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):
AEI

Travel Dates:
08/15/2024 to 08/18/2024

Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Gayle Wicker

Relationship to Traveler:
Spouse

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$300.00	$2,499.00	$3,238.84	$12,000.00

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 travel described above was in connection with my duties as an officeholder, and did not create the appearance that I was using public office for private gain.

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9-11-24
Date

ROGER WICKER
Printed Name of Traveler

Signature of Traveler

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
Transportation	$300.00	Ground transportation (roundtrip transfer from ASE airport to the hotel) were slightly higher at $300 per couple.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

● Yes ○ No

Explanation: The final itinerary changed slightly from the previously approved version, including one room shift and one panel speaker's cancellation.

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

○ Yes ● No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.

AEI: 2024 AEI Rocky Mountain Policy Summit

ROGER WICKER

Title:
Senator

Employing Office/Committee:
WICKER, ROGER

Duty Station:
TUPELO,MS

Destination(s):
Aspen, Colorado

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):
Gayle Wicker

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)
None

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

Phone Number
2024195250

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

AEI has hosted the Rocky Mountain Policy Summit for over eight years, first in Jackson Hole, WY, and now in Aspen, CO. This annual summer gathering is off-the-record and convenes top executives, key policymakers, education leaders, and AEI scholars for several days of intimate, substantive discussion on a range of critical policy issues, including the status of economic policy, reforms in higher education, US foreign policy, science & technology, and domestic policy. Each Summit, AEI invites a number of public officials to join the conversation. Members from both the House and Senate regularly attend as speakers. Other notable AEI congressional travel includes our larger, annual World Forum in Sea Island, GA every March, which also features a number of members of Congress, business leaders, & academics to explore pressing policy challenges. AEI is a non-profit, tax-exempt public policy research organization, and AEI plans, sponsors, and pays for the entirety of congressional travel.

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 Rocky Mountain Policy Summit focuses on creative and forward-looking ideas in pursuit of independent and innovative policy solutions with real 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 Summit.

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 Rocky Mountain Policy Summit seeks to encourage frank and free-ranging conversations over a number of public policy issues important to today's world. AEI expects the Summit to inspire ideas that expand human dignity and human potential, both at home and abroad. The Summit's attendees include a number of leading academics, AEI scholars, public policy experts, and leaders from the business community to discuss pressing challenges facing the nation. US Senators and Representatives, as leaders in the policy realm, are invited to the Summit to draw on their experiences in Congress, discuss current legislative debates, and bring their government perspective to further enrich these policy-related discussions.

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 without 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.

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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:
08/15/2024 @ 11:06 AM

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Trip End Date/Time:
08/18/2024 @ 06:24 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: $1,785.95 | Accompanying Family Member: $1497.95)

Traveler Type	Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Member/Officer/Employee	Airfare	Coach	$1,497.95
Note Roundtrip coach-class airfare for Senator Wicker, MEM-ASE.			
Member/Officer/Employee	Ground Transportation	Coach	$288.00
Note Roundtrip ground transportation from Aspen airport (ASE) to hotel. Cost charged only once per couple.			
Accompanying Family Member	Airfare	Coach	$1,497.95
Note Roundtrip coach-class airfare for Mrs. Gayle Wicker, MEM-ASE.			

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $2,499.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Traveler Type	Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
Member/Officer/Employee	08/15/2024	08/18/2024	St. Regis Aspen	Aspen	Colorado	United States	3	$833.00	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
This hotel is centrally located, is large enough to accommodate the conference, and has the requisite private meeting facilities. Other hotels nearby do not have the necessary capabilities and capacity for our group size. Additionally, having all guests for the Summit stay at the St. Regis-- regardless of whether they are in government or the private sector-- helps to facilitate the Summit, minimize any transportation challenges with offsite receptions/meals, minimize any issues with multiple lodging venues, and helps ensure the Summit remains private and self-contained.

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $1619.42 | Accompanying Family Member: $1619.42)

Traveler Type	Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
Member/Officer/Employee	08/15/2024	$0.00	$0.00	$259.30	$0.00	**$259.30**	Aspen	Colorado	United States	Yes
Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason This reflects the costs of on-site meals for the hotel, which was chosen because it is centrally located, is large enough to accommodate the conference, and has the requisite private meeting facilities.										
Accompanying Family Member	08/15/2024	$0.00	$0.00	$259.30	$0.00	**$259.30**	Aspen	Colorado	United States	Yes
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Accompanying Family Member	08/16/2024	$98.20	$178.92	$245.70	$40.00	**$562.82**	Aspen	Colorado	United States	Yes
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Member/Officer/Employee	08/17/2024	$98.20	$245.70	$277.20	$78.00	**$699.10**	Aspen	Colorado	United States	Yes
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Member/Officer/Employee	08/18/2024	$98.20	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$98.20**	Aspen	Colorado	United States	Yes
Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason This reflects the costs of on-site meals for the hotel, which was chosen because it is centrally located, is large enough to accommodate the conference, and has the requisite private meeting facilities.										
Accompanying Family Member	08/18/2024	$98.20	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$98.20**	Aspen	Colorado	United States	Yes

Traveler Type	Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
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Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $6,000.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $6,000.00)

Traveler Type	Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Member/Officer/Employee	Conference Fees	$6,000.00	The attendee conference fee of $6000 is waived for all speakers and their guest, regardless of the speaker's government employment. The conference fee covers registration, all meals, programming, ground transportation between the hotel and airport, and helps AEI defray the cost of the conference.
Accompanying Family Member	Conference Fees	$6,000.00	The attendee conference fee of $6000 is waived for all speakers and their guest, regardless of the speaker's government employment. The conference fee covers registration, all meals, programming, ground transportation between the hotel and airport, and helps AEI defray the cost of the conference.

