RE-2 Employee 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):
Vanderbilt Policy Accelerator

Travel Dates:
03/15/2024 to 03/17/2024

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$649.20	$498.00	$146.00	$0.00

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.

4/3/2024
Date

Wells King
Printed Name of Traveler


Signature of Traveler

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

4/3/2024
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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
There were no changes to pre-approved travel expenses.		

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

○ Yes ● No

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

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

○ Yes ● No

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

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

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2/26/24

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:
Wells King

Employing Office/Committee:
VANCE, JD

Private Sponsor(s):
Vanderbilt Policy Accelerator

Destination(s):
Nashville, Tennessee

Travel Dates:
03/15/2024 to 03/17/2024
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.

I advise Senator Vance on a broad set of issues in economic and domestic policy. This conference on new ideas in political economy will help me to better understand the American economy and trends in economic thinking so that I can better perform the duties of my current role.

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.

2/26/24
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)

I JD Vance (Print Senator's/Officer's Name) hereby authorize Wells King (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)

2/26/24
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Vanderbilt Policy Accelerator: New Ideas in Political Economy

Wells King

Title:
Senior Policy Advisor

Employing Office/Committee:
VANCE, JD

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):
Nashville, Tennessee

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

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Vanderbilt Policy Accelerator

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

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Private Foundation

Address
131 21st Ave S

Address 2 (Optional)
Private Foundation

City, State Zip
Nashville, Tennessee 37203 United States

Phone Number
8656546813

Organization URL
https://law.vanderbilt.edu/vanderbilt-policy-accelerator/

History of Congressional Travel

N/A

Educational Activities

As a policy center at Vanderbilt University, we conduct academic research and publish policy papers. VPA provides educational briefings to relevant policymakers and other stakeholders on issues of political economy and regulation.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.*

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.

The Vanderbilt Policy Accelerator (VPA) will convene a small group of congressional staffers, think tank experts, and academics to discuss key issues of political economy and regulation. Via a series of academic presentations and small group discussions at Vanderbilt University, the goal is to facilitate policy conversations and develop a more comprehensive understanding of the legal history and contemporary political landscape on key issues facing lawmakers today.

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

The Vanderbilt Policy Accelerator (VPA) focuses on a small number of cutting-edge topics in political economy and regulation. We bring research, education, and policy proposals in these areas from infancy to maturity and periphery to centrality. From antitrust to trade, swift changes are taking place that are reshaping how policymakers and the general public think about economic policy. These changes create an opportunity to advance new paradigms, research, and policy ideas. This convening is intended to bring together key decision makers, academics, and other thought leaders to discuss emerging economic policy ideas, including in industrial policy, trade, antitrust, tech platforms, and air travel, in addition to broader trends in economic policy.

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 specifically with 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
- [ ] 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
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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

- 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:
03/15/2024 @ 06:39 PM

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Trip End Date/Time:
03/17/2024 @ 07:32 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: $649.20 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$599.20
Note Round trip airfare		
Ground Transportation	N/A	$50.00
Note taxi between the airport and hotel on days of travel (price is approximate)		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $498.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
03/15/2024	03/17/2024	Kimpton Aertson Hotel	Nashville	Tennessee	United States	2	$249.00	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
This is a standard hotel venue that we use at Vanderbilt to book accommodations for similar academic conferences and convenings. This is one of the hotels that is the closest to the venue we will be using on campus at Vanderbilt. This will reduce overall transportation expenditures by allowing them to walk to the venue directly. The price is slightly higher than usual because we were only recently able to confirm bookings.

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $146.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
03/15/2024	$0.00	$0.00	$32.00	$0.00	**$32.00**	Nashville	Tennessee	United States	No
03/16/2024	$18.00	$22.00	$32.00	$0.00	**$72.00**	Nashville	Tennessee	United States	No
03/17/2024	$18.00	$24.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$42.00**	Nashville	Tennessee	United States	No

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
Copy of Itinerary
Copy of Itinerary

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: New Ideas in Political Economy

Travel Date(s): 3/15/23 - 3/17/23

Travel Destination(s): Nashville, TN

Sponsor: Vanderbilt Policy Accelerator

Grace May
(printed name of sponsor representative)

Executive Director
(title)

(signature of sponsor representative)

02/06/2023
(date)

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New Ideas in Political Economy
March 15th - March 17th

Senate Staffer List

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February 7, 2024

Mr. Wells King
wells_king@vance.senate.gov

Dear Mr. King,

I write to invite you to attend "New Ideas in Political Economy," a convening which will be hosted by the Vanderbilt Policy Accelerator for Political Economy & Regulation (VPA) at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, on March 15-17.

As you know, Vanderbilt is one of America's leading universities, and we are home to a robust community of teachers and scholars working on cutting-edge ideas in political economy and regulation. Our aim for this convening is to gather a small group of congressional staffers, think tank experts, and academics to discuss emerging economic policy ideas, including in industrial policy, trade, antitrust, tech platforms, and air travel, in addition to broader trends in economic policy.

We can, of course, cover your travel and travel-related expenses, and we are currently working to ensure that the convening complies with privately-sponsored travel guidelines, per the Select Committee on Ethics. Please let us know as soon as possible if you can join us, so we can begin making arrangements for your trip.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to discussing potential arrangements to host you here at Vanderbilt.

Sincerely,

Ganesh Sitaraman
New York Alumni Chancellor's Chair in Law
Director, Vanderbilt Policy Accelerator for Political Economy and Regulation

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Itinerary: New Ideas in Political Economy

Sponsor: Vanderbilt Policy Accelerator for Political Economy & Regulation
Date of Departure: Friday, March 15
Date of Return: Sunday, March 17

Accommodations: Kimpton Aertson Hotel, 2021 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203

Event Venue: Vanderbilt University, West End Tower: 2417 West End Ave, Nashville, TN 37203

- 17th Floor Conference Room (sessions)
- 19th Floor Dining Room (meals)

Date / Time	Entry	Details
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