

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):
Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

Travel Dates:
10/16/2024 to 10/19/2024

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$750.00	\$377.00	\$148.00	\$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.

10/29/24

Date

Kathleen Bochow

Printed Name of Traveler

Kat Bochow

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.

10/29/24

Date

John Bozman

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

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.

Date/Time Stamp

9/13/24

1:25 pm

Name of Traveler:

Kathleen Bochow

Employing Office/Committee:

BOOZMAN, JOHN

Private Sponsor(s):

Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

Destination(s):

Burbank, California San Diego, California

Travel Dates:

10/16/2024 to 10/19/2024

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.**

The trip will include visits to top life science sector companies to learn about advances in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. As a health care staffer, I will get to meet with scientists and engineers involved in biomedical research and learn how their companies are bringing new innovations to the market to address public policy challenges and opportunities in the health care industry.

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.

9/13/24

Date

Kathleen Bochow

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 John Boozman

(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize

Kathleen Bochow

(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)

9/13/24

Date

John Boozman

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Information Technology and Innovation Foundation: ITIF Education Series Staff Trip to Los Angeles and San Diego, CA

 Kathleen Bochow

Title:
Legislative Correspondent

Employing Office/Committee:
BOOZMAN, JOHN

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):
Burbank, California
San Diego, California

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

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

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

Address
700 K Street NW

Address 2 (Optional)
Suite 600

City, State Zip
Washington, District Of Columbia 20001 United States

Phone Number
2406871834

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

ITIF has sponsored congressional trips for over a decade--usually two per year--and has hosted at least 500 staffers and Members of the House and Senate.

Educational Activities

Ongoing research programs and educational activities include: - Setting the policy agenda on innovation issues by producing original research reports, blogs, op-eds and analytical commentary. - Shaping public debate by hosting events and conferences, giving speeches and presentations, providing official testimony, and serving as expert issue analysts for the news media. - Advising policymakers through direct interaction at all levels of government around the world.

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.

Our goal for these trips is to help staff experience firsthand how new technologies and technology applications are developing and what the trends are likely to be in the future, so that they can better understand and respond to the technological challenges facing our nation.

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

This trip is part of the "ITIF Education Series" - a set of regular trips with Members of Congress and/or senior House and Senate staff to high-tech and innovation hubs around the country to hear from company leaders about new developments and issues, and to participate in educational forums on IT and innovation policy issues.

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
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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

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

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
10/16/2024 @ 08:00 AM



Trip End Date/Time:
10/18/2024 @ 09:00 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: \$750.00 | Accompanying Family Member: \$0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	\$400.00

Note

One way flight from IAD to LAX; one way flight from SAN to IAD.

Ground Transportation	Coach	\$300.00
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Note

Bus transportation between site visits.

Ground Transportation	Coach	\$50.00
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Note

Rideshare to/from IAD.

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$377.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
10/16/2024	10/17/2024	Hilton Garden Inn Burbank Downtown	Burbank	California	United States	1	\$183.00	No

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
10/17/2024	10/18/2024	Courtyard Marriott Mission Valley	San Diego	California	United States	1	\$194.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$148.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
10/16/2024	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$34.00	\$0.00	\$49.00	Los Angeles	California	United States	No
10/17/2024	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$34.00	\$0.00	\$64.00	San Diego	California	United States	No
10/18/2024	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$35.00	San Diego	California	United States	No

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

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
There are no miscellaneous expenses.		

Additional Attachments**Document Name**

There are no additional attachments.

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: ITIF Education Series Trip to Los Angeles and San Diego, C
Travel Date(s): October 16, 2024 - October 18, 2024
Travel Destination(s): Los Angeles, CA and San Diego, CA

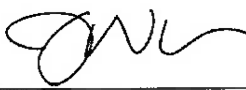
Sponsor: _____

Jackie Whisman

(printed name of sponsor representative)

Chief Development Officer

(title)



(signature of sponsor representative)

9/12/2024

(date)