Additional Attachments

Document Name
There are no additional attachments.

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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: 2024 AEI Rocky Mountain Policy Summit

Travel Date(s): August 15, 2024-August 18, 2024

Travel Destination(s): Aspen, CO

Sponsor: The American Enterprise Institute

S. Christopher Gavin — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Director, Government Relation: — *(title)*

(signature of sponsor representative)

06/26/2024 — *(date)*

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US Senate Invitees

Senator John Barrasso (Wyoming)

Senator Tom Cotton (Arkansas)

Senator Mike Crapo (Idaho)

Senator Joni Ernst (Iowa)

Senator Joe Manchin (West Virginia)

Senator Lisa Murkowski (Alaska)

Senator Thom Tillis (North Carolina)

Senator Roger Wicker (Mississippi)

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June 20, 2024

The Honorable Roger Wicker
Senator from Mississippi
United States Senate
425 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wicker:

I am writing to invite you and your spouse to the American Enterprise Institute's annual Rocky Mountain Policy Summit, which will be held August 15–18, 2024, in Aspen, Colorado.

Programming begins with an evening reception on Thursday, August 15, and concludes with an informal breakfast the morning of Sunday, August 18. AEI scholars and other top minds in government, business, and academia will lead interactive, solutions-oriented discussions. Your participation as a speaker would add great value to the dialogue.

Please let us know if you are interested in participating or need any additional information. I very much hope you will be able to join us. I have enclosed the agenda and participants list from last year's Rocky Mountain Policy Summit, and I will share with you the 2024 program as it takes shape.

With warm regards,

Robert Doar
President
American Enterprise Institute

Enclosures

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AGENDA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

All Day	Registration	Capitol Room
5:00–7:00 p.m.	Opening Reception	Fountain Courtyard

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

7:30–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Available	Astor I
8:30–9:30 a.m.	**Breakfast Conversation** ***Helping More Americans Move Up: The Importance of Family, Work, Education, Faith, and Agency*** Ian Rowe Scott Winship Robert Doar (Moderator) America has made tremendous strides eliminating properly measured poverty and providing a basic standard of living for all citizens. Nevertheless, almost 40 percent of Americans in the bottom income quintile stay there from generation to generation. This troubling fact raises important questions: What are the greatest obstacles to their mobility, and where can public policy make the most difference? At AEI, Scott Winship and Ian Rowe are two leaders working to answer these questions, and their respective approaches emphasize different but complementary spheres. Join Mr. Rowe, Mr. Winship, and Robert Doar for a conversation on the most effective ways to help struggling Americans move up.	Astor I
9:45–10:45 a.m.	**Morning Session I** ***Political Journalism in a Populist Age*** Tim Alberta Jonathan Martin Chris Stirewalt (Moderator) As the 2024 presidential election approaches, the spotlight on the future of the GOP and Democratic Party and the state of political journalism will continue to grow. How does the news business fulfill its responsibilities to candidates and the American people? Two acclaimed journalists will discuss what it takes to cover politics amid a major election and in an increasingly divisive time.	Astor I

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11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. **Morning Session II** Astor I

Navigating the AI Revolution: Opportunities, Challenges, and Policy Implications

Kristen DiCerbo
Terah Lyons
James Pethokoukis
John Bailey (Moderator)

The rise of artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly changing the way we work, learn, and live. These advancements promise unprecedented productivity gains, better decision-making capabilities, and potential improvements in quality of life. But they also raise difficult questions around privacy, national security, bias, job displacement, and misinformation. What opportunities do new AI systems create? How is ChatGPT transforming education? What are the best ways for policymakers to mitigate risks without slowing the progress of innovation? Are the warnings of existential threats warranted, or are they overblown?

12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m. **Lunch Conversation** Astor I

US-China Decoupling: More, Less, or Different?

Dave Clark
Stefanie A. Dearie
Jesús Fernández-Villaverde
Jeffrey Morrison
Derek Scissors (Moderator)

Decoupling, de-risking, diversification, or dependence? There are different views of what the evolving US-China commercial relationship looks like right now, where it should go, and how we should get there. Three representatives of the business community will talk about the progress their centrally placed companies have seen over the past few years, and two AEI researchers will discuss what their experience means for American policy and the future relationship with China.

