

RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Date/Time Stamp

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:**

The Pew Charitable Trusts; The Joyce

10/27/23-10/29/23

Name of accompanying family member (if any):**Relationship to Traveler:****Total Expenses**

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$121.40	\$237.54	\$219.92	\$15- Adams County Historical Society

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.

11/17/23

Date

Tricia Russell

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.

11/17/23

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
Hotel	\$118.77/night w/tax	final actual cost -- includes tax
Adams County Historic	\$15	increased ticket price -- final actual cost

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:

Trip Name: Biannual Bipartisan Chiefs of Staff Leadership Conference**Organization Information****Organization Name:**

The Pew Charitable Trusts

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

Yes



No

If Yes, 501(c)(3) Organization Type:

Private Foundation



Public Charity

Address:

901 E Street NW

City, State, Zip:

Washington, DC. 20004

Phone Number:

202/540-6501

Organization URL:

www.pewtrusts.org

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

Through information and advocacy work, The Pew Charitable Trusts seeks to advance development of sound public policy in the U.S. and to strengthen institutions that form the foundation of our democracy. A major component of this ongoing strategy has been to help create an environment in which policymakers can productively deliberate important issues of the day. The purpose of this ninth annual Senate Chiefs of Staff Conference hosted by Pew is to provide a collaborative environment for the Chiefs of Staff to learn from experts and discuss strategies for effective leadership, management, mission development and organization.

Educational Activities

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

The Pew Charitable Trusts is driven by the power of knowledge to solve today's most challenging problems. Pew applies a rigorous, analytical approach to improve public policy, inform the public and invigorate civic life. We partner with a diverse range of donors, public and private organizations, and concerned citizens who share our commitment to fact-based solutions and goal-driven investments to improve society. Pew issues dozens of research reports each year to educate the public and policy makers, and sponsors convening of researchers and experts to examine various issues of public policy and civic life.

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 group will travel to Gettysburg for a two-day conference on leadership and management skills. The Chiefs of Staff will hear from speakers representing the U.S. Army War College, The Gettysburg Foundation and the Lincoln Leadership Institute. A complete itinerary is attached.

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

Through both information and advocacy work, Pew seeks to advance development of sound public policy at home and abroad, and strengthen the institutions that form the foundations of our democracy. The Biannual Bipartisan Conference advances those goals by creating a "Safe Space" for Chiefs of Staff to meet, exchange ideas and learn effective best practices for carrying out their responsibilities.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Pew has planned the entirety of the itinerary and agenda of the conference.

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. **The Joyce Foundation**

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):

- ☐ No sponsor retains or employs a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principle, 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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Required if selecting the third option in either column - Please explain why the second overnight stay is practically required and necessary to accomplish the purpose 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.

Invitees list

- ☒ A list of all Senate invitees is attached to this form (required).
- ☐ Members and staff from the House of Representatives will also receive invitations.

Travel Details (Submit additional pages as needed)

Trip Start Date/Time:
10/27/23, 12 noon



Trip End Date/Time:
10/29/23, 2 pm

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Transportation (Member/Officer/Employee: \$144.38 Accompanying Family Member: \$_____)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Motor Coach (r/t to Gettysburg and throughout)	Coach	\$144.38

Details (optional)

estimated per person cost of 25 chiefs attending

Lodging (Member/Officer/Employee: \$214 Accompanying Family Member: \$0)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
10/27/23	10/29/23	Wyndham Hotel	Gettysburg	PA	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	\$107	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.		