INVITEES

ITIF Education Series Staff Trip to Los Angeles and San Diego, CA

October 16 – 18, 2024

First	Last	Title	Office
Nick	Adams	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Laurel Lee, R (FL-015)
Claire	Alden	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Lance Gooden, R (TX-005)
Mana	Azarmi	Legislative Counsel	Office of Sen. Alex Padilla, D-CA
Jacqueline	Baggett	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick
Grace	Banfield	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Dan Kildee
David	Bean	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Larry Bucshon, R (IN-008)
Jack	Best	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Scott Fitzgerald, R (WI-005)
Brianne	Binder	Counsel	House Committee on the Judiciary
Kathleen	Bochow	Legislative Correspondent	Office of Sen. John Boozman, R-AK
Cole	Bornefeld	Legislative Correspondent	Office of Sen. Bill Hagerty, R-TN
Grace	Brightbill	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Don Beyer, D (VA-008)
Conner	Brown	Counsel	Office of Sen. Cynthia Lummis, R-WY
Alton	Burton	Policy Advisor	Office of Sen. Brian Schatz, D-HI
Kaitlin	Burt-Williams	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-SC
Carson	Cameron	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Kevin Kiley, R (CA-003)
Jon	Cardinal	Director of Economic Development	Office of Senate Majority Leader Schumer
Giulia	DiGuglielmo	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Darrell Issa, R (CA-048)
Patrick	Dumas	Staff Director Subcommittee on Health	House Committee on Ways and Means
Brian	Fahey	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Brett Guthrie, R (KY-002)
Cristian	Figueredo	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Cliff Bentz, R (OR-002)
Earl	Flood	Legislative Director and Counsel	Office of Rep. Robin Kelly, D (IL-002)
David	Foley	Counsel/Detailee	House Committee on the Judiciary
Austin	Gage	Legislative Director/Counsel	Office of Rep. Hal Rogers, R (KY-005)
Isrrael	Garcia	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Peter Aguilar
Laila	Goharioon	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Rep. Katherine Clark
Emily	Goldman	Legislative Counsel	Office of Rep. Hank Johnson, D (GA-004)
Grace	Graham	Chief Health Counsel	House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Alexander	Gristina	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Frank Pallone, D (NJ-006)
Jay	Gulshen	Senior Professional Staff	House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Cecily	Hahn	Senior Counsel	Office of Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-WI
Emily	Hebein	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Bob Latta, R (OH-005)
Andrew	Heineman	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Jerry Nadler, D (NY-012)

Natalie	Hellmann	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Buddy Carter, R (GA-001)
James	Hitchcock	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Jim Banks, R (IN-003)
Charlie	Hobbs	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. Ted Budd, R-NC
Matt	Hodge	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Dan Crenshaw, R (TX-002)
Jeremy	Hoffner	Legislative Correspondent	Office of Sen. Raphael Warnock, D-GA
Andrew	Hogin	Deputy Chief of Staff for State Relations	Office of Sen. Bill Hagerty, R-TN
Garrison	Holmberg	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. Jerry Moran, R-KS
Jacquelyn	Incerto	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Michael Burgess, R (TX-026)
Julie	Jochem	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Mikie Sherrill
Claire	Kim	Senior Counsel	Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Levi	Lall	Counsel	Office of Rep. Darrell Issa, R (CA-048)
Kennon	Later	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Tom Tiffany, R (WI-007)
Jason	Liang	Congressional Innovation Fellow	Office of Rep. Don Beyer, D (VA-008)
Jeffrey	Lopez	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Sen. Ben Ray Lujan, D-NM
Dana	Luciano	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. John Sarbanes, D (MD-003)
Geoffrey	MacLeay	Chief Counsel	Office of Sen. Thom Tillis, R-NC
Bailey	McCue	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. John Boozman, R-AK
Meghan	McCully	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. Tim Scott, R-SC
Andrew	Mercado	Economist and Professional Staff Member	House Committee on the Judiciary
Christopher	Miller	Deputy Legislative Director	Office of Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith, R-MS
Nick	Myers	Deputy Staff Director	Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Gianluca	Nigro	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Brendan Boyle, D (PA-002)
Kennedy	O'Dell	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. Bob Casey, D-PA
John	Quinn	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. David Schweikert, R (AZ-001)
Benjamin	Rakes	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Ben Cline, R (VA-006)
Drew	Robertson	Legislative Counsel	Office of Rep. Madeline Dean, D (PA-004)
Kevin	Rodgers	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Rep. Nicole Malliotakis
Dan	RuBoss	Senior Tax & Economic Advisor and Member Outreach Director	Senate Committee on the Budget
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Eli	Schooley	Legislative Counsel	Office of Sen. Gary Peters, D-MI
Bazyen	Selassie	Deputy Legislative Director/Legislative Counsel	Office of Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-MN
Mitchell	Shea	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Steve Scalise, R (LA-001)
Emily	Silverberg	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Paul Tonko, D (NY-020)
Sarah	Skirmont	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Linda Sanchez
David	Steury	Health Policy Director	Office of Rep. Diana DeGette
Benjamin	Strand	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Sen. Mazie Hirono, D-HI
Chris	Taylor	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Mikie Sherrill



