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

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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 Foreign Policy Council

Travel Dates:

June 27-July 5, 2025

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

n/a

Relationship to Traveler:

n/a

Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$2750.00	$650.00	$400.00	

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.

7/27/25
Date

Tyler Brace
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.

7/27/25
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:

Due to wartime conditions in Ukraine, the schedule remained fluid and was adjusted based on the professional responsibilities of our interlocutors and the officials and others with whom we met. However, the list of individuals and the purpose of the meetings were consistent with the pre-approved itinerary.

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:
Tyler Brace

Employing Office/Committee:
Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Private Sponsor(s):
American Foreign Policy Council

Destination(s):
Kyiv, Ukraine and Chisinau, Moldova

Travel Dates:

June 27 - July 5

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 Senate Foreign Relations Committee has responsbility for oversight of U.S. foreign assistance and foreign policy. This trip will enable a closer look at the impact of U.S. policies and assistance and identify areas for improvement.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip? **Name and Relationship to Traveler:**

☐ (signify "yes" by checking box)

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

5/23/25
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 Senate James E. Risch hereby authorize Tyler Brace
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (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)

5/23/25
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Trip Name:

Organization Information

Organization Name: **American Foreign Policy Council**

Address: **509 C Street, NE Washington 20002**

Phone Number **202-543-1006 - office**
571-236-5376 - POC mobile

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

If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:
[ ] Private Foundation [✓] Public Charity

City, State, Zip: **509 C Street, NE Washington, DC 20002**

Organization URL: **www.afpc.org**

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

The American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC) has sponsored and organized dozens of fact-finding trips during its forty-three years of operation. Countries visited include Russia, Ukraine, the Czech Republic, China, Vietnam, South Korea, and India.

Educational Activities

Describe the educational activities performed by your organization other than sponsoring congressional travel.

The American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC) provides primary source information and policy options to individuals and organizations involved in shaping U.S. national security and foreign policy. It arranges meetings and facilitates dialogue between American statesmen and their counterparts in other countries. AFPC also works to promote the development and acceptance of representative institutions and free-market economies around the world, in a manner consistent with the U.S. Constitution, national interest, and American values.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status (Select one):

[✓] I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.

( ) I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Select one):

[✓] I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and does not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.

( ) I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal but does retain or employ one or more agents of a foreign principal.

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Must select all):

[✓] 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.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

A bipartisan, non-governmental organization and congressional staff fact-finding delegation trip to Ukraine.

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

Founded in 1982, the American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC) is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing critical information to those who shape or influence U.S. foreign policy. Over the past thirty years, AFPC has traveled to Ukraine dozens of times and has hosted reciprocal visits from Ukrainian officials and experts. This upcoming trip will offer Congressional staff, NGO representatives, and AFPC personnel direct, on-the-ground insights into Russia's ongoing war in Ukraine.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

☑ Yes ○ No

If No, describe your organization's role in planning the trip.

If there are multiple sponsors, each sponsor must submit Organization Information (Page 1 of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form) and a Signature Page Form.

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

If you have a Grantmaking Organization, you must attach a Grantmaking Organization Certification Form.

1. Sarah Scaife Foundation Incorporated
2.
3.

With or Without Regard to Congressional Participation (Select one):

- [x] The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.
- [ ] The trip is arranged or organized 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 (Must select all):

- [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 (Select one):

- (●) 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 (Select one):

- ( ) No sponsor retains or employs a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principle, 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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Required if selecting the third option in either column - Please explain why the second overnight stay is practically required and necessary to accomplish the purpose of the trip.

Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol (Must select all):

- [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 list

- [x] A list of all Senate invitees is attached to this form (required).
- [ ] Members and staff from the House of Representatives will also receive invitations.

