

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 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):
Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

Travel Dates:
09/25/2025 to 09/26/2025

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$500.00	\$319.00	\$108.00	\$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

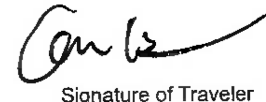
Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

10/8/25

Date

CHARLES HOBBS

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.

10/8/25

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
There were no changes to pre-approved travel expenses.		

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

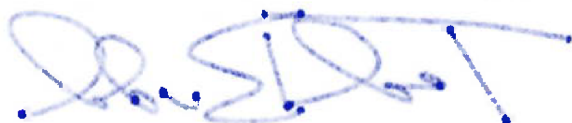
Yes No

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.



Hobbs, Charlie (Budd)

From: Maggie Henkin <mhenkin@itif.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 4:10 PM
To: Hobbs, Charlie (Budd)
Subject: ITIF Invitation: Congressional Education Series Staff Trip to Boston, Sept. 25–26

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi Charlie,

On behalf of the [Information Technology and Innovation Foundation \(ITIF\)](#), I'm writing to invite you to join Congressional staff colleagues and ITIF experts on our next Education Series Staff Trip to **Boston, Massachusetts** taking place **Thursday, September 25 through Friday, September 26, 2025**.

Participants will explore Boston's dynamic innovation ecosystem, with planned visits to leading research institutions, technology firms, and life sciences companies. The trip will highlight the intersection of emerging technologies, entrepreneurship, and public policy, providing an in-depth look at how innovation is fostered across sectors including advanced manufacturing, AI, biotech, and robotics.

For over a decade, ITIF has hosted similar groups of roughly 15 Hill staff on visits with key players in a range of science and technology fields. These trips offer valuable opportunities to engage with engineers, scientists, entrepreneurs, and investors who are shaping the innovation economy. Attendees consistently find these experiences to be informative and thought-provoking as they consider technology-related policy issues.

Tentative schedule:

- **Thursday, September 25:** Morning flight from Washington, DC (DCA) to Boston (BOS), followed by lunch, site visits, and a roundtable dinner discussion. Overnight in Boston.
- **Friday, September 26:** Morning site visits and lunch, concluding with a late afternoon flight back to Washington, DC.

Confirmed Company Visits:

- Amazon Robotics
- Boston Dynamics
- Vertex
- Novartis
- Eli Lilly
- Pfizer

We will also have a **roundtable dinner on Thursday (9/25)** on the Boston startup ecosystem, co-hosted with MIT.

All travel expenses and meals are covered by ITIF, and **the trip complies with House and Senate rules governing privately sponsored travel**. We will provide all necessary ethics documentation once the itinerary is finalized.

Please [RSVP here](#) by **August 1** if you can participate. If you're unable to attend but would recommend a colleague, we'd be happy to hear from you.

We hope you can join us!

Best,

Maggie

Maggie Henkin

Government Relations Manager | Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

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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.

8/12/25

Name of Traveler:

Charlie Hobbs

Employing Office/Committee:

BUDD, TED

Private Sponsor(s):

Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

Destination(s):

Boston, Massachusetts

Travel Dates:

09/25/2025 to 09/26/2025

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.

In my role as Policy Director for Senator Budd I handle his work as chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee's subcommittee on Science, Manufacturing, and Competitiveness. This trip will look at the cutting edge in AI and robotics and manufacturing, which will help with future legislative and oversight efforts. The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation is an important resource of subject matter experts which has helped me assist Senator Budd in the manufacturing and technology policy space.

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.

8/12/25

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)

Ted Budd

(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize

Charles Hobbs

(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)

8/12/25

Date



Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Information Technology and Innovation Foundation: ITIF Education Series Staff Trip to Boston, MA

CHARLES HOBBS

Title:

None

Employing Office/Committee:

BUDD, TED

Duty Station:

WASHINGTON, DC

Destination(s):

Boston, Massachusetts

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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

www.itif.org

History of Congressional Travel

ITIF has sponsored congressional travel for the entirety of its 19-year history.

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—as ITIF analysts in recent years have traveled to engage in policymaking forums in more than three dozen cities across five continents.

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.

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.

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

ITIF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2006 whose mission is to formulate and promote public policies to advance technological innovation and productivity. Recognizing the vital role of technology in ensuring American prosperity, ITIF focuses on innovation, productivity and digital economy issues. Our interest in the trip is to help staff better understand 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.

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.

