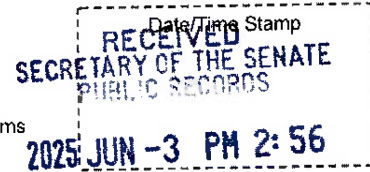


RE-3 Senators and Officers Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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.**



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):

MAHER LIVE, INC.

Travel Dates:

4/18/25

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)
\$1,010.00 (local ground)	\$948.09	N/A	N/A

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

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.

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.

6/2/25

Tina Smith

Date

Printed Name of Senator/Officer

Signature of 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:

REAL TIME WITH BILL MAHER

YEARS

DAYS

HOURS

MINUTES

SECONDS

Dear Charlotte,

I'm pleased to confirm Senator Tina Smith's appearance on REAL TIME next week. Here are the details so far.

Date: April 18, 2025

Time: The show will be taping to-time from 3:50- 4:50pm Pacific time. Senator Smith's call time at the studio will be about 90 minutes in advance.

Location: CBS Television City, 7800 Beverly Blvd, Los Angeles CA. 90036.

Format: This will be a topical conversation between Senator Tina Smith, an additional panel guest and Bill. There will be a small studio audience, likely about 80 people.

LA Contact: Chelsea Braun, 707-590-3853, chelsea.braun@realtimchbo.com. Chelsea will be handling travel and on the ground logistics.

Travel: HBO will cover the cost of hotel accommodations in LA and ground transfers.

Topics: The topics will be tied to news of the week.

We're very glad this worked out. Bill's looking forward to seeing the Senator in person next week!

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SENATOR TINA SMITH

SEASON 23 – EPISODE 12
4/18/25

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

- 3:15pm** **DEPART MSP** – DL3130 to LAX (*booked via Senator Smith's team*)
- 5:15pm** **ARRIVE LAX** – **Around O'Clock Limo (conf # SMITH / ph: 818-634-9973)**
will greet you in baggage claim and drive you to your hotel:
- The L'Ermitage
9291 Burton Way
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Conf # - TO COME (2 nights confirmed)
**Real Time will cover both nights, room & tax*

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

- 1:30pm** **PICK UP FROM** – The L'Ermitage
DROP OFF - REAL TIME taping studio (TV City - 7800 Beverly Blvd.)
Around O'Clock Limo (conf # SMITH)
- 1:50pm** **ARRIVE AT TV CITY'S ARTIST ENTRANCE** – Someone from our staff will greet you upon arrival and escort you to your dressing room.
Your driver remain on location until you're ready to depart.
- 2:00pm** **BEGIN HAIR & MAKEUP** - approx. 45mins – 1hr
- 3:50pm** **SHOW BEGINS TAPING, LIVE-TO-TAPE FORMAT**
- 4:50pm** **FULL TAPING WRAPS**
"OVERTIME" SEGMENT BEIGINS – approx. 7-10mins

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

- 6:30am** **PICK UP FROM** – The L'Ermitage
DROP OFF – LAX airport
Around O'Clock Limo (conf # SMITH)
- 8:40am** **DEPART LAX** – DL4108 to ABQ (*booked via Senator Smith's team*)

ON-SITE CONTACT INFO:

Chelsea Braun (Co-Producer)..... 707.590.3853 (M)
Jack Cygan (Executive Assistant)..... 818.519.8279 (M)

GROUND TRANSPORT:

Around O'Clock Limo (LA Transport)..... 818.634.9973

HOTEL:

L'Ermitage Beverly Hills 323.278.3344

From: Vanessa Gedney <vanessa.gedney@realtimehbo.com>
Date: Monday, March 24, 2025 at 5:26 PM
To: "Hoffman, Charlotte (Smith)" <Charlotte_Hoffman@smith.senate.gov>
Cc: Chelsea Braun <Chelsea.Braun@realtimehbo.com>, Jack Cygan <jack.cygan@realtimehbo.com>
Subject: Real Time Details for Senator Tina Smith

Hi Charlotte,

Below please find the details for Sen. Smith's appearance on Real Time. I've cc'd my wonderful colleagues who handle the logistics as we discussed.

Let me know if you have any questions. We're really looking forward to her appearance!

Best,

Vanessa Gedney

Segment Producer

Real Time with Bill Maher

310.621.5471 (m)

Date: Friday, April 18, 2025

Location: Stage 56, TV City, 7800 Beverly Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90036.