Travel Details (Submit additional pages as needed)

Trip Start Date/Time: June 27, 2025 - 5 PM ⇄ **Trip End Date/Time:** July 5, 2025 - 6 AM

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

○ Yes ◉ No

Transportation (Member/Officer/Employee: $ 2700 Accompanying Family Member: $ n/a)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Air	economy	$2100.00
Train	economy	$200
Minibus	chartered	$400

Details (optional):

Lodging (Member/Officer/Employee: $ 680 Accompanying Family Member: $ n/a)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
6/28/25	7/2/25	Radisson Blu	Kyiv		Ukraine

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.
4	$140	NO	

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
7/4/25	7/5/25	Radisson Blu	Chisinau		Moldova

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.
1	$120	NO	

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Meals (Member/Officer/Employee: $410 Accompanying Family Member: $n/a)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem (Y/N)
6/27/25	n/a	n/a	$20	n/a	$20	Washington	DC	USA	N
6/28/25	n/a	$15	$25	n/a	$40	Warsaw		Poland	N
6/29/25	$15	$15	$30	n/a	$60	Kyiv		Ukraine	N
6/30/25	$15	$15	$30	n/a	$60	Kyiv		Ukraine	N
7/1/25	$15	$15	$30	n/a	$60	Kyiv		Ukraine	N
7/2/25	$15	$15	$25	n/a	$55	Kyiv		Ukraine	N
7/3/25	$15	$15	$10	n/a	$40	Dnipro		Ukraine	N

If costs exceed the federal per diem, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

** please see attached documentation for 7/4-5/25

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses

(Member/Officer/Employee: $n/a Accompanying Family Member: $n/a)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes

Additional Details (optional)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Indidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost exceeds per diem (Y/N)
7/4/25	$10	$15	$20	n/a	$45	B/L - Odesa; D - Chisinau		Ukraine; Moldova	N
7/5/25	$15	$15	n/a	n/a	$30	Chisinau		Moldova	N

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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:	AFPC Delegation to Ukraine - June/July 2025
Travel Date(s):	June 27, 2025 - July 5, 2025
Travel Destination(s):	Kyiv, Ukraine; Chisinau, Moldova
Sponsor:	American Foreign Policy Council

Cairen ("Annie") Swingen — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Vice President for External Relations — *(title)*

Annie Swingen — *(signature of sponsor representative)*

May 20, 2025 — *(date)*

Grantmaking Organization Certification Form

Instructions: If a sponsor receives funds from a grantmaking organization, the sponsor must disclose this on the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form*, and the grantmaking organization must complete the *Grantmaking Organization Certification Form*. The completed *Grantmaking Organization Certification Form* must be submitted to the Senate Select Committee on Ethics by the trip sponsor at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date.

Grantmaking Organization: Sarah Scaife Foundation Incorporated

Private Sponsor: American Foreign Policy Council

Trip Name: AFPC Delegation to Ukraine - June/July 2025

Travel Date(s): June 27, 2025 -July 5, 2025

Destination(s): Kyiv, Ukraine; Chisinau, Moldova

In compliance with the *Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel*, I certify the following:

- ☑ The grantmaking organization is a § 501(c)(3) organization.
- ☑ The grantmaking organization is not a lobbyist, lobbying firm, or foreign agent, nor an entity that retains or employs a lobbyist or foreign agent.
- ☑ The grantmaking organization provides funds under an established grant program, or in a manner that is otherwise consistent with the mission and practices of the organization.
- ☑ The grantmaking organization is not involved, directly or indirectly, in organizing and conducting the trip. This includes selecting participants for a trip.
- ☑ The grantmaking organization does not directly pay or reimburse travel expenses for any Senate Member, officer, or employee.