1:45–5:00 p.m. Break and Recreation

1:45–3:00 p.m. **Optional Seminar** Maroon Bells I

The Extinction of Experience

Christine Rosen

We like to think of the many things our technologies can do for us. But what is our growing preference for convenient, mediated interactions doing to us? Not all good things, as numerous worrisome trends suggest. We have seen greater political polarization as political debate has moved from the public square to social media platforms, an epidemic of loneliness and isolation among Americans despite being

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more "connected" by technology than ever before, a teen mental health crisis, and a general decay of civility in public spaces. More people create their own realities rather than live in the world around them, and we can no longer assume that reality is a matter of consensus. How do we bring back healthier human experiences such as face-to-face interactions, in-person community building, and flourishing public spaces?

1:45–4:30 p.m.	Optional Recreation ***Fly-Fishing***	
5:30–6:30 p.m.	Reception (Off-Site)	Holden Marolt Mining & Ranching Museum
6:30–7:30 p.m.	**Pre-Dinner Remarks (Off-Site)** ***A Conversation with Chairman Jason Smith*** Robert Doar (Moderator)	Holden Marolt Mining & Ranching Museum
7:30–9:30 p.m.	Dinner	Holden Marolt Mining & Ranching Museum

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

7:30–9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Available	Astor I
8:30–9:30 a.m.	**Breakfast Conversation** ***From Reagan to the Roberts Court—and the Road Ahead*** J. Michael Luttig Andrew Oldham Adam J. White (Moderator)	Astor I

The Supreme Court's past two years were a historical turning point. In major decisions on affirmative action and abortion, the Court resolved constitutional debates that were central to the conservative legal movement's decades-long rise. But the justices are also starting to grapple with an entirely new set of constitutional questions. And in all of it, the Court faces an onslaught of political attacks. To discuss the Court's recent past and possible futures, we are joined by two leading judicial minds: retired Judge J. Michael Luttig and recently appointed Judge Andrew Oldham.

9:45–10:45 a.m.	**Morning Session I** ***American Universities as Bastions of Freedom*** Mung Chiang Robert Doar (Moderator)	Astor I

University presidents today confront new and difficult challenges: rising illiberalism on campuses, a turbulent job market for graduates, declining enrollment, and more

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pessimism about the value of a college degree. Yet Purdue University has bucked these trends and emerged as an innovative institution that provides a valuable education at lower prices. Purdue's new president, Mung Chiang, will discuss his approach to the problems confronting universities in a conversation with Robert Doar. Mr. Chiang will also share his outlook in the wake of the *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard* decision and discuss issues—and opportunities—surrounding Chinese nationals who study in America. Join us for a leader's firsthand view of the future of the American university.

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. **Morning Session II** Astor I

The Future of Ukraine

Paul Lettow
Joseph Patrick "JP" McGee
Kori Schake (Moderator)

The advantages the US military has enjoyed for decades across the spectrum of nuclear and conventional capabilities are winnowing at the exact wrong time. Would-be challengers are rapidly producing combat-capable, tech-savvy systems en masse. As evidenced by Russia's assault on Ukraine, China's regional aggression, and many other examples across the globe, these challengers are not afraid to leverage conventional and innovative weaponry against the cause of freedom. Congress must shore up US military capability gaps across the armed forces by making key investments to restore and rebuild conventional combat power to enhance deterrence and avoid war.

12:00–1:30 p.m. **Lunch Conversation** Astor I

Biology, Sex, and Reality

Carole Hooven
Christine Rosen (Moderator)

In a short span of time, discussions about basic biological realities, such as the existence of sex differences, have become controversial: Nominees to the Supreme Court claim they are not able to define what a woman is, male athletes who identify as women regularly triumph over women in competition, and mothers are recast as "birthing persons" so as not to offend transgender Americans. Scholars who study biology face increasing pressure to conform to this new ideology, impeding scientific research, teaching, and publishing. This represents a grave threat to academic freedom and, ultimately, democracy. And even though the majority of Americans do not support their claims, transgender activists are calling for a wide range of new definitions, laws, and policies that would make unproven claims about sex the law of the land, arguing that such reforms are a needed extension of existing civil rights law. How should we navigate this new world? How can we protect the integrity of scientific

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research on sex and differences in a culture where a vocal group of activists is making unfounded claims that many people are too indoctrinated or scared to push back against? What place might persuasion and policymaking have in this debate?

1:45–5:00 p.m.	Break and Recreation	
1:45–3:00 p.m.	**Optional Seminar** ***Why Congress*** Philip Wallach The Founding Fathers made a representative, deliberative legislature the indispensable pillar of the American constitutional system, giving Congress more power and responsibility than any other branch of government. Yet today, contempt for Congress is nearly universal. What ails this vital institution, and where can it realistically go from here?	Maroon Bells I
1:45–5:00 p.m.	Optional Recreation ***Maroon Bells Hike***	
6:00–7:00 p.m.	Reception	Astor I
7:00–10:00 p.m.	**Dinner and Conversation** ***A Conversation with Chris Christie*** Robert Doar (Moderator)	Astor I

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

7:30–10:30 a.m.	Informal Breakfast	Astor I

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John C. Danforth — Partner, Down Bennett

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