RE-3 Senators and Officers Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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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):

American Enterprise Institute (AEI)

Travel Dates:

Mar. 8th 2024 - Mar. 10th 2024

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$1,483.58	$2,044.14	$1007.00	$0.00

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

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.

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.

3/28/24	Deb Fischer	Deb Fischer
Date	Printed Name of Senator/Officer	Signature of 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

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:

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

March 6, 2024

The Honorable Deb Fischer
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Fischer:

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 2024 AEI World Forum in Sea Island Georgia on March 7–10, 2024, sponsored by American Enterprise Institute (AEI). Provided that you adhere to the guidance set forth below, it appears that it is permissible for you to accept necessary expenses from AEI in connection with this trip.

Background

Based on your communication with the Committee, the background in this matter is as follows.[1] AEI invited you and your spouse to travel to the 2024 AEI World Forum in Sea Island, Georgia on March 7–10, 2024. AEI certified to the Committee that it will pay the necessary expenses[2] 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. AEI has also certified that it does not retain or employ a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal and that no registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal will accompany you at any point throughout your trip.[3]

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, 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.

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[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* at 10-13.

[3] The term "any point throughout your trip" has a specific definition. *See Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 15.

The Committee's approval process is governed by the *Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* (*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.[4] 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.[5]

Senate Rule 35, a Member or officer who receives payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel must disclose those expenses to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the completed *Senators and Officers Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses* (Form RE-3), 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, Committee precedent, and AEI's factual representations, it appears that it is permissible for you to accept necessary expenses from AEI 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).

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[4] The term "*de minimis*" has a specific definition. *See Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 6-8.

[5] *See Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 6-10.

Finally, Senate Rule 34 requires a Member 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, 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,

Shannon Hamilton Kopplin
Chief Counsel and Staff Director

Enclosure: Member and Officer Privately Sponsored Travel Checklist

Friday, March 8

Departure flight:
DCA-JAX, 11:30 AM-1:36 PM

2:00–3:15 p.m. Afternoon Sessions The Cloister

How to Make Society Friendlier to Families

Erika Bachiochi
Patrick T. Brown
Timothy P. Carney
Ramesh Ponnuru (Moderator)

American birth rates hit record lows even before the pandemic and have kept falling. Parents and children are more anxious than ever before. What are the causes of this baby bust and anxiety boom, and what could reverse them? Building on the arguments of Timothy P. Carney's new book, *Family Unfriendly: How Our Culture Made Raising Kids Much Harder Than It Needs to Be*, this panel will discuss the policy, economic, and cultural dimensions of this crucial question.

Regulation and the Courts: Reflections on the Business Environment

Rachel Brand
Brent J. McIntosh
Jennifer G. Newstead
Adam J. White (Moderator)

Businesses today face unprecedented regulatory challenges: tidal waves of federal and state regulations, jarring regulatory uncertainty from one administration to the next, and a heated new political environment. For all these reasons and more, major corporations' chief legal officers have a unique window into the modern administrative state. Chief counsels of several leading companies in different sectors will offer insights into the modern regulatory environment.

(Concludes at 3:30 p.m.)

The Return of Antisemitism

Jeffrey A. Rosen
Bret Stephens
Bari Weiss
Danielle Pletka (Moderator)

The phrase "never again" became a mantra after the Holocaust, but in truth, many believed that the kind of Jew hatred that fueled the Nazi genocide had seen its last days in 1945. However, the post–October 7 explosion of antisemitism—in the streets of America and Europe, on college campuses worldwide, and online—belied that belief, leaving Jewish communities shell-shocked. Where did this antisemitism come from? Is it more prevalent on the left than the right? Is anti-Zionism the same as antisemitism? And how can antisemitism be defeated?