Michael W. Gleba
(Printed name of grantmaking organization representative)

Chairman/CEO & Treasurer
(Title)

Michael W. Gleba
(Signature of grantmaking organization representative)

May 20, 2025
(Date)

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Ukraine Del. Program
27 June - 5 July 2025

Friday 27 June 2025	
5:40 PM	*Depart Washington Dulles Airport (IAD) on United Airlines 108*
Saturday 28 June 2025	
7:45 AM *11:00 AM* *12:30 PM*	*Arrive Munich International Airport (MUC)* *Depart MUC on Lufthansa 1612* *Arrive Warsaw Chopin Airport (WAW)*
1:30-2:15 PM	Meeting with U.S. Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Daniel Lawton
2:45-4:00 PM	Meal at Restauracja Stary Dom ul. Puławska 104 / 106 02-620 Warszawa (+48) 22 646 42 08 info@restauracjastarydom.pl
5:46 PM	*Depart Warszawa Wschodnia On Train 68*
Sunday 29 June 2025	
12:17 PM	*Arrive Kyiv Central Train Station*

1:00-2:00 PM	*Check in to Radisson Blu hotel* *22, Yaroslaviv Val St, Kyiv, Ukraine*
2:15-3:30 PM	Working lunch with His Beatitude Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Patriarch, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, to discuss religious freedom in Ukraine and impact of the election of Pope Leo XIV
3:45- 6:00 PM	Meeting with His Holiness Epiphany, Head, Orthodox Church of Ukraine, to discuss religious freedoms in occupied territories
6:15-7:15 PM	Meeting with Bishop Mykhailo Panochko, to discuss the persecution of Evangelical Christians on the occupied territories
7:30-10:00 PM	Working dinner with Rabbi Moshe Azman, to discuss Jewish religious and social life in Ukraine and support of the Jewish community to Ukraine's defense effort
OVERNIGHT	*Radisson Blu City Center* *22, Yaroslaviv Val St, Kyiv, Ukraine, 02000•+380 44 492 2200*
Monday 30 June 2025	
7:00-8:00 AM	*Breakfast at hotel*
8:30-9:30 AM	Meeting with First Deputy Minister Serhiy Boyev, Ministry of Defense, to discuss challenges and perspectives of defense policy of Ukraine
9:45-10:30 AM	Meeting with Commander Colonel Vadym Sukharevskyy, Unmanned Systems Forces, Ministry of Defense, to discuss the development and the role of unmanned systems, from deep strikes to naval drones to land drones

11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Working lunch meeting with Deputy Commander Viktor Matviishen, Special Operation Forces, Ministry of Defense, to discuss aspects of Russian warfare, including use of North Korean soldiers in combat
12:30-1:30 PM	Meeting with Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Brigadier General Andriy Lebedenko, to discuss current challenges at the front line and beyond
2:00-3:30 PM	Meeting with deputy head of the Main Intelligence Directorate (HUR) Vadym Skibitskyy, to discuss Ukrainian military intelligence successes, including in the Black Sea
4:00-5:00 PM	Meeting with Deputy Commander Major Popyk to discuss foreign volunteer military support
5:30-6:30 PM	*Rest at hotel*
7:00-9:00 PM	Working dinner with civic society leaders • Joseph Sissels, leader of Jewish community • Volodymyr Ohryzko, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (2007-09) • Roman Bezsmertny, former Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine (2005) , former Ukrainian Amb. to Belarus (2010-2011) to discuss contemporary politics, press freedoms, future elections, as well as the future scenarios for war
OVERNIGHT	*Radisson Blu City Center* *22, Yaroslaviv Val St, Kyiv, Ukraine, 02000•+380 44 492 2200*
Tuesday 1 July 2025	
7:00-8:00 AM	*Breakfast at hotel*