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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** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
09/25/2025 @ 08:00 AM

Trip End Date/Time:
09/26/2025 @ 06:00 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: \$500.00 | Accompanying Family Member: \$0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	\$350.00
Note Round trip airfare DCA to BOS		
Ground Transportation	Coach	\$150.00
Note Shuttle bus transportation between airport and visits.		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$319.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
09/25/2025	09/26/2025	Moxy Boston Downtown	Boston	Massachusetts	United States	1	\$319.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$108.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
09/25/2025	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$38.00	\$0.00	\$63.00	Boston	Massachusetts	United States	No
09/26/2025	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45.00	Boston	Massachusetts	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 Boston, MA

Travel Date(s): September 25-26, 2025

Travel Destination(s): Boston, MA

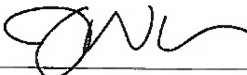
Sponsor: Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

Jackie Whisman

(printed name of sponsor representative)

Chief Development Officer

(title)



(signature of sponsor representative)

August 8, 2025

(date)

ITIF Education Series Staff Trip to Boston, MA

INVITEES

First	Last	Title	Organization
Lydia	Abma	Policy Analyst	House Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Energy and Commerce
Bennett	Abrams	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. Elissa Slotkin (MI)
Diane	Adamson	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Jamie Raskin (MD-08)
Shinnola	Alexander	Policy Advisor	Office of Rep. Sara Jacobs (CA-51)
Lilly	Anderson	Oversight Advisor	Office of Sen. Elizabeth Warren (MA)
Hannah	Anton	Policy Analyst	House Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, Committee on Energy and Commerce
Uday	Aryal	Professional Staff Member	Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Zach	Atran	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Rep. Ted Lieu (CA-36)
Chase	Babair	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Vern Buchanan (FL-16)
Stacy	Baird	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Sen. Maria Cantwell (WA)
Micah	Barbour	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Sen. Mark Warner (VA)
Chris	Bayles	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Gary Palmer (AL-06)
Owen	Beal	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Emilia Strong Sykes (OH-13)
David	Bean	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. Joni Ernst (IA)
Audrey	Beck	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. John Thune (SD)
Preston	Bell	Professional Staff Member	House Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Ways and Means
Joshua	Bell	Chief of Staff	Office of Rep. Ron Estes (KS-04)
Kathryn	Bell	Senior Health Policy Advisor	Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)
Veda	Beltran	Professional Staff Member	Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Max	Berry	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Rick McCormick (GA-07)
Mike	Berry	Chief Counsel	Office of Sen. Ted Cruz (TX)
Jane	Bigham	Deputy Health Policy Director	Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)
Brie	Binder	Counsel	House Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, Artificial Intelligence, and the Internet, Committee on the Judiciary
Larson	Binzer	Oversight Counsel	House Committee on the Judiciary
Andrew	Blackburn	Professional Staff Member	House Committee on the Judiciary

Danny	Boatright	Staff Director	House Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Isaac	Bock	Professional Staff Member	House Committee on the Judiciary
Jacquelyn	Bolen	Senior Counsel	House Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Energy and Commerce
Molly	Brimmer	Counsel	House Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Energy and Commerce
Michaela	Brown	Senior Health Policy Advisor	Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)
Katie	Brown	Chief Counsel	Office of Sen. Susan Collins (ME)
Will	Burns	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Jay Obernolte (CA-23)
Luke	Chaney	Legislative Assistant	Senate Committee on Armed Services
Christine	Chang	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. John Hickenlooper (CO)
Dillon	Chepp	Senior Counsel	House Committee on the Judiciary
Sean Patrick	Chilson	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Jim Jordan (OH-04)
Afton	Cissell	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Lloyd Doggett (TX-37)
Dahvi	Cohen	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. Adam Schiff (CA)
Dante	Cutrona	Chief of Staff	Office of Rep. John Joyce (PA-13)
Rory	Daly	Professional Staff Member	House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party
Garrett	Daniel	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Sen. Thom Tillis (NC)
Reggie	Darby	Legislative Assistant	House Committee on Veterans Affairs
Alexandra	Davis	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. August Pfluger (TX-11)
Wesley	Davis	Deputy Legislative Director	Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Guilia	DiGuglielmo	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Darrell Issa (CA-48)
Rachel	Dolin	Professional Staff Member	House Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Ways and Means
Aaron	Dorshow	Policy Assistant	House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party
Yara	Doumit	Policy Assistant	Office of Sen. Charles Schumer (NY)
Patrick	Dumas	Staff Director	House Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Ways and Means
Thomas	Eagen	Senior Health Policy Advisor	Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)
Anna	Ferrara	Professional Staff Member	House Subcommittee on Research and Technology, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Thomas	Finnigan	Senior Counsel	House Committee on the Judiciary