Alex	Thiessen	Legislative Aide	Office of Sen. Eric Schmitt, R-MO
Alex	Urry	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Rep. Hakeem Jeffries
Huston	Wallace	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Deborah Ross, D (NC-002)
Annie	Wang	Deputy Legislative Director	Office of Sen. Raphael Warnock, D-GA
Jackie	Weinrich	Health Policy Advisor	Office of Rep. Doris Matsui, D (CA-007)
Adam	Wek	Legislative Director	Office of Sen. John Thune, R-SD
Wei Li	Werner	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. Tim Kaine, D-VA
Calla	Wickenhauser	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. John Hoeven, R-ND
Nick	Wooldridge	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Blake Moore
Colin	Yokanovich	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Rep. Dan Crenshaw, R (TX-002)

Message

 **ITIF Staff Trip Invitation**

Stuart Dwyer <sdwyer@itif.org>

To: Bochow, Kathleen (Boozman)

You replied to this message on 7/19/24, 12:07 PM.

Dear Kathleen,

Greetings from the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation. I'm writing to invite you to join Congressional staff col
Staff Trip to **Los Angeles and San Diego, Wednesday, October 16 through Friday, October 18, 2024**. Bailey McCue
have you along!

Participants will discover the ecosystems that have spawned some of our most innovative companies. In Los Angeles we anticip
where emerging technologies are revolutionizing content creation and generating new public policy challenges.

San Diego's world-renowned life sciences sector will serve as the backdrop for days two and three, with an exploration of the d
check-in with the semiconductor industry will round out our stay in San Diego.

For over a decade, ITIF has been hosting similar groups of roughly 15 Hill staff on visits with key players in a range of science an
to meet the engineers, scientists, investors and entrepreneurs pushing the frontiers of knowledge and bringing new innovation
with leading technology executives, prominent venture capitalists, and academic leaders informative and thought-provoking as
opportunities in the innovation economy.

Below is a tentative schedule:

**ITIF EDUCATION SERIES STAFF TRIP TO LOS ANGELES AND SAN DIEGO**

October 16 – 18, 2024

Wednesday, October 16**8:50 AM EDT** **United Airlines Flight 1519 Departs Dulles International Airport (IAD)****11:21 AM PST** **UA Flight 1519 Arrives Los Angeles International Airport (LAX)****11:50 AM** **Bus Departs LAX**

Drive Time: 40 Minutes

12:30 – 1:30 PM **Lunch and Trip Overview** (Tartine, 1925 Arizona Avenue, Santa Monica)
Jackie Whisman, Chief Development Officer and Stephen Ezell, Vice President for Global Innovation Policy, will provide an overview of ITIF, its history of hosting Congressional staff trips, and run through the trip's schedule. Staff will have an opportunity to flag policy areas of interest so the ITIF team can integrate them into the discussions over the next two days.

1:45 – 3:00 PM **Adobe** (429 Santa Monica Avenue, Santa Monica)
Adobe executives will discuss policies and regulations impacting innovation in the private and public sectors. Staffers will also have a chance to experience some of Adobe's latest technologies, including those related to e-commerce.