8:30-9:30 AM	Meeting with First Deputy Head of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) Serhiy Andrushchenko, to discuss activities of Ukrainian counterintelligence actions to counter Russian malign activities in Ukraine
10:00-11:00 AM	Meeting with National Anticorruption Bureau of Ukraine Director Semen Kryvonos, to discuss Ukraine's anti corruption developments
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Meeting with representatives from the non-profit Anti-Corruption Action Center (ANTAC) to discuss corruption in Ukraine in the context of war • Olena Halushka, Board Member • Daria Kaleniuk, Executive Director • Vitalii Shabunin, Founder
12:30-1:30 PM	Working lunch with International Center for Ukrainian Victory's National Interests Advocacy Network (ANTS) chair Hanna Hopko,, to discuss civic society development in wartime and interaction with frontlines
2:00-2:45 PM	Meeting with National Defense and Security Council Secretary Oleksandr Lytvynenko, to discuss strategic priorities and cooperation with the United States
3:15-4:15 PM	Meeting with Serhiy Prytula Foundation Chair Serhii Prytula, to discuss civic society efforts to fund the war and cooperation with the state
4:30-5:00 PM	Meeting Ukrainian Rada Deputy Speaker Olena Kondratiuk, to discuss the role of parliament in wartime
5:00-5:30 PM	Meeting with Ukrainian Rada European Integration Committee Chair Ivanna Klympush Tsyntsadze, to discuss the role of European and Euro Atlantic integration in wartime

5:30-6:00 PM	Meeting with Ukrainian Rada Anti Corruption Committee Chair Anastasia Radina, to discuss the effort of the Parliament to combat corruption by parliamentary oversight and legislation
6:00-6:30 PM	Meeting Ukrainian Rada Freedom of Press Committee Chair Yaroslav Yurchyshyn, to discuss freedom of press and internet in times of war in ukraine
7:00 PM	Group dinner
OVERNIGHT	*Radisson Blu City Center* *22, Yaroslaviv Val St, Kyiv, Ukraine, 02000•+380 44 492 2200*
Wednesday 2 July 2025	
7:00-8:00 AM	*Breakfast at hotel*
8:30-9:30 AM	Meeting with American Chamber of Commerce President Andy Hunder, to discuss the current business climate in Ukraine and U.S. investments in Ukraine
10:00-11:30 AM	Meeting with SpaceRay President Taras Tkachenko, to discuss miltech innovations
12:00-1:00 PM	Meeting with ReFace CTO Oles Petriv, to discuss the global role of the Ukrainian IT community and the impact of IT in wartime

1:30-3:00 PM	Working lunch with energy/logistics experts: • Centre for Global Studies "Strategy XXI" President Mykhailo Honchar, to discuss the development of events on the Black Sea • Dixi Group President and Co-Founder Olena Pavlenko, to discuss energy policy and challenges due to Russia's war on Ukraine • Center for Defense Reforms President Andriy Zavgorodniuk, to discuss defense management, procurement and US-Ukraine cooperation
3:00-4:00 PM	Meeting with U.S. Embassy staff
4:30-5:00 PM	Meeting with former National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine Secretary Oleksiy Danilov, to discuss strategic the strategic situation in year four of Russia's full-scale war in Ukraine
5:30-7:00 PM	Meeting at Kyiv Mohyla Club to discuss the 'future of Russia' with Mohyla University academics and Ukrainian Russia-watchers community
7:30-9:30 PM	*Group dinner and check-out of hotel*
10:01 PM	*Depart Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyion overnight train U krzaliznytsia 37 to Dnipro*
OVERNIGHT	*Train*
Thursday 3 July 2025	
5:43 AM	*Arrive Dnipro-Holovnyi train station*
7:00 AM	*Group breakfast*

8:00-9:00 AM	Meting with Dnipro Mayor Borys Filatov, to discuss of the role and responsibilties of cities closest to the frontlines
9:30-11:00 AM	Meeting with representatives from Dnipro's business community to discuss business and development during wartime
11:15-12:00 PM	Meeting with Dnipro regional Governor Serhiy Lysak to discuss preparations for possible enemy advance/incursion
12:15-1:45 PM	Working lunch with representatives from Dnipro's volunteer community to discuss successes and challenges in supporting trips near the front
2:00-3:45 PM	Delegation visit to Dnipro's military hospital to learn about existing needs/challenges and successes
4:00-4:45 PM	Meeting with Chief Rabbi Schumer Kaminetskyy to discuss the local Jewish commnunity's engagement in the overall war effort
5:00-5:30 PM	Meeting military unit (SOF or UAV) to discuss combat reality with the soldiers who have returned from the frontlines
6:07 PM	*Depart Dnipro-Holovnyi on Ukrzaliznytsia 53 overnight train to Odesa. Dinner on train.*
OVERNIGHT	*Train*
Friday 4 July 2025	
5:25 AM	*Arrive Odesa-Holovna train station*