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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: \$261.50 Accompanying Family Member: \$_____)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem (Y/N)
10/27/23		23.50	95		118.50	Gettysburg	PA	USA	Y
10/28/23	14	35	80		129	Gettysburg	PA	USA	Y
10/29/23	14	35			49	Gettysburg	PA	USA	N

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

Negotiated rates charged by the Gettysburg Foundation for dinners still exceed per diem

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses

(Member/Officer/Employee: \$9.00 Accompanying Family Member: \$_____)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Admission Adams Co. "Beyond the Battle" Museum	9.00	

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: Biannual Bipartisan Senate Chiefs of Staff Conference
Travel Date(s): October 27-29, 2023
Travel Destination(s): Gettysburg, PA
Sponsor: The Pew Charitable Trusts

LAURIE BOEIDER
(printed name of sponsor representative)

ACTING SENIOR DIRECTOR
(title)


(signature of sponsor representative)

10/18/23
(date)

Grantmaking Organization Certification Form

Instructions: If a sponsor receives funds from a grantmaking organization, the sponsor must disclose this on the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form*, and the grantmaking organization must complete the *Grantmaking Organization Certification Form*. The completed *Grantmaking Organization Certification Form* must be submitted to the Senate Select Committee on Ethics by the trip sponsor at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date.

Grantmaking Organization: The Joyce Foundation

Private Sponsor: The Pew Charitable Trusts

Trip Name: The Biannual Bipartisan Leadership Conference

Travel Date(s): October 27-29, 2023

Destination(s): Gettysburg, PA

In compliance with the *Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel*, I certify the following:

- ☒ The grantmaking organization is a § 501(c)(3) organization.
- ☒ The grantmaking organization is not a lobbyist, lobbying firm, or foreign agent, nor an entity that retains or employs a lobbyist or foreign agent.
- ☒ The grantmaking organization provides funds under an established grant program, or in a manner that is otherwise consistent with the mission and practices of the organization.
- ☒ The grantmaking organization is not involved, directly or indirectly, in organizing and conducting the trip. This includes selecting participants for a trip.
- ☒ The grantmaking organization does not directly pay or reimburse travel expenses for any Senate Member, officer, or employee.

Kathleen Clarke

(Printed name of grantmaking organization representative)

Chief Operating Officer

(Title)

Kathleen Clarke

(Signature of grantmaking organization representative)

Digitally signed by Kathleen Clarke
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10/22/2023

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invites you and your significant other
to the ninth biennial

Senate Chiefs of Staff Management and Leadership Conference

Gettysburg, PA
October 27-29, 2023

REGISTER WITH .GOV EMAIL

The Pew Charitable Trusts will host a conference for the Senate Chiefs of Staff October 27-29, 2023, in Gettysburg, PA. It promises to be an engaging and informative weekend where you will learn from noted speakers about management and leadership. A copy of the agenda is available [here](#).

We will depart from the Senate side in a motor coach Friday, October 27, at noon and return Sunday, October 29, at 2 p.m.

The chiefs' expenses (minus alcohol) are covered by The Pew

Charitable Trusts. If you wish to invite your spouse, you may reimburse Pew for those expenses (estimated to be \$394.50) after the conference.

Your pre-travel paperwork should be received by the Select Committee on Ethics, at 220 Hart, by close of business on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, to ensure processing by the legal deadline. The Committee is very strict about its deadlines and will bar attendance by staff who submit late. For that reason, ***we recommend you complete and submit your forms immediately, even if you're not sure you'll attend***, as there is no penalty if you're approved but later decide you can't attend.

Click here to download the paperwork.

If you are unable to attend, please click here to let us know.

We look forward to seeing you in historic Gettysburg this fall!

The Pew Charitable Trusts makes every effort to comply with federal, state, and local government ethics rules, including when hosting events. Please make sure that your participation is consistent with applicable ethics rules.

