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**COVER SHEET FOR AMENDMENT OF
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Name of Traveler: Roger F. Wicker

Employing Office/Committee: United States Senate

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources): Aspen Institute

Travel Date(s): May 30 - June 5, 2022

Description/Title of Attached Forms: _____

Invitation

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

Missing from original submission

03/15/2023

(Date)


(Signature of Traveler)



Charles W. Dent

Executive Director

Congressional Program

April 6, 2022

The Honorable Roger Wicker
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Roger:

I would like to invite you and Gayle to participate in a congressional conference on **The World on Fire: Putin's War in Ukraine, the Pandemic and U.S. Interests**, which will be held May 30-June 5, 2022, including travel, in Geneva, Switzerland. We have limited space and must hear from you proactively as soon as possible if you wish to participate.

After consulting with Swiss authorities, we extend this invitation with the optimism that Covid conditions will continue to improve and allow us to convene in Geneva next May and June. We will follow safety protocols required by Swiss authorities.

We have assembled a team of renown experts to lead our discussions, including retired General David Petraeus, former CIA director; Catherine Ashton, former foreign affairs director for the European Union; Seth Berkley, Director of GAVI, the global vaccine alliance; as well as prominent voices from Europe and Russian perspectives. The agenda will cover the status of combating the covid pandemic and its global economic impact, perspectives from Europe and Russia, and a look forward for U.S. interests in a post-pandemic world. We will also visit the headquarters of the World Health Organization, which has played a central role in managing the pandemic.

Attendance is by invitation only, with no outside observers, lobbyists, or congressional staff. No foreign government or special interest funds are accepted in the funding of the Congressional Program.

Under guidelines established by the Senate Select Ethics Committee, we will provide you with a signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form affirming that no lobbyists fund this activity, that the Aspen Institute does not hire or retain lobbyists, and that no lobbyists will be present. Our purpose is education, not advocacy.

This program is designed for Members of both the Senate and the House. Please note that because the House has adopted rules that preclude registered lobbyists from attending our events, if your accompanying spouse or family member is a registered lobbyist, the rules would bar their participation.

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Departure will be on Monday, May 30th and we will return on Sunday, June 5th. Should you accept the invitation, it is required that you participate through the duration of the conference.

Travel expenses, including airfare, meals, lodging, and meeting facilities will be paid by the Aspen Institute Congressional Program. Under the ethics rules, no expenses are covered for entertainment or recreation. Congressional participants are limited to only one accompanying family member, as allowed by ethics rules.

The Aspen Institute, an independent, nonprofit organization founded in 1950, provides a nonpartisan, neutral forum for leaders to discuss critical issues. The Institute's Congressional Program is designed to promote leadership on selected public policy issues in the Congress by bringing legislators together with internationally-recognized scholars and analysts in high-level discussion. Since the program's inception, over 468 Members of Congress have participated in the 144 conferences we have conducted.

Additionally, we offer Thursday morning breakfasts in the Capitol throughout the year to keep Members of Congress up-to-date between our annual conferences. We hope you will be able to participate in the extended educational offerings of our breakfast series.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me on my cell phone at 484-553-1837.

We hope you will join us for this important conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. W. Dent".

Charles W. Dent
Member (2005-2018)