7:00-9:00 AM	Working breakfast with Foreign Policy Council "Ukrainian Prism" Director of Security Programmes Hanna Shelest to discuss Odesa's role in supporting Ukraine's economy and war effort
9:30-11:00 AM	Meeting with representatives from Gutsuliak (local volunteer community) to discuss how civic society and volunteer support of troops/war effort, outline successes and challenges
11:30 AM-1:00 PM	Meeting with Vice Admiral Oleksiy Neyizhpapa, Commander, Ukrainian Naval Forces of Ukraine
1:00-3:00 PM	Special Unit Tsunami briefing and headquarters tour
3:00-4:00 PM	*Bus travel to Ukraine-Moldova border*
7:00 PM	*Group dinner*
OVERNIGHT	*Radisson Blu Leogrand Hotel, Chisinau* *Chisinau MD, Strada Mitropolit Varlaam 77, MD-2012,* *Moldova +373 22 201 201*
Saturday 5 July 2025	
3:30 AM *6:30 AM*	*Depart hotel for airport on chartered bus* *Depart Chisinau on Austrian Airlines 658*
7:10 AM	*Arrive Vienna*
10:50 AM	*Depart Vienna on Austrian Airlines 93*
2:35 PM	*Arrive IAD*

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May 20, 2025

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United States Senate
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AFPC is the sole entity organizing and conducting the scheduled June 27-July 5, 2025 trip to Ukraine. AFPC receives grant funding from the The Sarah Scaife Foundation that supports AFPC's Ukraine Program activities, including research, publications, conferences and fact-finding trips. The Scaife Foundation did not assist in organizing or conducting this trip, nor did it direct AFPC to fund this trip. AFPC has complete discretion on whether to use funds from the Scaife Foundation's grant to support this trip.

Please feel free to contact me or AFPC Vice President for External Relations Annie Swingen for more information or clarification.

Respectfully,

Herman Pirchner, Jr.
President

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Ukraine Del. FINAL Program
27 June - 5 July 2025

Friday 27 June 2025	
5:40 PM	*Depart Washington Dulles Airport (IAD) on United Airlines 108*
Saturday 28 June 2025	
7:45 AM *11:00 AM* *12:30 PM*	*Arrive Munich International Airport (MUC)* *Depart MUC on Lufthansa 1612* *Arrive Warsaw Chopin Airport (WAW)*
2:00-3:00 PM	Meeting with Daniel Lawton, USEMB Warsaw CDA and country team briefing
3:30-5:00 PM	Dinner meeting with Phil Bendarczyk, Director, German Marshall Fund Warsaw
5:46 PM	*Depart Warszawa Wschodnia On Train 68.*
OVERNIGHT	*Train*
Sunday 29 June 2025	
10:45 AM	*Arrive Kyiv Central Train Station*
11:15 AM-12:00 PM	*Check in to Radisson Blu hotel* *22, Yaroslaviv Val St, Kyiv, Ukraine*