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2:00–4:45 p.m.	Special Exhibit **The Situation Room: The Wars in Ukraine and the Middle East** Frederick W. Kagan Kimberly Kagan	The Cloister	Frederick W. Kagan and the Critical Threats Project (CTP) at AEI work closely with their research partner, the Institute for the Study of War (ISW), led by Kimberly Kagan. CTP and ISW are analyzing the ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine, the Israel-Hamas war, and Iran's activities in the Middle East. The daily update maps are actively used by most major media outlets, including the BBC, CNN, *The Guardian*, the *Financial Times*, the *New York Times*, and Reuters. This session will showcase the most recent CTP-ISW assessments of the conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East and provide up-to-date information on the crises.
3:30–5:00 p.m.	Afternoon Break		
5:00–6:00 p.m.	Evening Conversation **A Conversation with Marc Andreessen, Cofounder and General Partner at Andreessen Horowitz** James Pethokoukis (Moderator)	The Cloister Ballroom	AEI scholar Jim Pethokoukis talks with entrepreneur and investor Marc Andreesen about the importance of innovation to the US economy and the technological breakthroughs that could transform our society. Andreesen will discuss his techno-optimist vision and the opportunities for and obstacles to realizing it.
6:00–7:00 p.m.	Reception	The Cloister	
7:15–8:30 p.m.	Dinner	The Cloister	
8:30–9:45 p.m.	Reception	The Cloister	
8:45–9:45 p.m.	Starlight Chats **A Conversation with Bari Weiss and Caitlin Flanagan** Timothy P. Carney (Moderator)	The Cloister	
	A Conversation with Lawrence H. Summers Michael R. Strain (Moderator)		Lawrence H. Summers is one of the nation's most distinguished economists and public servants. He has served as the 71st secretary of the Treasury (1999–2001), director of the National Economic Council (2009–10), and president of Harvard University (2001–06). He currently serves on the board of OpenAI. Dr. Summers is a leading voice on a wide range of issues, including the economic outlook, future trends in the domestic and global economies, the state and future of higher education, and the future of artificial intelligence. He is an insider at the highest levels of the Democratic Party while remaining an independent, nonpartisan public intellectual. Join him and Michael R. Strain for a wide-ranging conversation.

Saturday, March 9

7:30–9:30 a.m. Breakfast Opens The Cloister

8:00–9:00 a.m. Early Bird Sessions The Cloister

An Agenda for Restoring Our Constitution

Jack Landman Goldsmith
Yuval Levin
Patrick McHenry
Adam J. White (Moderator)

When Americans think about threats to the Constitution today, we tend to have in mind particular individuals or extreme events. But the broader dysfunction of key institutions is a deeper and more complicated problem. What would it take to restore the basic balance of our system of government—to help Congress, the executive branch, the courts, the states, and the public reclaim their proper roles? And how can we help the American people understand our constitutional challenges in their full scope?

Is There Life in China After the Chinese Communist Party?

Mike Gallagher
John Garnaut
Daniel Tobin
Dan Blumenthal (Moderator)

Is the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) rule fundamentally stable? Historically, analysts and policymakers have often overestimated the staying power of totalitarian regimes. After a decade of Stalinesque purges by Chairman Xi Jinping, a failed "zero COVID" policy, economic stagnation, and the absence of a succession plan, will the party hold on to power? What is the state of dissent and opposition in China? Has Xi managed to completely destroy all competing centers of power? If a challenge to CCP rule emerged, what might it look like? This panel will discuss whether the US has an interest in CCP stability and what Washington's strategy toward Chinese internal politics should be.

8:00–10:30 a.m. Special Exhibit The Cloister

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9:30–10:30 a.m. Breakout Sessions The Cloister

The End of the Neoliberal Consensus?

Ami Bera
Brian Deese
Byron Donalds
R. Glenn Hubbard
Jason Smith
Alex Brill (Moderator)

President Ronald Reagan pursued a supply-side economic agenda. President Bill Clinton famously declared in 1996 that "the era of big government is over" and balanced the federal budget. Subsequent administrations pursued free trade agreements and championed American economic leadership. But Presidents Donald Trump and Joe Biden have abandoned this consensus approach, favoring protectionism for domestic manufacturing, industrial policy, and fiscal irresponsibility. Should the US return to the "neoliberal consensus," or is a larger role for the government in the economy advisable? Is economic nationalism a phase brought on by populism, or does it represent the future for economic policy?

The Long COVID for America's Schools

Nat Malkus
Robert Doar (Introduction)

The COVID-19 pandemic, and policymakers' responses to it, brought unprecedented challenges to the nation's students and schools. Extended school closures, masking fights, and pandemic disruptions led to historic learning losses, uneven enrollment declines, declining student well-being, and skyrocketing chronic absenteeism. Despite $190 billion in federal pandemic relief, schools are still struggling to recover. How did education leaders respond during the pandemic? What are the primary challenges for schools today? What is the outlook for America's public schools after the pandemic?

The War on Poverty at 60

Nicholas Eberstadt
William Galston
Charles Murray
Scott Winship (Moderator)

In January 1964, President Lyndon Johnson declared "unconditional war on poverty in America." By 1973, a strong economy had pushed wages up and unemployment and poverty down. Since then, the official poverty rate has risen slightly, despite vast increases in federal antipoverty spending. At the same time, upward intergenerational mobility is no better, family breakdown has worsened, and rising numbers of men have dropped out of the labor force. Has the expanded safety net—and reforms to it to promote independence—helped or hurt families? Has the American economy failed the neediest among us?

10:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m. General Session — The Cloister Ballroom

America in a Disordered World

Frederick W. Kagan
Paul M. Nakasone
Kori Schake
Hal Brands (Moderator)
And others in our community, including:
- Ami Bera
- Garret Graves
- Jimmy Panetta
- Michael Waltz
- Brad Wenstrup

The world is more disordered and violent today than at any time in decades. Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the largest armed conflict in Europe since World War II, is entering its third year. The war in Gaza and aggression from Iranian-backed militants throughout the region are drawing the US military back into the Middle East. And a US-China cold war is playing out in Asia and around the globe. While the world becomes more unstable, Americans are debating what role the US should have in global conflicts—or if it should have one at all. Join AEI scholars and other members of the AEI community for a discussion on what the role of American power can and should be in a turbulent era.

12:30–1:45 p.m. Luncheon — The Beach Club

A Conversation with Christopher L. Eisgruber and Ben Sasse

Yuval Levin (Moderator)

America's universities are among the nation's greatest assets and sources of pride. But from battles over free expression and affirmative action to an explosion of antisemitism, campus controversies have been rampant in recent years, and many Americans worry about where the academy is headed. In this session, the presidents of Princeton University and the University of Florida will consider the good, the bad, and the ugly of this moment on campus.

2:00–3:15 p.m. Afternoon Sessions — The Cloister

Freedom's Forge Redux: Can America Restore Its "Arsenal of Democracy"?

Eric Fanning
Deb Fischer
Rex Geveden
Heather Wilson
Mackenzie Eaglen (Moderator)

Deliberate policy choices over the past 30 years have created a military manufacturing and tech ecosystem that is struggling to ramp up to support allies at war in two regions. Compounding the challenge is that the Pentagon is no longer a monopsony buyer, able to move markets and attract competition. Knocked off its perch as a core inventor of world-changing technologies like the internet and artificial intelligence, the US military must now innovate with existing commercial technologies. How can the defense bureaucracy help industries ranging from the traditional to software startups? Can the American military refill its magazines while preparing for potential war in a third theater?

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The Hamas-Israel War: Next Steps

Haviv Gur
Bernard Haykel
Frederick W. Kagan
Danielle Pletka (Moderator)

October 7, 2023, ushered in a new era in the Middle East. The attack was unlike any the Jewish people had seen since the Holocaust. Iran's complicity is clear. Israel has declared total war against its Gaza enemies. And Iran's proxies have, without serious consequence to Tehran, widened the conflict to target US allies and interests. How will this end? Will there be a state of Palestine as a consequence? War with Lebanon? Can Iran skate scot-free?

Teenage Mental Health—an American Crisis

Katie Britt
Shelley Moore Capito
Kay Hymowitz
Sally Satel
Naomi Schaefer Riley (Moderator)

A year ago, the surgeon general declared that the decline in youth mental health was "the defining public health crisis of our time." With significant increases in major depressive episodes, anxiety, mood disorders, and self-harm, children and adolescents are clearly suffering. Yet the pervasiveness of harmful technology, the breakdown of institutions like family and religion, and a rise in substance abuse make it hard to pinpoint the precise cause of this crisis. Where did the problem originate? And how will we get ourselves out of it?

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5:00–6:00 p.m. Evening Conversation — The Cloister Ballroom

A Conversation with Mike Johnson, Steve Scalise, and Elise M. Stefanik

Matthew Continetti (Moderator)

AEI scholar Matt Continetti will discuss pressing policy issues before the House of Representatives. Topics will include funding for Ukraine, the federal budget, securing the border, and the challenges of leading the House.

5:00 p.m. *Shuttle Departs for Mass** — The Cloister

**Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m. at St. William Catholic Church.*
Shuttles will return to the Cloister at 6:45 p.m.

6:00–7:00 p.m. Reception — The Cloister

7:15–8:30 p.m. Dinner — The Cloister

8:45–9:45 p.m. Starlight Chats — The Cloister

Advances in Artificial Intelligence

Erik Brynjolfsson
Scott Gottlieb
Eric Horvitz
Michael R. Strain
Todd C. Young
James Pethokoukis (Moderator)

It seems as if every day brings new advances in artificial intelligence. OpenAI's GPT-4 passes not only the Turing test but the bar exam and medical school exams. Beyond natural language processing, AI could lead to substantial advances in drug discovery, revolutionize education, and stop a mass extinction event. But concerns abound. AI will lead to substantial economic disruption and threatens to displace millions of workers. Some experts are even more worried, suggesting that AI could lead to the extinction of the human race. Join our panel of scientists, economists, and technologists on the front lines of AI development to discuss these amazing technological developments—and what the future might hold.

