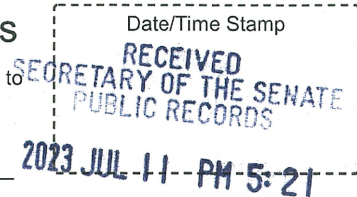


RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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):

Travel Dates:

NCTA--The Internet and Television As:

June 26-28, 2023

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$823.89	\$398	\$197	\$115 (bus transportation)

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.

7/11/23

Alex J. Sachtnen

Date

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.

7/11/23

Date

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
Trasportation (airfare)	\$823.89	Changes in flight airfare costs/flight change to aft

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Explanation:

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Explanation:

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

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.

Date/Time Stamp

Name of Traveler:

Alex Sachtjen

Employing Office/Committee:

U.S. Senator John Thune

Private Sponsor(s):

NCTA--The Internet & Television Associatic

Destination(s):

Denver, CO

Travel Dates:

June 26 - 28, 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.

I am a policy advisor on telecommunications and technology issues. This trip will help further my knowledge and work before the communications subcommittee specifically relating to spectrum policy.

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.

4/11/23

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)

John Thune

(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize

Alex Sachtjen

(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)

4/11/23

Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Trip Name: NCTA Denver Trip

Organization Information

Organization Name:

NCTA--The Internet & Television Association

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:

☐

Private Foundation

☐

Public Charity

Address:

25 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 100

City, State, Zip:

Washington, DC 20001

Phone Number:

(202) 222-2321

Organization URL:

ncta.com

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

NCTA has sponsored congressional trips for Members of Congress and Congressional staff to our annual convention (The Cable Show and INTX) since 1975. In past years, NCTA has also sponsored Congressional staff trips to NYC.

Educational Activities

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

NCTA invites speakers from various parts of the industry to provide unique insights. We also organize tours and presentations to give Congressional staff a deeper understanding of the technology and engineering required to provide the quality video content and broadband services to consumers.

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.

The trip will include travel to Denver to visit various cable operator offices and technology centers that will provide an in-depth experience with technology, as well as a tour of CableLabs, a cable funded research and testing facility that will give staff insight into future technologies and services that cable and broadband providers are seeking to provide.

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

NCTA is the principal trade association for the cable television and broadband industry. The cable industry employs at least 300 individuals in each invitee's Congressional district. Attendance by Congressional staff on this trip provides the best opportunity to demonstrate the industry's significance to the U.S. economy, innovation and job growth.

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
- ☐ 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 (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
- ☒ 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

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:



Trip End Date/Time:

Monday, June 26, 2023

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

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



Yes



No

Transportation (Member/Officer/Employee: \$³⁸⁰ Accompanying Family Member: \$_____)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airline	Economy	\$280
Ground Transportation - Shuttle to Meetings		\$100

Details (optional)

Lodging (Member/Officer/Employee: \$³⁹⁸ Accompanying Family Member: \$_____)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
6/26/23	6/28/23	Moxy Hotel	Denver	CO	USA
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	\$199	No			
Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.		
Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.		

Meals (Member/Officer/Employee: \$ 197 Accompanying Family Member: \$)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem (Y/N)
6/26/23			\$59		\$59	Denver	CO	USA	N
6/27/23	\$14	\$15	\$50		\$79	Denver	CO	USA	N
6/28/23	\$19	\$30			\$59	Denver	CO	USA	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: NCTA Denver Trip
Travel Date(s): June 26 - 28, 2023
Travel Destination(s): Denver, CO

Sponsor: NCTA - The Internet & Television Association

Nilda Gumbs
(printed name of sponsor representative)

Chief of Staff
(title)


(signature of sponsor representative)

04/10/2023
(date)

NCTA Denver Congressional Trip

June 26 – 28, 2023

Monday, June 26th

Flight from DC to Denver; Transport to hotel in Denver, staff have the night free.

