

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 232 Hart Building. This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.

Date/Time Stamp

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):

Conservative Partnership Institute

Travel Dates:

02/19/2024-02/21/2024

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

N/A

Relationship to Traveler:**Total Expenses**

Transportation Expenses

\$100

Lodging Expenses

\$198

Meals Expenses

\$128

Other Expenses (Amount & Description)

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.

3/8/24

Date

Brayton Wenk

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.

3-5-24

Date



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

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:

Braxton Wenk

Employing Office/Committee:

COTTON, TOM

Private Sponsor(s):

Conservative Partnership Institute

Destination(s):

Cambridge, Maryland

Travel Dates:

02/19/2024 to 02/21/2024

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.**

This event will educate me on important procedural rules, the appropriations and budget process, as well foreign policy and second amendment policy that directly relates to my role as a legislative assistant. Additionally, this event will provide me with an opportunity to meet and discuss policy with other Congressional staff and subject experts. Gaining a deeper understanding of these issues and increasing the number other staff and experts I work with will help me fulfill my legislative duties for Senator Cotton's Office.

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.

01-31-24

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)

Senator Cotton

(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize

Braxton Wenk

(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)

1/31/24

Date



Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Wenk, Braxton (Cotton)

Subject: CPI Fellowship Ethics Paperwork: Due Fri
Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 5:17:32 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Lauren Baldwin
To: Ide, Matthew (Budd), Wenk, Braxton (Cotton), Lott, Chance (Cramer), Wyatt, Chip (Lee), Bellomo, Vincent (Commerce)
CC: Hugh Fike, Travel
Attachments: Intrepidus Fellowship Retreat Agenda.pdf

Hi all,

CPI would like to invite you to join our upcoming Intrepidus Fellowship Symposium hosted at Camp Rydin over February 19-21st.

Attached you'll find the agenda with an incredible lineup of conservative movement leaders and policy experts.

CPI will cover transportation to Camp Rydin (located just outside Cambridge, MD), room, and board throughout the duration of the trip.

In order to be eligible to attend, **please be sure to submit your paperwork to Senate Ethics Committee by COB this Friday, January 19th.** If you have any paperwork/general questions please don't hesitate to reach out!

Thanks in advance,

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Lauren Baldwin

Government Relations Coordinator

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**Conservative Partnership Institute's (CPI)
Intrepidus Fellowship Symposium
February, 19-21st, 2024**

Monday, February 19th:

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| 9:00 am | Depart from Washington, D.C. 20003 |
| 11:00 am | Arrive at Cambridge, MD 21613 |
| 11:00 - 12:30 pm | Check-in and Orientation |
| 12:30 – 2:30 pm | Lunch & SESSION 1: House Rules and Procedure
An overview of the Rules Committee, germaneness, and motions in the House. Learn where opportunities exist for influence in the process.
<i>Speaker: Garrett Bess, Former Hill Staffer Designated to the House Rules Committee</i> |
| 2:30 – 3:00 pm | Executive Time |
| 3:00 – 4:30 pm | SESSION 2: Fundamentals of Defense and Military Policy
A discussion of the fundamentals of defense and military policy and conservative solutions for the future, in order to return the DoD to their core mission of defending America.
<i>Speaker: Will Thibeaue, The Claremont Institute</i> |
| 4:30 – 5:30 pm | SESSION 3: Budget Process Class
As conservatives seek to influence spending levels, knowing where to look and how to work is vital. Learn an overview of the President's Budget, the Congressional budget process, and how the two branches work together to set annual spending levels.
<i>Speaker: Matt Dickerson, Director of Budget Policy at Economic Policy Innovation Center</i> |
| 5:30 – 6:30 pm | Executive Time |
| 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Government | Dinner & Session 4: Combatting Weaponization of the Federal

A working dinner on different ways the Administrative state and investigate powers of Congress have been weaponized and expanded. Hear from the expert on the policy solutions needed to solve the issues at hand.
<i>Speaker: Tom Fitton, President, Judicial Watch</i> |

Tuesday, February 20th:

8:30 – 9:30 am Breakfast Buffet

9:30 – 11:00 am SESSION 5: How to Build Long-Term Relationships

Building effective conservative coalitions on and off the hill to advance your conservative policy goals. Knowing which individuals and organizations to connect with, will ensure long-term organizational success.

Speaker: Ed Corrigan, CEO of Conservative Partnership Institute

11:00 - 11:30 am Executive Time

11:30 – 12:30 pm Lunch & Session 6: A Conservative Foreign Policy

An introduction to foreign and defense policy from a conservative lens. Rightsizing American foreign policy is vital for American interests abroad.

Speaker: Reid Smith, Stand Together

12:30 – 3:00 pm Executive Time

3:00 – 4:00 pm Session 7: Fundamentals of the House and Senate Appropriations

A summary of the appropriations process in the House and Senate. Learning how the development of and the execution of appropriations will advance conservative policy priorities.

Speaker: Justin Ouimette, Vice President, State Freedom Caucus Network and former Executive Director, House Freedom Caucus

4:00 – 4:30 pm Executive Time

4:30 – 5:30 pm Session 8: Second Amendment Fundamentals Bootcamp

The Second Amendment to the Constitution is vital to the Bill of Rights. Learn an overview of the Second Amendment, the key firearm laws currently in place, and how conservatives should be thinking through Second Amendment policy.

Speakers: Michael Williams, The Cylinder & James Holland, President Conservative Partnership Campus

5:30 – 6:30 pm Executive Time

6:30 – 8:00 pm**Dinner****Understanding Congress**

Key terms, strategies, and tactics to understand how Congress works.
Identifying certain terms will assist in the preparation for future actions.

Speaker: Ed Corrigan, CEO of Conservative Partnership Institute

Wednesday, February 21st:**8:30 – 9:30 am****Breakfast & Check Out****9:30 am****Depart from Cambridge, MD 21613****11:30 am****Arrive at Washington, D.C. 20003**