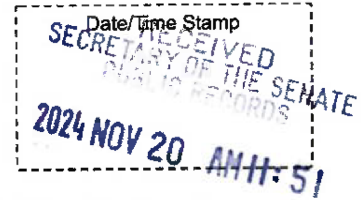


# RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

**Post Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 144 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:*

<b>Private Sponsor(s):</b>	<b>Travel Dates:</b>
Conservative Partnership Institute	October 28-30
<b>Name of accompanying family member (if any):</b>	<b>Relationship to Traveler:</b>

## Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$10.00	\$198.00	\$130.00	

*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.*

11-20-2024  
Date

Lauren Hickey  
Printed Name of Traveler

*Lauren Hickey*  
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.*

11/20/24  
Date

*Mike Braun*  
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
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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

Date/Time Stamp

**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.

Name of Traveler:  
Lauren Hickey

Employing Office/Committee:  
BRAUN, MIKE

Private Sponsor(s):  
Conservative Partnership Institute

Destination(s):  
Cambridge, Maryland

Travel Dates:  
10/28/2024 to 10/30/2024

**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.

In my portfolio I handle science and artificial intelligence. This opportunity would help me focus and strengthen my knowledge on this topic. This is a topic I would like to understand more and be able to craft more thoughtful policy around. I would also be able to meet with more staffers who handle AI policy and get connected with experts in this space to better craft thoughtful AI policy. All around this would help me become a more educated staffer on this complex and emerging issue area.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?  
No

Name and Relationship to Traveler:  
N/A

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

9-30-2024  
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)

Mike Braun  
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize

Lauren Hickey  
(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)

9/27/24  
Date

  
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer



Thu 9/19/2024 3:40 PM

Lauren Baldwin &lt;lbaldwin@cpi.org&gt;

RSVP TODAY: CPI Artificial Intelligence Symposium @ Camp Rydin 10/28-30

To: Lauren Baldwin

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Hello all,

The time has FINALLY arrived--CPI is thrilled to invite you to join our first inaugural Artificial Intelligence Symposium at our lodge property, Camp Rydin, October 28-30th!

Our goal for this retreat is to allow you all to connect with AI experts whom you can lean on as a resource, build relationships with other conservatives in this space, strategize amongst each other, and improve your policy making skills.

Attached, you will find a preliminary agenda, with some additional speakers who will be a surprise. Camp Rydin is located on Maryland's lovely Eastern Shore just outside Cambridge, MD (~2 hr drive from Capitol Hill). CPI will provide your transportation to /from the lodge, overnight lodging at the property, and all meals.

To attend, please RSVP by responding to this email. You will also receive an email containing your paperwork that you will need to submit to Senate Ethics prior to COB September 30th.

If you have any questions regarding the trip, please don't hesitate to email/give me a ring at my cell below. We hope you can join us!

Thanks in advance,

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Lauren Baldwin  
Government Relations Coordinator  
(855) 519-7452

# Conservative Partnership Institute: Conservative Partnership Institute's Artificial Intelligence Symposium

 Lauren Hickey

Title:  
Legislative Assistant

Employing Office/Committee:  
BRAUN, MIKE

Duty Station:  
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):  
Cambridge, Maryland

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

In my portfolio I handle science and artificial intelligence. This opportunity would help me focus and strengthen my knowledge on this topic. This is a topic I would like to understand more and be able to craft more thoughtful policy around. I would also be able to meet with more staffers who handle AI policy and get connected with experts in this space to better craft thoughtful AI policy. All around this would help me become a more educated staffer on this complex and emerging issue area.

Name of accompanying family member (if any):  
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:  
None

## Organization Information

**Organization Name**  
Conservative Partnership Institute

**Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?**  
 Yes  No

**§501(c)(3) Organization Type**  
Public Charity

**Address**  
300 Independence Ave SE

**Address 2 (Optional)**  
None

**City, State Zip**  
Washington, District Of Columbia 20003 United States

**Phone Number**  
8585197452

**Organization URL**

## History of Congressional Travel

The Conservative Partnership Institute provides regular educational briefings and trainings sessions to conservative leaders, congressional staff, and activists.

## Educational Activities

The educational activities performed by CPI include regular trainings, procedural classes, collaborative sessions, and broad educational programming.

## Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and do not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

## Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- 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.

Comments  
None Entered

## Signature Page

The signature page is below.

## Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

This trip will provide an opportunity for Senate legislative staff to hear and learn from legislative experts on how to improve their policymaking skills as it relates to artificial intelligence policy.

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

In accordance with its mission of educating and training the conservative movement, CPI is sponsoring this travel to educate and equip legislative staffers with the skills and tools to more effectively assist their boss.

## Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

Yes  No

## Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

## With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized specifically 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

- 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

- 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.

- 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

- 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

- Members and staff from the House of Representatives will receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

## Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:  
10/28/2024 @ 09:00 AM



Trip End Date/Time:  
10/30/2024 @ 11:00 AM

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

- Yes  No

## Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$10.00 | Accompanying Family Member: \$0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Ground Transportation	Coach	\$10.00

### Note

Coach class van is owned by CPI.

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$198.00 )

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
10/28/2024	10/30/2024	CPI-owned campus	Cambridge	Maryland	United States	2	\$99.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$120.00 )

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
10/28/2024	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	Cambridge	Maryland	United States	No
10/29/2024	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	Cambridge	Maryland	United States	No
10/30/2024	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	Cambridge	Maryland	United States	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$0.00 )

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
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There are no miscellaneous expenses.

## Additional Attachments

**Document Name**

There are no additional attachments.