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The Art of Federal Prosecution: Trying Cases in the Southern District of New York
Danielle Sassoon
Robert Doar (Moderator)

The US District Court for the Southern District of New York (SDNY) has witnessed some of the most famous criminal prosecutions in US history, including those of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, Alger Hiss, and Bernie Madoff. Trials there have more attention and higher stakes than almost anywhere else. In a lively conversation with AEI President Robert Doar, Assistant US Attorney Danielle Sassoon will discuss what it takes to prosecute a major case in the SDNY, drawing from her own experience as one of the lead prosecutors of Sam Bankman-Fried. Sassoon will provide her own perspective on how to build and try complex cases, from investigation through conviction, and the broader importance of the rule of law.

The Cockpit Is Empty: Political "Leadership" in a Leaderless Age
Jonah Goldberg

8:45–10:30 p.m. Reception The Cloister

Sunday, March 10 (Daylight Saving Time)

7:30–10:30 a.m. Breakfast Opens The Cloister

7:30 a.m. *Shuttle Departs for Mass** The Cloister
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Shuttles will return to the Cloister at 9:15 a.m.

9:00–10:30 a.m. Early Bird Sessions The Cloister

China's Three Roads to Controlling Taiwan: How Can a US-Led Coalition Respond?
Dan Blumenthal
Frederick W. Kagan

Under Xi Jinping's rule, the Chinese Communist Party is publicly preparing to force unification between Taiwan and mainland China, potentially through military action. Many in Washington fear that a major war between the US and China over Taiwan's independence is right around the corner. But what if China can force unification without starting a devastating war? What are China's other roads to achieving its goals in Taiwan? And how can the US and a coalition of other countries prepare for and forestall other scenarios? Join Dan Blumenthal and Frederick W. Kagan for a conversation about their new major project, the Coalition Defense of Taiwan, and their initial findings.

Conversations with Senate Republicans

9:00–9:45 a.m. **A Conversation with Shelley Moore Capito and John Thune**
Rob Portman (Moderator)

9:45–10:30 a.m. **A Conversation with John Cornyn**
Marc A. Thiessen (Moderator)

AEI scholars Rob Portman and Marc Thiessen will conduct wide-ranging interviews with Senate Republicans on important foreign and domestic policy issues, including America's role in the world, rebuilding the nation's military, changes to our immigration system, and fighting inflation.

Return flight:
JAX-DCA, 12:04 PM-1:59 PM

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AEI: 2024 AEI World Forum

DEB FISCHER

Title:
Senator

Employing Office/Committee:
FISCHER, DEB

Duty Station:
VALENTINE,NE

Destination(s):
Sea Island, Georgia

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

Not applicable for Senators and Officers.

Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Bruce Fischer

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
Spouse

Organization Information

Organization Name
AEI

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

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

Address
1789 Massachusetts Avenue

Address 2 (Optional)
Public Charity

City, State Zip
Washington, District Of Columbia 20036 United States

Phone Number
202-862-7177

Organization URL
https://www.aei.org/

History of Congressional Travel

This is the 41st year of World Forum. Each Forum, AEI invites a number of public officials to join the conversation. Members from both House and Senate regularly attend as speakers.

Educational Activities

AEI hosts around 250 public events (virtual and in-person) each year, in addition to distributing educational materials via online resources, including AEI website and emails. These products cover a number of topics and seek to encourage a competition of ideas.

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.

AEI's World Forum focuses on creative and forward-looking ideas in pursuit of independent and innovative policy solutions with real-world impact. AEI organizes the entire conference, travel, and agenda, while AEI scholars lead panel discussions on a variety of policy issues. AEI is responsible for all logistical aspects of getting the Senator to and from the conference.

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

AEI is a non-profit, tax-exempt, public policy research organization. The World Forum seeks to encourage frank and free-ranging conversations over a number of public policy issues important to today's world. AEI expects the Forum to inspire ideas that expand human dignity and human potential at home and abroad.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- [x] 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

- [x] The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- [x] 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

- [x] 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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Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.

