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research. The workshop will take place Monday, August 7th 2023 through Wednesday, August 9th 2023, on Stanford's campus in California. Your experience as a Health Legislative Assistant working on issues related to pandemic preparedness and biosecurity would make you a perfect fit for the topics of this workshop.

We are inviting a hand-picked group of Congressional staffers to attend this closed, off-the-record workshop to discuss current policy-relevant topics in biosecurity and synthetic biology research and governance, and to foster education and dialogues between researchers and subject-matter experts and the policy community. Starting with an introductory overview of biosecurity, immunology, and synthetic biology (no biology background required), the workshop then focuses on pandemic preparedness and medical countermeasures; the history of biosecurity policy efforts and development; supply-chain and innovation pipeline issues in synthetic biology; surveillance and outbreak investigation; international collaborative efforts and bioweapons nonproliferation; and the compounding effects on biosecurity of climate change, chemical security, and nuclear security. An interactive tabletop strategic exercise and a field trip to a local synthetic biology laboratory round out the workshop's activities.

Stanford has held similar workshops in cybersecurity and AI policy since 2015, and we are excited to focus this year on the timely topic of biosecurity and the growing bioeconomy. From our previous workshops, we have heard that participants value these experiences as unlike their usual briefings or interactions with experts on the Hill; they are more intimate, allow for more in-depth questions and learning, and have no immediate agenda. It's an opportunity to build relationships with experts and technologists as well as with other staffers, and Stanford is also quite nice and temperate in August. Flights, meals, lodging, and ground transportation are fully funded.

If you are able to attend, or have any questions, please let me know. I know these trips require ethics committee approval, and I'm happy to provide any information needed for that process, as well as to answer any questions about content, logistics, travel, etc. I very much hope you will join us in August.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allison Berke".

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