

RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Date/Time Stamp

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):
Turning Point Action

Travel Dates:
08/21/2025 to 08/24/2025

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$1,300.00	\$725.00	\$225.00	\$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.

9/3/2025
Date

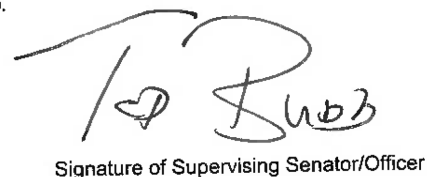
Tucker Knott
Printed Name of Traveler


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.

9/3/2025
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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.

Turning Point Action Invites You

*The 2025 Transatlantic Study
Trip*

*Transatlantic Defense, Arctic Security and
the future of Nordic - USA relations*

*Sweden, Norway
August 20 - 24*

RSVP to Katie Hagström at
admin@valstandstrategies.com



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:
Tucker Knott

Employing Office/Committee:
BUDD, TED

Private Sponsor(s):
Turning Point Action

Destination(s):
Oslo, Norway

Travel Dates:
08/20/2025 to 08/24/2025

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.

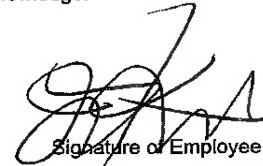
The trip is directly connected to my official duties through its focus on Arctic and transatlantic security, defense-industrial resilience, and Western cultural alignment — all of which support core U.S. national interests. While Senator Budd is not on the Foreign Relations Committee, his leadership on the Armed Services Committee and focus on security, defense manufacturing, and values based alliances make this trip a meaningful opportunity for aligned engagement. The program includes strategic briefings and peer dialogue with Nordic parliamentarians and security policy leaders.

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.

7/9/25
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)


(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize


(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)

7/5/25
Date


Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Turning Point Action: Transatlantic Study Trip

Tucker Knott

Title:
Chief of Staff

Employing Office/Committee:
BUDD, TED

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON, DC

Destination(s):
Oslo, Norway

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
Turning Point Action

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

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
N/A

Address
4960 EAST BEVERLY

Address 2 (Optional)
None

City, State Zip
PHOENIX, Arizona 85044 United States

Phone Number
+46704678493

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

First time organizing a group of congressional staffers to take on a trip.

Educational Activities

Turning Point Action is a 501(c)(4) organization founded in 2019. The organization's mission is to embolden the conservative base through grassroots activism and provide US citizens with the necessary resources to elect true conservative leaders. In addition to sponsoring congressional travel, Turning Point Action hosts nonpartisan, policy-focused events, public briefings, and educational forums on a range of issues—including on national security and border policy. These programs are designed to engage the public and elected officials in meaningful policy discussions and to promote a more informed citizenry.

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.

The immersive experience is designed to foster deep discussion on Arctic security, transatlantic defense cooperation, and the cultural and spiritual foundations of Western values within the European Union. Set against the backdrop of Nordic cultural security landscapes of significance, the program will strengthen relationships, sharpen geopolitical insight, and reinforce a shared commitment to liberty and sovereignty across the Atlantic.

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

This transatlantic study tour brings U.S. Senate staff into direct engagement with EU policy leaders and scholars to assess the evolving security landscape in the Nordic region and its implications for transatlantic cooperation. With the Stoltenberg Report as a central point of reference, the program addresses urgent questions around Nordic defense integration, Arctic preparedness, and the future of NATO in an era of renewed competition. The itinerary includes key Cold War strategic sites in Norway and across the Nordic region—locations once at the front line of Soviet deterrence—which are now returning to relevance as tensions escalate on Europe's eastern flank. By investing in the strategic education of senior U.S. policy influencers, TP Action is helping to build a future-facing leadership cohort equipped to navigate the Nordic–American relationship and uphold the transatlantic order under renewed pressure.

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 not** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
08/20/2025 @ 10:05 PM

Trip End Date/Time:
08/24/2025 @ 07:59 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: \$1,300.00 | Accompanying Family Member: \$0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	\$1,300.00

Note

airfare

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$725.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
08/21/2025	08/22/2025	Hotel Reisen	Stockholm	None	Sweden	1	\$275.00	No
08/22/2025	08/23/2025	Clarion Hotel Draken	Gothenburg	None	Sweden	1	\$210.00	No
08/23/2025	08/24/2025	Bristol Hotel Oslo	Oslo	None	Norway	1	\$240.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$225.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
08/21/2025	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	Koster	None	Sweden	No
08/22/2025	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	boslan	None	Sweden	No
08/23/2025	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	oslo	None	Norway	No
08/24/2025	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	Oslo	None	Norway	No

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

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
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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: Transatlantic Study Trip
Travel Date(s): August 20 - 24
Travel Destination(s): Sweden and Norway

Sponsor: Turning Point Action

Tyler Bowyer

(printed name of sponsor representative)

Chief Operating Officer

(title)



(signature of sponsor representative)

06/29/25

(date)