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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- [x] Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- [x] 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:
03/08/2024 @ 11:30 AM

Trip End Date/Time:
03/10/2024 @ 01:59 PM

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: $1,483.58 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$909.00
Note Roundtrip coach ticket, DCA-JAX, 3/8-3/10		
Ground Transportation	Coach	$574.58
Note Roundtrip ground transportation is from JAX-Sea Island hotel, with rate only charged once per couple.		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $2,044.14)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
03/08/2024	03/10/2024	The Cloister	Sea Island	Georgia	United States	3	$681.38	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
This is the only lodging option as it's a private island and this is the only hotel. Lodging rates are charged once per couple and are subject to decrease based on final room availability, room-type assignment, and length of stay. The listed is the maximum nightly rate (including taxes and fees) for the standard room type at Sea Island.

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $1007.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
03/08/2024	$0.00	$0.00	$275.00	$86.00	**$361.00**	Sea Island	Georgia	United States	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
This is the only meal option as it's a private island and is the only hotel. Costs subject to decrease depending on length of stay, and final maximum meal amount is also inclusive of $569.64 of taxes, service charges, and fees.

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
03/09/2024	$87.00	$78.00	$308.00	$86.00	**$559.00**	Sea Island	Georgia	United States	Yes
Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason This is the only meal option as it's a private island and is the only hotel. Costs subject to decrease depending on length of stay, and final maximum meal amount is also inclusive of $569.64 of taxes, service charges, and fees.									
03/10/2024	$87.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$87.00**	Sea Island	Georgia	United States	Yes
Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason This is the only meal option as it's a private island and is the only hotel. Costs subject to decrease depending on length of stay, and final maximum meal amount is also inclusive of $569.64 of taxes, service charges, and fees.									

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

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
There are no miscellaneous expenses.		

Additional Attachments All additional attachments are below.

Document Name
Invitation for Senator Fischer
Fischer Travel Itinerary

2024 AEI World Forum

Senate Invitees:

Senator Britt, Alabama

Senator John Cornyn, Texas

Senator Deb Fischer, Nebraska

Senator Shelley Moore Capito, West Virginia

Senator John Thune, South Dakota

Senator Todd Young, Indiana

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AEI WORLD FORUM | SEA ISLAND, GA

October 26, 2023

The Honorable Deb Fischer
United States Senate
448 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Fischer:

I am writing to invite you to the American Enterprise Institute's annual World Forum, which will be held March 7–10, 2024, in Sea Island, Georgia.

AEI's World Forum has a remarkable 40-year history that has made it one of the most important gatherings of influential leaders grappling with the most critical policy challenges of the day. Every year, we convene a group of world leaders from government, business, media, and academia to discuss the major challenges facing the free world.

What sets AEI's Forum apart from other events of its kind, however, is its reputation as one of the most substantive and thought-provoking off-the-record events that features serious, civil debate on both today's urgent issues and those that are further afield. Your participation as a speaker would add great value to these conversations.

I very much hope you will be able to join us next year. I have enclosed the agenda and participant list from this year's World Forum, and I will share with you the 2024 program agenda as it takes shape.

With warm regards,

Robert Doar
President
American Enterprise Institute

Enclosures

Sea Island

Privately Sponsored Travel Checklist
For Senate Members and Officers

Senate Members and officers must submit requests for approval of privately sponsored travel to the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) at least 30 days prior to the first day of travel. The Committee encourages Members and officers to submit requests through the Travel App, available at https://pst.senate.gov. Paper forms, a travel deadline calculator, and additional information regarding the privately sponsored travel process are available on the Committee's website at https://www.ethics.senate.gov.

Pre-Travel

- ☐ Review the Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel.
- ☐ Receive unsolicited invitation from private sponsor.
- ☐ Submit request for approval to the Committee ***at least 30 days prior to the first day of travel***. Required documents for request for approval include:
  - ☑ Original, unsolicited invitation from the travel sponsor
  - ☑ Completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including any necessary attachments. This form is completed by the sponsor.
  - ☑ A detailed, hour-by-hour itinerary, including each event or activity the Senate traveler will attend; sufficient detail to assess the substance and duration of each activity; arrival and departure information for the Senate traveler; and any necessary attachments.
- ☑ Receive approval letter from Committee ***before first day of travel***.

Post-Travel

*If you used the Travel App (https://pst.senate.gov) to obtain your Pre-Travel Authorization Package, the App will generate all documents required for your post-travel disclosure.

- ☑ Confirm with sponsor that no trip details changed from the pre-travel approval request. *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!*
- ☐ File public disclosure with Office of Public Records (Hart 232) ***within 30 days after the last day of travel***. Requirement documents for post-travel disclosure include:
  - ☐ Completed and signed Form RE-3 (Senators and Officers Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses Form)
  - ☑ Copies of all pre-travel documents listed above
  - ☒ If needed, Attachment 1 (Changes from Approved Pre-Travel Form)

Please contact the Committee at 202-224-2981 if you have any questions.