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Bipartisan Senate Chiefs of Staff Conference
Gettysburg October 27-29, 2023



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SENATE CHIEFS OF STAFF
October 27-29, 2023

Friday October 27

- 12 – 2 pm Travel from DC to Gettysburg on Pew bus
2 – 3 pm Arrive Gettysburg, check in to Wyndham Hotel
3 – 5 pm US Army War College briefing, Wyndham Hotel
Political-strategic context for the Gettysburg campaign and key leaders involved
5 – 6 pm Free Time
6 – 6:15 pm Pew Bus travels to Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center, 1195 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg
6:15-7 pm Lights Up Cyclorama orientation to the Battlefield and the climactic attack of the battle, Pickett's charge, to be discussed in tomorrow's program.
7 – 8 pm Dinner in Museum lobby
Speakers: Britt Isenberg, Leadership Program Manager, Gettysburg Foundation;
Lt. General Benjamin Freakley, U.S. Army (Ret.), Co-founder, Leadership, Diplomacy and National Security Lab, Arizona State University; veteran of Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom, and former Commanding General of Combined Joint Task Force-76, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.
8 – 9:pm Guided walk-through of museum highlighting artifacts that preview key leadership decisions in the battle related to battlefield leadership programming addressed in tomorrow's programming.
9 – 9:30 pm Pew bus returns to hotel

Saturday October 28

- 7 – 8 am Breakfast available
8 am – 6:15 Staff Ride with US Army War College.
Speakers – Kevin Dixon & Steven Knott, US Army War College
Topics over nine stops in the Battlefield include:
- Avoiding Cognitive Bias and Systems of Denial; Empowerment and Management of Trusted Agents
- Identifying Immature & Toxic Leaders; Empowerment Requires Purpose; Succession Planning
- Communicating Leader Vision and Strategy Formulation
- Empowerment's Dark Side; Reassessing Theory of Competition and Strategic Assumptions
- Disruptive Technology and Controlling the Narrative
- Means vs. Will
- Logical Fallacies; Personality Matters; Building Team Consensus; Knowing "The Value of the Object"
- Strategic Communication; Transforming Tactical Success into Strategic Effect

A box lunch will be provided.

- 6 :15-6:45 pm Free time
6:45- 7 pm Pew Bus travels to Dinner at Nature Alliance Barn
7-7:30 pm Reception, Nature Alliance Barn
7:30 – 8:30pm Dinner, Nature Alliance Barn
Speaker: Steven Wiley, Founder & President, Lincoln Leadership Institute
8:30 – 9 pm Dinner concludes
9 – 9:15 pm Bus returns to Wyndham Hotel



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Bipartisan Senate Chiefs of Staff Conference

Gettysburg October 27-29, 2023

Sunday October 29

8 – 9 am Breakfast

9 – 9:30 am Check out

9:30 – 9:45 am Pew bus travels to Gettysburg “Beyond the Battle” Museum, Adams County
Historical Society, 625 Biglerville Road, Gettysburg