Jamie	Fleet	Senior Advisor	Office of House Minority Leader
Abe	Friedman	Professional Staff Member	House Committee on Rules
Matt	Furlow	Counsel	House Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, Committee on Energy and Commerce
Jack	Ganter	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Buddy Carter (GA-01)
Lynda	Garcia	Chief Counsel	Office of Sen. Cory Booker (NJ)
Kathleen	Gayle	Legislative Director	Office of Sen. Mike Rounds (SD)
David	Giordano	International Trade Policy Advisor	House Subcommittee on Trade, Committee on Ways and Means
Connor	Glisson	Tech Policy Counsel	Office of Sen. Marsha Blackburn (TN)
Seth	Gold	Professional Staff Member	House Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Energy and Commerce
Colin	Goldfinch	Deputy Health Policy Director	Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)
Emily	Goldman	Legislative Counsel	Office of Rep. Hank Johnson (GA-04)
Ian	Gray	Policy Advisor	Office of Sen. Cory Booker (NJ)
Tyler	Grimes	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL-12)
Melodie	Ha	Professional Staff Member	House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party
Hannah	Hagen	Professional Staff Member	Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Jon	Hale	General Counsel	Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Amy	Hall	Staff Director	House Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Ways and Means
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Emily	Hebein	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Bob Latta (OH-05)
Michael	Hermann	Lead Professional Staff Member	House Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation, Committee on Armed Services
Elizabeth	Hill	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. Martin Heinrich (NM)
Albert	Hinman	Professional Staff Member	House Subcommittee on Research and Technology, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Matthew	Hittle	Professional Staff Member	House Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Ways and Means
Charles	Hobbs	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. Ted Budd (NC)
David	Horsely	National Security Advisor	Office of Rep. August Pfluger (TX-11)

Caleb	Jackson	Judiciary Counsel	Office of Sen. Adam Schiff (CA)
Nimit	Jindal	Senior Health Policy Advisor	Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)
Abigail	Johnson	Professional Staff Member	House Committee on the Judiciary
Cate	Johnson	Staff Director	House Subcommittee on Research and Technology, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
James	Johnson	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Frank Pallone (NJ-06)
Avanti	Joshi	AI Fellow	Office of Rep. Suhas Subramanyam (VA-10)
Harrison	Jumper	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (PA-06)
Sophie	Kasimow	Health Policy Director	Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)
Max	Katz	Policy Advisor	Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Megan	Kiernan	Director of Oversight	Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)
Claire	Kim	Senior Counsel	Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Lot	Kwarteng	Legislative Director	Office of Sen. Mark Warner (VA)
Jeff	Last	Senior Health Policy Advisor	Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)
Ricky	Le	Chief of Staff	Office of Rep. Zoe Lofgren (CA-18)
John	Lee	Chief Counsel	House Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, Artificial Intelligence, and the Internet, Committee on the Judiciary
John	Lee	Chief of Staff	Office of Rep. Nikki Budzinski (IL-13)
Jack	Leighninger	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (PA-06)
Sarah	Levin	Deputy Staff Director	House Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Ways and Means
Alexandra	Lightfoot	Professional Staff Member	House Committee on Veterans Affairs
Lois	Lim	Senior Policy and Outreach Advisor	New Democrat Coalition
John	Lin	Senior Counsel	House Subcommittee on Communications & Technology, Committee on Energy and Commerce
Avery	Littrell	Senior Advisor and Coalitions Director	House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Geoff	Macleay	Chief Counsel	Office of Sen. Thom Tillis (NC)
Rachel	Marshall	Counsel	House Committee on the Judiciary
Molly	Martin	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Brett Guthrie (KY-02)
Will	Mascaro	Director of Coalitions and Legislative Strategy	Republican Study Committee