US Senate GOP
Chiefs of Staff

Name	Office	State	Title	email
Brent Robertson	Senator Roger Marshall	Kansas	Chief of Staff	brent_robertson@marshall.senate.gov
Mike Berg	Senator Tim Sheehy	Montana	Chief of Staff	mike_berg@sheehy.senate.gov
Sean Riley	Senator Ron Johnson	Wisconsin	Chief of Staff	sean_riley@ronjohnson.senate.gov
Tucker Knott	Senator Ted Budd	North Carolina	Chief of Staff	Tucker_Knott@budd.senate.gov
Lisa Goeas	Senator Joni Ernst	Iowa	Chief of Staff	lisa_goeas@ernst.senate.gov
Amelia Breinig	Senator Pete Ricketts	Nebraska	Chief of Staff	amelia_breinig@ricketts.senate.gov
Toni Marie Higgins	Senator John Boozman	Arkansas	Chief of Staff	toni-marie_higgins@boozman.senate.gov
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Casey Contres	Senator Schmitt	Missouri	Chief of Staff	casey_contres@schmitt.senate.gov

Turning Point Action (Sponsor)**Transatlantic Study Trip Itinerary, August 20–24, 2025****Purpose:**

A high-level study trip focused on Arctic security, transatlantic defense & security cooperation, and the cultural foundations of Western values in Europe. The program includes discussions with European policy leaders and scholars and will take place in Sweden and Norway. A focal point of the trip will be discussing the Nordic and American reception and response to the long awaited 2025 Jens Stoltenberg Report.¹

Itinerary Overview (for congressional participants)**Wednesday, August 20, 2025 – Departure**

- 10:05 PM: Depart Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) on Scandinavian Airlines

Thursday, August 21, 2025 – Arrival to Stockholm, Sweden

- 1:55 PM: Arrive at Arlanda Airport (ARN)
- 3:00 - 4:00 PM: Arrive and check in to Hotel Reisen, Gamla Stan
- 6:00 PM: Policy panel with dinner on transatlantic trade and industry with Marcus Wallenberg, Tobias Andersson, Magnus Scholtz, National Museum Blasieholmen. In attendance will be Swedish Parliamentarians from the centre-right parties who are in the current government in Sweden.
- 8:00 - 9:00 PM: Evening tour of the Swedish Parliament with Civil Defence Minister Carl Oskar Bohlin

Friday, August 22 2025

- 8:30 AM: Take bus to Muskö Naval Base in Haninge, Sweden
- 9:30 AM - 11 AM: Tour the Muskö Naval Base with Sweden's Defense Minister Pål Jonsson
- 12:30 PM: Return to Hotel Reisen to collect bags and go to Central Station to take train to Gothenburg, Stockholm
- 2:50 PM - 6:35 PM: Train to Gothenburg
- 7:00 PM: Check in to Clarion Hotel Draken
- 8:00 PM: Dinner a Brasserie Draken

Dinner discussion to be a panel on the future of the Nordic - US Alliance:

Katie Hagström, Director of Nordic Sidebar (*Discussion Moderator*)

- Charlie Weimers, Swedish Member European Parliament
- Sigmundur Davíð Gunnlaugsson, Former Prime Minister, Iceland & Current Parliamentarian and Party Leader of Miðflokkurinn Party (Centre)

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<https://www.government.se/press-releases/2025/01/jens-stoltenberg-to-write-report-on-nordic-baltic-security-and-defence-cooperation/>

- Robert Tyler, European Conservative and Reformists

Saturday, August 23

- 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM: sail to historical Cold War military sites of significance which are being refurbished today

Discussion on Transatlantic Defense with:

Dr. Mike Winnerstig, Defense Historian, Rebecca Hienrichs, Hudson Institute, Alex Vanopslagh, Parliamentarian Danish Liberal Alliance and Dr. Johan Gårdebo, Cambridge

- 2:15 PM - 5:44 PM: Train from Gothenburg, Sweden to Oslo, Norway
- 6:30 PM: Check-in to Bristol or Grand Hotel
- 7:30 PM: Nordic Transatlantic dinner hosted by ARC Norway for Norwegian Members of Parliament which we are invited to attend

Sunday, August 24, 2025 - Faith, Commerce and Responsible Citizenship — Return to Washington DC

- 09:30 - 11:00: Micah Rea, Director of Faith Based Initiatives at the US Department of Commerce and Baroness Philippa Stroud will lead a discussion updating the trip participants on their activities in the Nordics
- 3:10 PM: Depart Oslo Luftvan Airport (OSL) to Dulles via Scandinavian Airlines
- 7:59 PM: Arrive at Dulles International Airport (IAD)

Congressional staff participants invited

Brent Robertson	Senator Roger Marshall	Kansas
Mike Berg	Senator Tim Sheehy	Montana
Sean Riley	Senator Ron Johnson	Wisconsin
Tucker Knott	Senator Ted Budd	North Carolina
Lisa Goeas	Senator Joni Ernst	Iowa
Amelia Breinig	Senator Pete Ricketts	Nebraska
Toni Marie Higgins	Senator John Boozman	Arkansas
Becky Angelson	Senator Jon Husted	Ohio
Casey Contres	Senator Schmitt	Missouri