Overnight stay at **Moxy Hotel, 240 Josephine St., Denver CO 80206 (Cherry Creek)****Tuesday, June 27th**

Breakfast on your own

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM Depart Hotel (1 hr.) - *To 8600 N 39th St, Longmont, CO 80503*
- 9:00 – 11:00 AM **Table Mountain - ITS Field Site (2 hr.)**
- Staffers will visit the Spectrum Research Laboratory, a facility for research into radio spectrum usage and occupancy. There will also be a policy discussion on the importance of spectrum for the federal government and how the government uses spectrum.
- 11:00 – 11:30 AM Travel Time (30 minutes) - *To 858 Coal Creek Cir, Louisville, CO 80027*
- 11:30 – 12:30 PM **Lunch* and Technology Presentation at CableLabs (1 hr.)**
Presentation by CableLabs Vice President of Technology Policy, Mark Walker.
- 12:30 – 2:30 PM **Tour of CableLabs (2 hr.)**
- Staffers will tour CableLabs' facility and have the opportunity to learn about the cable industry's innovation and technology leadership. The visit will also include a demonstration of fiber and wireless technologies and a discussion on consumer access to these technologies.
- 2:30 – 3:10 PM Travel Time (40 min.) - *To 8000 E Iliff Ave, Denver, CO 80231*
- 3:10 – 4:10 PM **Spectrum Plaza (1 hr.)**
- Staffers will receive a briefing on important policy issues related to shared spectrum and will also tour Charter's new tech center, where new products are developed and tested for the market.
- 4:10 – 4:30 PM Travel Time (20 min.) - *To 6360 S Fiddlers Green Circle*
- 4:30 – 5:30 PM **Comcast Denver HQs (1 hr.)**
- Staffers will learn about the importance of access to broadband for students and low-income families by visiting one of Comcast's WiFi connected "Lift Zones." There will also be a policy discussion on how access to additional unlicensed spectrum is critical for establishing future Wifi Lift Zones.
- 5:30 – 5:50 PM Travel Time (20 min.) - *Moxy Hotel, 240 Josephine St., Denver CO 80206 (Cherry Creek)*
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM Break – Time at the hotel/travel to dinner venue
- 7:00 – 10:00 PM Dinner* with member company and CableLabs representatives.

Overnight stay at Moxy Hotel, 240 Josephine St., Denver CO 80206 (Cherry Creek)

Wednesday, June 28th

Flight from Denver to DC

***All meals paid for and provided by NCTA.**

**NCTA Denver Trip
Senate Invite List**

Name	Office	Title
Christianna Barnhart	U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation	Senior Counsel
Alex Sachtjen	Sen. John Thune (R-SD)	Legislative Assistant
Arielle Roth	U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation	Counsel

Sachtjen, Alex (Thune)

From: Christina Donovan <CDonovan@NCTA.com>
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 4:59 PM
To: Christina Donovan; Oleathia Gadsden
Subject: NCTA Spring Trip to Denver - Paperwork for Senate Ethics
Attachments: NCTA Denver Trip - Senate Sponsor Form and Attachments Rev. 4.10.2023(59511859.1) (1).pdf

Good Afternoon,

Below is the formal invite for NCTA's staff delegation trip to Colorado on June 26, and attached is the relevant paperwork for your submission to the Senate Ethics Committee. The attached PDF package includes the Primary Trip Sponsor Form, the Senate invite list, the trip agenda, and a copy of the formal invite. **Please respond to this email to confirm that you are still interested in attending before you submit your paperwork to Ethics for approval.** As a reminder, **you must submit your paperwork to Ethics as soon as possible, or you will not be able to attend the trip.** If you have any questions, please let me know.



Join Us

Denver, Colorado
June 26-28, 2023

On behalf of NCTA and its members, we are pleased to invite you to join us in Colorado to view live spectrum demos and witness first hand the future of spectrum.

The Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and trip itinerary for your submission to the Ethics Committee is attached. To attend this trip, you must submit paperwork to Ethics as soon as possible. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Christina Donovan (cdonovan@ncta.com) to confirm your spot before submitting your paperwork to Ethics.

This invitation is non-transferable.



Christina Donovan
Coordinator, Government Relations
NCTA – The Internet & Television Association
p 202.222.2321 | e cdonovan@ncta.com
ncta.com/welcome



Join Us

Denver, Colorado
June 26-28, 2023

On behalf of NCTA and its members, we are pleased to invite you to join us in Colorado to view live spectrum demos and witness first hand the future of spectrum.

The Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and trip itinerary for your submission to the Ethics Committee is attached. To attend this trip, you must submit paperwork to Ethics no later than May 26, 2023. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Christina Donovan (cdonovan@ncta.com) to confirm your spot before submitting your paperwork to Ethics.

This invitation is non-transferable

NCTA Denver Congressional Invitation List
June 26 – 28, 2023

Senate			
Name	Office		E-Mail
Alex Sachtjen	Sen. John Thune	Legislative Assistant	alex_sachtjen@thune.senate.gov
Arielle Roth	Committee on Commerce, Minority	Counsel	Arielle_Roth@commerce.senate.gov

NCTA Denver Congressional Trip

June 26 – 28, 2023

Monday, June 26th

Flight from DC to Denver; Transport to hotel in Denver.

Overnight stay at **Moxy Hotel, 240 Josephine St., Denver CO 80206 (Cherry Creek)****Tuesday, June 27th**

Breakfast on your own

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM Depart Hotel (1 hr.) - To 8600 N 39th St, Longmont, CO 80503
- 9:00 – 11:00 AM **Table Mountain - ITS Field Site (2 hr.)**
Staffers will visit NTIA's Table Mountain Advanced Communication Test Site, an open-air test site facility for research into radio spectrum sharing with the federal government. Among other things, staffers will see NTIA's AWS-3 satellite earth station testbed, radio-wave propagation measurement infrastructure and deployed 5G infrastructure used to promote spectrum-sharing. There will also be a discussion on coexistence technologies and how they interact with federal incumbent bands. NTIA will discuss its testing and work in both the 5 GHz band and CBRS Band, and specifically highlight its recent [report](#) on the success of CBRS.
- 11:00 – 11:30 AM Travel Time (30 minutes) - To 858 Coal Creek Cir, Louisville, CO 80027
- 11:30 – 12:30 PM **Lunch* and Technology Presentation at CableLabs (1 hr.)**
Presentation by CableLabs Vice President of Technology Policy, Mark Walker.
Staffers will hear how spectrum access is critical to cable broadband delivery, both fixed and mobile, and learn how cable broadband operators leverage their dense wired networks to provide wireless connectivity to consumers through coexistence technologies.
- 12:30 – 2:00 PM **Tour of CableLabs (1.5 hr.)**
Staffers will see several demos, including an immersive demo, wired demo featuring HFC/DOCSIS and optical, a wireless demo including an anechoic chamber and Open RAN lab; and a demo on wireless security.
- 2:00 – 2:55 PM Travel Time (55 min.) - To 14810 Grasslands Drive, Englewood, CO 80112
- 2:55 – 3:55 PM **Charter Technology & Engineering Center (CTEC I) (1 hr.)**
Staffers will participate in a discussion on Charter's network evolution that enables a seamless converged connectivity experience in- and out-of-the-home, with Wi-Fi as the glue between its wireline and wireless networks. Staff will then go on a walking tour to experience demos around the lab, including on Wi-Fi 7 and multi-gig, symmetrical broadband enabled by DOCSIS 4.0 technology.
- 3:55 – 4:15 PM Travel Time (20 min.) - To 4100 E. Dry Creek Road, Centennial, CO 80122
- 4:15 – 5:15 PM **Comcast Denver HQs (1 hr.)**
Staffers will see the Xfinity 10G network and how Comcast's 10G network transformation enables it to seamlessly deliver multi-gig symmetrical services over existing coax or fiber cable. Staffers will learn how Comcast engineering innovation is turning the 10G network into a "Brilliant network" to optimize the customer Internet experience, provide unrivalled service reliability, detect network disruptions as they occur, and deliver low service latency like no other.
- 5:15 – 5:35 PM Travel Time (20 min.) - Moxy Hotel, 240 Josephine St., Denver CO 80206 (Cherry Creek)
- 5:35 – 8:00 PM Break – Time at the hotel/travel to dinner venue

***All meals paid for and provided by NCTA.**

8:00 – 10:00 PM Dinner* with member company and CableLabs representatives. – *no programing scheduled*
SOL Mexican Cocina – 200 Columbine Street #110, Denver, CO 80206

Overnight stay at Moxy Hotel, 240 Josephine St., Denver CO 80206 (Cherry Creek)

Wednesday, June 28th

Flight from Denver to DC

***All meals paid for and provided by NCTA.**