Michael	May	Professional Staff Member	Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Adam	McBride	Policy Advisor	Office of Rep. Doris Matsui (CA-07)
Jessica	McNiece	Health Policy Director	Office of Sen. Dick Durbin (IL)
Alan	McQuinn	Professional Staff Member	House Subcommittee on Research and Technology, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Anna Rose	Moore	Health Policy Advisor	Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)
Juan Carlos	Mora	Professional Staff Member	House Committee on the Judiciary
Sarah	Moxely	Subcommittee Staff Director	House Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation, Committee on Armed Services
Kelsey	Mullane	Oversight Counsel	House Committee on the Judiciary
Gloria	Nunez	Legislative Aide	Office of Sen. Cory Booker (NJ)
Nicholas	O'Boyle	Deputy Chief of Staff	Office of Rep. Ron Estes (KS-04)
Lauren	O'Brien	Legislative Director	Office of Rep. Todd Young (IN)
Constance	O'Connor	Senior Counsel	House Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations, Committee on Energy and Commerce
Michael	O'Donovan	Trade Counsel	House Subcommittee on Trade, Committee on Ways and Means
Samantha	Ondrade	Senior Counsel to Sen. Booker	Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Sara	Palasits	Senior Oversight Staff	House Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Julia	Pan	Professional Staff Member	Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Ari	Panzer	Professional Staff Member	House Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Ways and Means
Clare	Paoletta	Health Policy Advisor	Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)
Peter-Anthony	Pappas	Director of IP	Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Jake	Parker	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Sen. Bill Cassidy (LA)
Michelle	Paucar	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Jan Schakowsky (IL-09)
Cirilo	Perez	Professional Staff Member	Senate Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Committee on the Judiciary
Michael	Perkins	Professional Staff Member	Senate Committee on the Judiciary
Naomi	Plasky	Senior Health Policy Advisor	Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)
Casey	Quinn	Professional Staff Member	House Subcommittee on Health, Committee on Ways and Means

Brannon	Rains	Tech Policy Advisor	Office of Sen. Todd Young (IN)
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Cole	Reynolds	Professional Staff Member	House Committee on the Judiciary
James	Rice	Legislative Director	Office of Sen. Chuck Grassley (IA)
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Victoria	Rubin	Senior Professional Staff Director	House Subcommittee on Research and Technology, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Matthew	Rumsey	Professional Staff Member	House Committee on the Judiciary
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Rebecca	Schatz	Legislative Director	Office of Sen. Adam Schiff (CA)
Alex	Scheuer	Policy Advisor	Office of Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08)
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Emma	Schultheis	Policy Analyst	House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Max	Seltzer	Legislative Assistant	Office of Sen. Eric Schmitt (MO)
Kristen	Shatynski	Health Policy Director	Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)
Tessa	Shurr	Senior Counsel	House Committee on the Judiciary
Jeremy	Slevin	Senior Advisor	Office of Sen. Bernie Sanders (VT)
Jacob	Smith	Deputy Legislative Director	Office of Sen. John Cornyn (TX)
Jaydn	Smith	Deputy Chief of Staff	Office of Rep. Dan Bacon (NE-02)
Dahlia	Sokolov	Staff Director	House Subcommittee on Research and Technology, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Olivia	Speno	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. David Valadao (CA-22)

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Lauren	Stimpert	Senior Counsel	House Committee on the Judiciary
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Joe	Tesfaye	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Jamie Raskin (MD-08)
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ITIF Education Series Staff Trip to Boston, MA AGENDA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

- 8:00 AM JetBlue Flight 1854 Departs Washington, DC (DCA)
- 9:33 AM JetBlue Flight 1854 Lands Boston, MA (BOS)
- 10:00 AM Shuttle Departs BOS
- 10:00 – 10:45 AM **Introduction to ITIF and Trip Preview**
Welcome and briefing from the leadership of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF), the nation's leading think tank for science and technology policy. ITIF President Rob Atkinson and Chief Development Officer Jackie Whisman will provide an overview of ITIF's mission to advance innovation-driven economic growth and outline the objectives for the Boston-area site visits.
- 10:45 – 1:00 PM **Amazon Robotics** (50 Otis Street, Westborough MA)
This immersive visit to the company's flagship robotics innovation hub will give staff an up-close look at the cutting-edge technologies driving Amazon's fulfillment network and reshaping the future of logistics, automation, and American manufacturing. During the tour, staff will observe advanced robotics systems in action, including mobile drive units and robotic arms used in Amazon's fulfillment centers; Learn how Amazon Robotics is enhancing efficiency, safety, and sustainability across operations; Engage with engineers and operations leaders to discuss workforce development, tech-driven job creation, and Amazon's partnerships with local schools and community colleges; Explore Amazon's role in the Massachusetts innovation ecosystem, including investments in research, training, and public-private collaboration.
- 2:00 – 3:15 PM **Boston Dynamics** (200 Smith Street, Waltham MA)
The group will visit Boston Dynamics for a tour of the world's leading robotics company. We will visit the company's Robot Museum featuring prototypes of the company's robots from its 32-year history, and then tour the active research labs where robots such as Spot and Atlas are designed and perfected. Finally, we will have a hands-on interactive experience with a Spot robot in the company's Demo Lab. The tour will cover the convergence of AI and robotics, industrial and public safety applications, and informal discussions about emerging federal policy issues in the robotics industry.