10 – 11:45 am Tour “Beyond the Battle” Museum

11:45 – 12 noon Return to bus to receive box lunches

12 noon - 2 pm Return travel to DC

Democratic Senate Chiefs of Staff

Senator	State	Location	First	Last	Office Main		
Baldwin	WI	SH-141	Ken	Reidy	224-5653		
Bennet	CO	SR-261	Neil	Kornze	224-5852		
Bennet	CO	SR-261	Amy	Friedman	224-5852		
Blumenthal	CT	SH-706	Joel	Kelsey	224-2823		
Booker	NJ	SH-717	Veronica	Duron	224-3224		
Brown	OH	SH-503	Sarah	Benzing	224-2315		
Cantwell	WA	SH-511	Amit	Ronen	224-3441		
Cardin	MD	SH-509	Chris	Lynch	224-4524		
Carper	DE	SH-513	Jan	Beukelman	224-2441		
Casey	PA	SR-393	Kristen	Gentile	224-6324		
Coons	DE	SR-218	Jonathan	Stahler	224-5042		
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Cortez Masto	NV	SH-520	Scott	Fairchild	224-3542		
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Duckworth	IL	SH-524	Kalina	Thompson	224-2854		
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Feinstein	CA	SH-331	James	Sauls	224-3841		
Fetterman	PA	SR-142	Adam	Jentleson	224-4254		
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Manchin	WV	SH-306	Wes	Kungel	224-3954		
Markey	MA	SD-255	John	Walsh	224-2742		
Markey	MA	SD-255	Giselle	Barry	224-2742		
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Rosen	NV	SH-713	Nelson	Araujo	224-6244		
Sanders	VT	SD-332	Misty	Rebik	224-5141		
Schatz	HI	SH-722	Eric	Einhorn	224-3934		
Schatz	HI	SH-722	Reema	Dodin	224-3934		
Schumer	NY	S-221	Mike	Lynch	224-6542		
Schumer	NY	SH-322	Erin	Vaughn	224-6542		
Shaheen	NH	SH-506	Alison	MacDonald	224-2841		
Sinema	AZ	SH-317	Michael	Brownlie	224-4521		
Smith	MIN	SH-720	Jeff	Lomonaco	224-5641		
Stabenow	MI	SH-731	Matt	VanKuiken	224-4822		
Tester	MT	SH-311	Dylan	Laslovich	224-2644		
Van Hollen	MD	SH-730	Tricia	Russell	224-4654		
Warner	VA	SH-703	Elizabeth	Falcone	224-2023		
Warnock	GA	SR-416	Mark	Libell	224-3643		
Warren	MA	SH-309	Jon	Donenberg	224-4543		
Welch	VT	SR-124	Ali	Golden	224-4242		
Whitehouse	RI	SH-530	Monalisa	Dugué	224-2921		
Wyden	OR	SD-221	Jeff	Michels	224-5244		
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Boozman	AR	SD-555	Toni-Marie	Higgins	224-4843
Braun	IN	SR-404	Joshua	Kelley	224-4814
Britt	AL	SH-502	Clay	Armentrout	224-5744
Budd	NC	SR-304	Tucker	Knott	224-3154
Capito	WV	SR-172	Joel	Brubaker	224-6472
Capito	WV	SR-172	JT	Jezierski	224-6472
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Grassley	IA	SH-135	Jen	Heins	224-3744
Hagerty	TN	SR-251	Adam	Telle	224-4944
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Hoeben	ND	SR-338	Tony	Eberhard	224-2551
Hyde-Smith	MS	SH-702	Doug	Davis	224-5054
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Lankford	OK	SH-316	Michelle	Altman	224-5754
Lee	UT	SR-363	Allyson	Bell	224-5444
Lummis	WY	SR-127A	Kristin	Walker	224-3424
Marshall	KS	SR-479A	Brent	Robertson	224-4774
McConnell	KY	SR-317	Terry	Carmack	224-2541

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McConnell	KY	S-230	Sharon	Soderstrom	224-3135
Moran	KS	SD-521	James	Kelly	224-6521
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Murkowski	AK	SH-522	Kaleb	Froehlich	224-6665
Paul	KY	SR-295	William	Henderson	224-4343
Ricketts	NE	SR-139	Matt	Miltenberger	224-4224
Risch	ID	SR-483	Ryan	White	224-2752
Romney	UT	SR-354	Liz	Johnson	224-5251
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Rubio	FL	SR-284	Jessica	Fernandez	224-3041
Schmitt	MO	SR-387	Jimmy	Peacock	224-5721
Scott, Rick	FL	SH-110	Craig	Carbone	224-5274
Scott, Tim	SC	SH-104	Neri	Martinez	224-6121
Sullivan	AK	SH-302	Larry	Burton	224-3004
Thune	SD	SD-511	Ryan	Nelson	224-2321
Thune	SD	S-208	Geoff	Antell	224-2321
Tillis	NC	SD-113	Shil	Patel	224-6342
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United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

October 24, 2023

Tricia Russell
Office of Senator Chris Van Hollen
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ms. Russell:

This responds to your recent correspondence requesting approval from the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) to accept an invitation you received to travel to the *Biannual Bipartisan Senate Chiefs of Staff Leadership Conference* in Gettysburg, PA, on October 27–29, 2023, sponsored by Pew Charitable Trusts (Pew). Provided that you adhere to the guidance set forth below, it appears that it is permissible for you to accept necessary expenses from Pew in connection with this trip.