Time: The show is live to tape at 3:50pm PT. I'm going to let Chelsea Braun set up the Senator's exact call time based on the make-up schedule, but it will likely be around 2 or 2:30pm PT.

Pre-Interview: I would love to check in with you at the beginning of that week to get some topics the Senator is interested in talking about that week. Then, I would like to speak with the Senator on Thursday, after our topics list is released. We usually send that list out at around 8pm EST.

Promotion: Is there anything particular you would like mentioned?

Logistics contact: Chelsea Braun, 707-590-3853 (cell), chelsea.braun@realtimehbo.com. Chelsea will be in touch regarding logistics, payment info, and other details for the show.

Travel: We are happy to help with the Senator's travel logistics. I know that there are ethics guidelines. We offer our guests one first-class airfare, two nights at our hotel, and car transfers to and from their home, the airport, the studio, and the hotel. We really appreciate the Senator agreeing to fly in on Thursday!

Make-up/Hair: We have a wonderful make artist here at the studio. She does all of our guests' make up in the time leading up to the show. Please let us know if the Senator has any special requests.

Other guests: The Senator will be on the panel with Reason's Matt Welch. The top-of-show interview that week will be with journalist Douglas Murray.

Overtime Segment: Directly following the taping of our show, we'll tape a segment that airs on HBO's website as well as YouTube. We invite our top-of-show guest to join the panel in answering some questions from our viewers at home.

CNN: The show does re-air on CNN on Saturday evening. In order to allow time for commercials, a small portion of the panel discussion is lifted out of the show (between Bill's written comedy piece midway through the panel to the New Rules segment).

After Party: We hope the Senator can join the staff and other guests for a cocktail after the show. It's a nice way to decompress after the taping. Her driver will wait for her and return her either to her hotel or the airport afterwards.

Sent from my iPhone

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Chelsea Braun

CO-PRODUCER

REAL TIME WITH BILL MAHER

(c) 707.590.3853

(o) 323.575.7711

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Invited Guests from the Senate 04/18/2025

Senator Tina Smith

Trip Name: SEN. TINA SMITH < REAL TIME W/BILL MAHER

Organization Information

Organization Name:

MAHER LIVE, INC.

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:

☐

Private Foundation

☐

Public Charity

Address:

7800 BEVERLY BLVD

City, State, Zip:

LOS ANGELES, CA 90036

Phone Number:

323-575-7711

Organization URL:

N/A

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

As a TV production, we often sponsor Members of the House who appear on the show to discuss the week's news and current events.

Educational Activities

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

N/A

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.

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I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Purpose and Details**Provide a brief description of the trip.**

This trip includes hotel accommodations and ground transportation to the taping studio, so that we may produce a successful TV episode of Real Time w/ Bill Maher.

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

Maher Live, Inc., does not have a mission - as a TV production we produce a weekly 60min episode.

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.
- 2.
- 3.

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

- ☒ 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

- ☒ 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):

- ☒ 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 (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):

- ☒ 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 list

- ☐ 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:
Thursday, April 17, 2025



Trip End Date/Time:
Saturday, April 19, 2025

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Transportation (Member/Officer/Employee: \$ 620.00 Accompanying Family Member: \$ N/A)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
LAX Chauffeured Transportation	N/A	\$320 (round trip)
Studio Chauffeured Transportation	N/A	\$300 (approx)

Details (optional)

Lodging (Member/Officer/Employee: \$ _____ Accompanying Family Member: \$ _____)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
4/17/25	4/19/25	L'Ermitage	Los Angeles	CA	USA
Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.		
2	\$385 + tax	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.		
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: \$ N/A Accompanying Family Member: \$ N/A)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem (Y/N)
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If costs exceed the federal per diem, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses

(Member/Officer/Employee: \$ N/A Accompanying Family Member: \$ N/A)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
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Additional Details (optional)

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

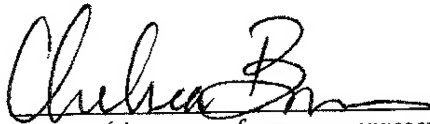
I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN) X REAL TIME W/BILL MAHER
Travel Date(s): Thurs, 4/18 - Sat, 4/19
Travel Destination(s): Los Angeles
Sponsor: Maher Live, Inc.

Chelsea Braun

(printed name of sponsor representative)

Co-Producer

(title)*(signature of sponsor representative)*

4/11/25

(date)