Drive Time: 40 Minutes

3:45 – 5:15 PM **Disney Animation** (2100 West Riverside Drive, Burbank)
Staffers visit with Disney executives, animators, engineers and visual effects artists. They will learn about the intersection of art and technology through technology demonstrations and interactive discussion with those on the front lines in this area. Throughout the demonstrations and discussion, they will see how the business of film production both leverages and drives technology innovation, as well as how the film and visual effects business is impacted by trade, intellectual property and tax policy.

5:30 – 7:30 PM **Dinner Discussion on Content Protection and the Film Industry**
(Elena's Estiatorio's Bar and Lounge, 1333 N Hollywood Way, Burbank CA)
Featuring Ben Sheffner, SVP and Associate General Counsel, Motion Picture Association

RON **Hilton Garden Inn Burbank Downtown**
401 South San Fernando Boulevard, Burbank CA

**Thursday, October 17****8:00 – 10:00 AM****Universal Studios** (3900 Lankershim Blvd, Gate 2, Studio City)

NBCUniversal technology and policy experts will provide a briefing on content theft and a new emerging form of piracy. The presentation will include a live demonstration of how consumers typically obtain unlawful content via new devices and apps, as well as the legal and policy efforts the industry is undertaking to reduce the theft of film and television content. The group will visit physical sets, post-production offices with demonstrations on digital editing, and participate in a theme park experience at Universal Studios. Throughout the visit, we will discuss copyrights, trademarks, and the licensing marketplace and the incredible resources that are invested in creating original content and park experiences, as well discussing the importance of protecting valued intellectual property.

*Drive Time: 40 Minutes***11:00 – 12:30 PM****Fox Studios** (10201 W Pico Boulevard, Century City)

Tour of the Fox Studios backlot, a fully-functioning entertainment hub for all facets of production and post-production projects, followed by a discussion with Fox Sports executives on their use of emerging technologies in the production process.

*Drive Time: 2 Hours***2:30 – 4:00 PM****Qualcomm** (5775 Morehouse Drive, Building N, San Diego)

Tour of the Qualcomm Museum, a showcase of our nearly 40 years of history, the impact of our technologies and our vision for the future. You'll see some products and technologies you will no doubt recognize and expect to see here, as well as some things that may surprise you. This will be followed by a policy discussion centered on next generation technologies.

*Drive Time: 20 minutes***4:30 – 5:15 PM****Check In: Courtyard Marriott Mission Valley/Hotel Circle**
595 Hotel Circle South, San Diego CA*Drive Time: 15 minutes***5:30 – 7:30 PM****Biotechnology Dinner Discussion**

(George's on the Cove, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla)

The California Life Sciences Association will moderate a conversation with biotechnology entrepreneurs and investors, who will provide background on their businesses and insight on the region's biotechnology innovation ecosystem.

RON**Courtyard Marriott Mission Valley/Hotel Circle**
595 Hotel Circle South, San Diego

**Friday, October 18****8:15 – 9:30 AM****Vertex (3215 Merryfield Row, San Diego)**

Vertex Pharmaceuticals' leading scientists and researchers will discuss the company's success in developing treatments for patients with cystic fibrosis and current efforts to successfully develop a non-opioid pain medicine. Guests will tour working labs where researchers are developing the next wave of therapies for those living with cystic fibrosis and pain. The discussion will focus on the biology and evolving science behind the drug discovery process and the future of research and development in the biotech industry.

****Closed Toe Shoes Required****

Drive Time: 5 minutes

9:45 – 11:00 AM**Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research (NIBR)**

(10675 John Jay Hopkins Drive, Bldg E, San Diego)

The Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research (NIBR) is the innovation engine of Novartis. We collaborate across scientific and organizational boundaries with a focus on powerful new technologies that have the potential to help produce therapeutic breakthrough for patients. NIBR San Diego's site leadership and leading scientists will discuss the groundbreaking science taking place at Novartis, followed by a facility tour that highlights cryogenic electron microscopy and advanced automation. The discussion will focus on the biology and evolving science behind the drug discovery process and the future of research and development in the biotech industry.

****Closed Toe Shoes Required****

Drive Time: 20 Minutes

11:20 AM**Flight Check In****12:55 PM PDT****United Airlines Flight 2615 Departs San Diego (SAN)****9:01 PM EST****United Airlines Flight 2615 Arrives IAD**