12:30-1:30 PM	Working lunch brief with Ukrainian Strategic Initiative experts to discuss trip OPSEC and discussion of miltech, frontline updates
2:00-3:00 PM	Meeting with Bishop Mykhail (Anischenko) of Komana, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarch in Ukraine, to discuss the weaponization of religion
6:00-7:00 PM	Meeting with Oleksandr Turchunov, former interim President of Ukraine, to discuss the persecution of Evangelical Christians on the occupied territories
7:00-8:00 PM	Meeting with: - Oleg Magaletskyy, founder and coordinator, Free Nations of Postrussia Forum - Dmytro Zolotukhin, former Deputy Minister of Information Policy (2017-19)
8:30-10:00 PM	Working dinner with Dmytro Tuzhanskyy, Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
OVERNIGHT	*Radisson Blu City Center* *22, Yaroslaviv Val St, Kyiv, Ukraine, 02000•+380 44 492 2200*
Monday 30 June 2025	
7:30-8:30 AM	*Breakfast at the hotel*
9:00-11:00 AM	Snake Island Institute briefing with: - Maryna Hrytsenko, Executive Director - Catarina Buchatskiy, Director of Analytics - Yuliia Turba, Advocacy Manager for Ukrainian Defense - Vladyslav Sobolevskyi. Leader; fmr. Dep Commander, Armed Forces of Ukraine Meeting with the Maksym Zhorin, deputy commander of Ukraine's Third Army Corps Meeting with Commander LtCol Popyk and other representatives of the International Legion

11:30AM - 12:30PM	Meeting with: - Kyrylo Budanov, Director of the Main Intelligence Directorate (HUR) of Ukraine - Maj Gen Vadim Skybitskyy to discuss Ukrainian military intelligence successes, including in the Black Sea
1:00-2:00PM	Lunch briefing with representatives from the National Association of Ukrainian Defense industries (NAUDI) to discuss "perspectives and threats of the Ukrainian military industrial complex"
2:30-3:30 PM	Meeting with Serhii Boyev, First Deputy Minister of Defense of Ukraine
4:00-5:00 PM	Meeting with: - Kostiantyn Lisovyi, Co-founder of Fincord-Polytech Science Park and former deputy head of Foreign Intelligence of Ukraine - Pavlo Verkhniatskyi, Co-founder of Fincord-Polytech Science Park. Managing Partner at COSA. Member of Public Council at the National Agency on Corruption Prevention
7:00-7:45 PM	Meeting with Mariana Betsa, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
8:00-9:30 PM	Working dinner with Civic Society leaders - Joseph Sissels, leader of the Ukrainian Jewish community - Volodymyr Ohryzko, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (2007-09) - Oleksandra Matviichuk human rights lawyer, head of the Center for Civil Liberties, Nobel Peace Prize recipient (2022) to discuss contemporary politics, press freedoms, future elections, human rights, as well as the future scenarios for war as

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Tuesday 1 July 2025	
7:45-8:45 AM	*Breakfast at the hotel*
9:15-10:30 AM	Meeting with John Gingkel, USEMB Kyiv CDA and country team * SFRC staffers received abbreviated classified briefing
12:30-1:30PM	Meeting with representatives from the non-profit Anti-Corruption Action Center (ANTAC) to discuss corruption in Ukraine in the context of war • Olena Halushka, Board Member • Daria Kaleniuk, Executive Director • Yuriy Nikolov • Yurii Hudymenko, Advisory Council, MoD UA
2:00-3:00 PM	Meeting with Viktor Pavlushchik, Head, National Agency for Corruption Prevention to discuss Ukraine's anti corruption developments
3:30-4:30 PM	Meeting with Olena Kondratiuk, Deputy Speaker, Ukrainian Rada to discuss the role of parliament in wartime
5:00-6:00 PM	Meeting with Oleksandr Lytvynenko, National Defense and Security Council Secretary, to discuss strategic priorities and cooperation with the United States
6:15-7:00 PM	Meeting with Yevgen Cherniev, deputy head, national security committee, Ukrainian Rada
7:00-8:00 PM	Meeting with FRU Defence miltech community - Fomenko
8:00-9:30 PM	Working dinner with Liuba Shypovych, co-founder, Dignitas Ukraine

