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Instructions: Use this form as a cover sheet for any paperwork you may need to submit to the **Office of Public Records** in order to make your Privately Sponsored Post-Travel Submission complete in accordance with Rule 35. **Only complete this form if you need to submit an amendment to a post-travel filing you have already submitted.**

SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN 232 HART BUILDING

Name of Traveler: Molly Ryan

Employing Office/Committee: Senator Susan Collins

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources): Atlantic Council

Travel Date(s): 10/1/2022-10/8/2022

Description/Title of Attached Forms: Submitting correct invitation, the correct version of the Form RE-1, and the correct version of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form.

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

Incorrect versions of the invitation, Form RE-1, and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form were previously submitted.
Amending my submission to ensure the right documents are included.

3/28/2023

(Date)

Molly Ryan
(Signature of Traveler)



Atlantic Council

GLOBAL ENERGY CENTER

Molly Ryan
Senator Susan Collins
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

August 26, 2022

Dear Molly,

It is my pleasure to invite you to join a Congressional staff delegation trip to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to study advanced energy technologies this October 1-8, 2022. Our aim is to strengthen the US-UAE energy relationship and demonstrate how a cohesive national energy strategy and concerted public-private effort can lead to impressive results.

The delegation will include senior Congressional staff with policy work before the US Senate Committees on Energy & Natural Resources, Agriculture, Appropriations, and Environmental & Public Works, as well as the US House Committees on Energy & Commerce, Ways & Means, Science, Space and Technology, Select Climate and Appropriations. You, along with your colleagues, play an instrumental role in driving American energy policy and international engagement. This will provide you with an opportunity to learn more about the impressive advancement in energy one of our key allies in the Gulf has made and see some innovative technologies and facilities firsthand.

Potential meetings include discussions with Mohamed Al Hammadi, Chief Executive Officer of Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation; H.E. Suhail Al Mazrouei, Minister of Energy and Industry; H.E. Mariam Almheiri, Minister of Climate Change and Environment; Abu Dhabi National Oil Company executives, and others. Site visits will likely include: the Barakah Nuclear Facility, the first commercial nuclear power station in the Arab World; the Al Reyadah Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) project, the world's first steel carbon capture project; and the world's largest 'premium aluminum' producer Emirates Global Aluminum (EGA).

For further information or any questions you may have, please contact Katie Kenney at kkenney@atlanticcouncil.org. We sincerely hope you will join this trip in October.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Reed Blakemore'.

Reed Blakemore
Acting Director, Global Energy Center
Atlantic Council

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): Atlantic Council
 2. Description of the trip: Site visits and briefings on select clean energy projects with key United Arab Emirates government and private sector individuals involved in their 2050 energy strategy.
 3. Dates of travel: 10/01/2022 - 10/08/2022
 4. Place of travel: Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
 5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Senior Congressional Senate staff - please see list attached.
 6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
- OR -
☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
 7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- AND -
☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions 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.
 8. I *certify* that:
☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
- AND -
☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in 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.

- OR -

- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in 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 (*see questions 6 and 10*).

- OR -

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

The Atlantic Council is the sole sponsor and is organizing, conducting, and funding all aspects
of the trip. The Global Energy Center, as a program within the Atlantic Council, is leading the planning.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

The Atlantic Council promotes leadership and engagement in international affairs. The Atlantic Council's
Global Energy Center promotes energy security by working alongside government, industry, civil society,
and public stakeholders to devise pragmatic solutions to the changing global energy landscape.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

The Atlantic Council Global Energy Center has sponsored congressional staff trips to the United Arab
Emirates in 2018 and 2019.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

The Atlantic Council regularly hosts events for attendance by the general public and publishes reports that are freely available to the public. The Atlantic Council's Global Energy Center hosts events for the general public and published reports on a wide variety of energy issues.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
☒ Good Faith estimate ☐ Actual Amounts	\$1,700	\$1,562.08	\$966	N/A

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation **or** b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

This trip is organized specifically with regard to congressional staff participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The UAE is uniquely implementing an aggressive 2050 clean energy plan to reduce its carbon footprint.

Government officials and private sector executives involved in this effort are located in the UAE.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

The St. Regis Abu Dhabi Hotel

Nation Tower, Corniche, P.O. Box 60476, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

This hotel is centrally located and in close proximity to the site visit and meeting locations.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

The lodging rates are below the maximum per diem rate.

The meal rates are below or equal to the maximum per diem rate.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Roundtrip coach airfare and ground transportation in the UAE on coach bus will be provided.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

N/A

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Julie Varghese

Name and Title: Julie Varghese, Chief Operating Officer

Name of Organization: Atlantic Council

Address: 1030 15th Street NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone Number: 202-213-8200

Fax Number: 202-778-4952

E-mail Address: jvarghese@atlanticcouncil.org

Date/Time Stamp:

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. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Molly RyanEmploying Office/Committee: Senator Susan CollinsPrivate Sponsor(s) (list all): Atlantic CouncilTravel date(s): 10/1/2022-10/8/2022*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*Destination(s): Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

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

Molly serves as a legislative assistant for Senator Collins and covers the energy, environment, and agriculture portfolio. Senator Collins has a keen interest in new and innovative clean energy solutions, like those we would be visiting on this trip.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

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

9/20/22
(Date)Molly Ryan
(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Senator Collins hereby authorize Molly Ryan
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (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) ☐

9/20/22
(Date)Susan M. Collins
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)