1. Will Mascaro (Senator Mike Lee)
2. Emme James (Senator Mike Lee)
3. Michael Marn (Senator Marsha Blackburn)
4. Blake Seitz (Senator Marco Rubio)
5. Taylor LaJoie (Senator Roger Marshall)
6. Lauren Hickey (Senator Mike Braun)
7. Callum Case (Senator Rand Paul)
8. Kylie Bohman (Senator Josh Hawley)
9. Austin Walton (Senator Eric Schmitt)
10. Clayton Stein (Senator Rick Scott)
11. Logan Warberg (Senator Cynthia Lummis)
12. Scott Rausch (Senator Ron Johnson)
13. Matthew Middlestaedt (Senator JD Vance)
14. Andrew Dziejdzic (Senator Eric Schmitt)
15. Wendy Baig (Senator Mike Lee)
16. Robby Saunders (Senator Rick Scott)
17. Conner Brown (Senator Cynthia Lummis)
18. Tom DeMatteo (Senator Mike Lee)
19. Brian Oakes (Senator JD Vance)
20. Sean Carver (Senator Eric Schmitt)
21. Stephanie Mertz (Senator Ted Cruz)
22. Jade Winfree (Senator Ted Cruz)
23. Joel Gardner (Senator Rounds)
24. Duncan Wright (Senator Young)
25. Willey Chertman (Senator Young)
26. Karina Mariotti (Senator Lee)
27. Jake Chebowski (Senatore Mike Braun)
28. Christine Lewis (Senator Cruz)
29. J.D. Logan (Senator Mike Lee)
30. Evan DiPetrillo (Senator Young)

**Conservative Partnership Institute's (CPI)  
Artificial Intelligence (AI) Symposium  
October 28-30, 2024**

*All programming, meals, and lodging will take place at CPI-owned campus in Cambridge, Maryland.*

**Monday, October 28th, 2024:**

- 9:00 am** Depart by shuttle bus provided by CPI from Washington, D.C. 20003
- 11:00 am** Arrive at Cambridge, MD 21613
- 11:00 - 12:00 pm** Check-in and Orientation
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm** Lunch and Welcome  
CPI's Policy Director and former Senate Legislative Director will discuss the goals for the symposium as well as provide an initial framework to view AI policy.  
*Speaker: Rachel Bovard, Conservative Partnership Institute*
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm** **SESSION 1: The Basics of AI**  
A brief history of AI and an accessible introduction to the basics of deep learning and neural networks, exploring how they work, their limitations, and where the technology is trending.  
*Speaker: Nick Whitaker, The Manhattan Institute*
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm** Executive Time
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm** **SESSION 2: State of Play: AI Legislation in the 118th Congress and Beyond**  
An overview of recent AI legislation that has moved through the 118th Congress and the state of AI legislation moving into the next Congress.  
*Speaker: Christy Lewis, Senate Commerce Committee*
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm** **SESSION 3: Reforming Environmental Permitting**  
As AI innovation increases, experts predict a need for abundantly available sources of energy in the near future to maintain American supremacy in the AI race. How should conservative policy makers approach energy procurement?  
*Speaker: Thomas Hochman, Foundation for American Innovation*
- 5:00 – 5:30 pm** Executive Time
- 5:30 – 7:30 pm** **Keynote Dinner: Privacy, Censorship and the Surveillance State**  
A discussion of ways in which policymakers can guard against enabling an AI leviathan, and ensure AI develops in a way consistent with American's privacy and civil liberties.  
*Speaker: Mike Benz, Foundation for Freedom Online*

**Tuesday, October 29th, 2024:**

- 9:15 – 10:00 am** Breakfast Buffet

- 10:00 – 11:30 am**      **SESSION 4: AI Arms-Race with China**  
The United States is the world leader in AI research, development, and commercialization. But with China nipping at our heels, how do we keep it that way? What are the core national security dimensions of AI and computer infrastructure? And how can we contain China’s ambitions through tools such as export controls?  
*Speakers: Mark Beall, The American Security Fund*
- 11:30 – 12:00 pm**      **Executive Time**
- 12:00 – 1:30 pm**      **Lunch & SESSION 5: Fortifying the U.S. Defense Industrial Base**  
How can AI contribute to the rebuilding and fortification of the U.S. defense industrial base? With new tools being unlocked by AI and software-native defense startups, we cannot count on the big defense primes for our military readiness. What new capabilities are on the horizon, from autonomous drones to Iron Domes, and what reforms are needed to realize those capabilities within our armed forces?  
*Speaker: Will Thibeaue, The Claremont Institute*
- 1:30 – 3:30 pm**      **Executive Time**
- 3:30 – 5:00 pm**      **SESSION 6: Big Tech vs Open Source**  
Will the AI economy let a thousand flowers bloom, or will Big Tech monopolists acquire unprecedented market power through winner-take-all effects? This session will explore the antitrust and market power issues surrounding AI, the essential role of open source in checking Big Tech’s growing power, and strategies for ensuring AI empowers America’s small businesses.  
*Speaker: Mark Meador, The Heritage Foundation*
- 5:00 – 5:30 pm**      **Executive Time**
- 5:30 – 6:30 pm**      **Dinner**
- 6:30 – 8:00 pm**      **Fireside Chat: To Regulate or Not to Regulate?**  
Does unregulated AI progress pose significant societal risks? How should conservatives, if at all, approach regulating emerging technologies? This moderated discussion will explore two different approaches.  
*Speaker: Dean Ball, George Mason University’s Mercatus Center & Will Mascaro, Senate Steering*
- 8:00 – 9:00 am**      **Wednesday, October 30th, 2024:**  
**Breakfast & Check Out**
- 9:00 am**      **Travel by shuttle bus provided by CPI from Cambridge, MD 21613**
- 11:00 am**      **Arrive at Washington, D.C. 20003**