OVERNIGHT	*Radisson Blu City Center*
Wednesday 2 July 2025	
8:30-9:15 AM	Working breakfast with Andy Hunder, President, AmCham, to discuss the current business climate in Ukraine and U.S. investments in Ukraine
9:15 - 9:30 AM	*Hotel check-out*
9:30-10:30 AM	Meeting with Taras Tkachenko, President, SpaceRay, to discuss miltech innovations
10:30-11:15 AM	Meeting with Oksana Osadcha, advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister for EU integration
11:30AM-12:30 PM	Meeting with Ivanna Klympush Tsyntsadze, Chair, Ukrainian Rada European Integration Committee, to discuss the role of European and Euro Atlantic integration in wartime
1:00-2:15 PM	Working lunch with energy/logistics experts: - Mykhailo Honchar, President, Centre for Global Studies "Strategy XXI" - Olena Pavlenko, President and Co-Founder, Dixi Group to discuss energy policy and challenges due to russia's war on Ukraine - Oleksiy Melnyk,co-Director, Razumkov Center - Olga Kosharna, energy expert to discuss the development of events on the Black Sea, nuclear terrorism and energy policy and challenges due to russia's war on Ukraine
2:30-3:15 PM	Meeting with: - Hanna Hopko, Chair, National Interests Advocacy Network (ANTS) - Lesia Ohryzko, Director, Sahaidachnyy Security Center

	to discuss the role and efficacy of Ukrainian civic society during wartime
3:45-4:45 PM	Meeting with Oleksiy Danilov, former Secretary, National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine, to discuss the strategic situation in year four of Russia's full-scale war in Ukraine
5:00 PM	*Depart on bus to Dnipro. Dinner on bus.*
OVERNIGHT	*Axelhof Boutique Hotel* *14/44 Mechnikova str., Dnipro*
Thursday 3 July 2025	
6:30-7:30 AM	Working breakfast with Roman Kryvdyk, paramedic sergeant to discuss the reality on the frontline
7:30-7:45 AM	*Hotel check-out*
8:20-9:45 AM	Delegation visit to Dnipro's military hospital to learn about existing needs/challenges and successes
10:00-10:20 AM	Visit to the John McCain Ukrainian Diaspora Library
10:40-11:30 AM	Meeting with Serhiy Lysak, Head, Dnipropetrovsk Regional Military Civil Administration (Governor) to discuss of the role of cities closest to the frontline
11:50 AM-1:30 PM	Meeting with Borys Filatov, Dnipro Mayor to discuss challenges facing cities located near the front
1:30-2:10 PM	Meeting with representatives from Dnipro's business community to discuss business and development during wartime relocated business

2:10- 3:40 PM	Working lunch with representatives from Dnipro's volunteer community to discuss successes and challenges in supporting trips near the front
4:00-5:00 PM	Meeting with Chief Rabbi Schmuel Kaminetskyy to discuss the local Jewish community's engagement in the overall war effort
20:34	*Travel from Dnipro to Odesa by train*
OVERNIGHT	*Train*
Friday 4 July 2025	
8:01 AM	*Arrive Odesa-Holovna train station*
8:30-10:00 AM	Working breakfast with Hanna Shelest, Director of Security Programmes, Foreign Policy Council "Ukrainian Prism", to discuss Odesa's role in supporting Ukraine's economy and war effort
10:30-11:30 AM	Meeting with Ivan Liptuga, Chair, International and Culture Department, Odesa City council to discuss challenges in maintaining Ukrainian cultural heritage in war time
11:45 AM-1:00 PM	Meeting with Yaroslav Mohylnyi, First Deputy Chairman of SE USPA
1:00-3:00 PM	Farewell dinner - drone warfare experts (callsigns "Bis", "Murchyk" and "Odesa")
3:00-6:00 PM	*Bus travel to Chisinau*
7:00 PM	*Group dinner/executive time*
OVERNIGHT	*Radisson Blu Leograd gin Hotel, Chisinau* *Chisinau MD, Strada Mitropolit Varlaam 77, MD-2012, Moldova +373 22 201 201*

Saturday 5 July 2025	
3:30 AM	*Depart hotel for airport on chartered bus*
6:30 AM	*Depart Chisinau on Austrian Airlines 658*
7:10 AM	*Arrive Vienna*
10:50 AM	*Depart Vienna on Austrian Airlines 93*
2:35 PM	*Arrive IAD*