Background

Based on your communication with the Committee, the background in this matter is as follows.¹ You are employed as the Chief of Staff for the Office of Senator Chris Van Hollen. Pew invited you to travel to the *Biannual Bipartisan Senate Chiefs of Staff Leadership Conference* in Gettysburg, PA, on October 27–29, 2023. Pew certified to the Committee that it will pay the necessary expenses² related to the travel and that it is neither a lobbyist, lobbying firm, agent of a foreign principal, or otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government. Although Pew retains or employs a federally registered lobbyist or foreign agent, Pew has certified that it is an organization designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code³ and that no registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal will accompany you at any point throughout your trip.⁴

Discussion

Privately sponsored travel includes any gift of travel and travel-related expenses for travel outside the Senate duty station, including transportation, lodging, food and refreshments, and conference fees and materials, whether paid for directly, reimbursed, or provided directly,

¹ If this letter does not correctly recite the facts, contact the Committee immediately.

² The term “necessary expenses” has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 8.

³ 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).

⁴ The term “any point throughout your trip” has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 2-3.

from a private individual or entity, in connection with a Member's, officer's, or employee's official Senate duties. Incorporating reforms from the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007 (HLOGA), Pub. L. 110–81 (2007), Senate Rule 35.2 permits Members, officers, and employees to accept privately sponsored travel only with the prior written approval of the Committee.

The Committee's approval process is governed by the *Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel and Glossary of Terms* (collectively, *Travel Regulations*). The *Travel Regulations* contain detailed requirements regarding who may sponsor travel; time limits for trips; and the type and amount of expenses that can be reimbursed.

Entities that do not retain or employ a lobbyist or foreign agent and all non-profit organizations designated as tax-exempt organizations under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, regardless of whether they retain or employ a lobbyist or foreign agent, may sponsor domestic trips for up to three days. The three-day limitation means three 24-hour periods, calculated from the time of arrival in the trip location to the time of departure from the trip location. For such trips, neither lobbyists nor foreign agents may accompany a Senate invitee at any point throughout the trip, other than in a *de minimis* way.⁵ This means that neither lobbyists nor foreign agents may accompany Senate invitees at any point to and from the event, at the event itself, or at the location being visited.⁶

Under Senate Rule 35, Senate staff must receive advance authorization signed by the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the individual works in order to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel. Further, such authorization and expenses must be disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the completed *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* and the *Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses* (Form RE-1 and Form RE-2), along with a copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form*, and all relevant attachments (e.g., the private sponsor's invitation and itinerary) **within 30 days of the conclusion of Privately Sponsored Travel**.

Consistent with these standards and Committee precedent, Pew's factual representations, it appears that it is permissible for you to accept necessary expenses from Pew in connection with this trip, provided that the actual travel and travel-related expenses conform to the information and materials you provided, and the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate (Office of Public Records).

Finally, Senate Rule 34 requires a reporting individual⁷ on their financial disclosure report, to make an annual disclosure of the receipt of payments or reimbursements under Senate Rule 35 from a private sponsor for officially-related travel expenses where, in the aggregate,

⁵ The term "*de minimis*" has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 3.

⁶ See *Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 5; see also *Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 2-3.

⁷ A reporting individual is someone whose salary equals or exceeds 120% of the basic rate of pay for GS-15 (\$141,022 for CY 2023) or is a political fund designee and is required to file financial disclosure reports.

travel expenses exceed \$480 from that sponsor during a calendar year. However, if a Member, officer, or employee properly reports the receipt of necessary expenses for such travel to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the travel, as discussed above, the travel expenses need not be disclosed a second time on their financial disclosure report.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Hamilton Kopplin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shannon Hamilton Kopplin
Chief Counsel and Staff Director

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