4:00 – 5:15 PM

Teradyne (600 Riverpark Drive, North Reading MA)

Teradyne is a global leader in automated test equipment and industrial automation. Staff will have a firsthand look at the technology powering the semiconductor and advanced electronics sectors. Teradyne designs systems that test everything from smartphones to electric vehicles—ensuring reliability and performance in the devices Americans use every day. During the tour, staff will explore the development and testing of semiconductor devices, robotics, and autonomous systems; Learn how Teradyne supports U.S. chip manufacturing, national security, and supply chain resilience; Discover how Teradyne is innovating in collaborative robotics through its Universal Robots and Mobile Industrial Robots (MiR) brands.

6:00 – 7:30 PM

Roundtable Dinner Discussion with The Engine and MIT

The Engine is a venture firm and incubator founded by MIT to support Tough Tech—transformational technologies that solve complex societal challenges and require long time horizons to commercialize. The Engine bridges the gap between scientific discovery and scalable impact by supporting startups in areas such as climate tech, advanced manufacturing, biotech, and quantum computing. Over dinner, staff will engage with founders, investors, and academic leaders who are advancing breakthrough innovations with the potential to reshape entire industries. Discussion will focus on the unique challenges Tough Tech ventures face—such as capital intensity, infrastructure needs, and regulatory complexity—and the role public policy can play in accelerating their path to market. Participants will also explore how The Engine fosters collaboration among universities, government, and the private sector to grow a thriving innovation ecosystem rooted in American research leadership and regional economic development.

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Moxy Boston Downtown (240 Tremont Street, Boston MA)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

8:30 AM

Shuttle Departs Hotel

9:00 – 10:15 AM

Vertex (50 Northern Avenue, Boston MA)

Vertex Pharmaceuticals is a leading global biotechnology company headquartered in Boston's Seaport Innovation District. Known for developing transformative medicines for people with serious diseases, Vertex has revolutionized treatment for cystic fibrosis and is advancing cutting-edge therapies in sickle cell disease, type 1 diabetes, and other areas. The tour will include a look inside state-of-the-art research and development labs focused on gene editing, regenerative medicine, and precision therapies. Staff will engage with scientists and policy leaders on the drug discovery pipeline, regulatory environment, and access to innovative treatments. Attendees will also learn about Vertex's investments in STEM education and equity initiatives, including its award-winning Learning Lab and partnerships with local schools, and explore how the company is contributing to Massachusetts' life sciences leadership and advancing biotech manufacturing in the U.S.

10:45 – 12:00 PM

Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research (NIBR)**(250 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge MA)**

Staff will experience the heart of Novartis' global research engine at the Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research (NIBR) in Cambridge, where cutting-edge science drives breakthrough treatments for diseases affecting millions worldwide. The site anchors Novartis' U.S. innovation footprint and plays a central role in its drug discovery strategy. The tour will feature visits to high-tech labs where scientists are exploring areas like oncology, neuroscience, and gene therapy. Staff will learn how Novartis leverages AI and advanced analytics to accelerate medical discovery and personalized treatment, and hear from researchers and leadership on U.S. R&D policy, regulatory pathways, and the challenges of developing first-in-class medicines. The visit will also explore Novartis' commitment to health equity, clinical trial diversity, and expanding access to life-saving therapies. This tour provides an inside look at one of the world's most research-intensive pharmaceutical companies and its role in the innovation economy.

12:15 – 2:00 PM

Eli Lilly (15 Necco Street, Boston MA)

This site is a hub for immunology, diabetes, oncology, and neuroscience research, and a key component of Lilly's broader strategy to bring next-generation biologics and gene therapies to patients. Staff will walk through advanced research labs and collaborative workspaces designed to accelerate early-stage discovery, and learn about Lilly's partnerships with academic institutions, startups, and health systems in the region. The visit will also include discussion of federal policy impacts on drug development, clinical trials, and patient access, as well as Lilly's investments in U.S. manufacturing and affordability initiatives. Staff will hear how the company is helping prepare the biotech workforce of the future. This visit will showcase the critical link between research

investment and improved patient outcomes—and highlight the strategic importance of domestic biopharma R&D.

2:30 – 3:00 PM	Flight Check In
4:15 PM	JetBlue 1955 Departs BOS
6:00 PM	JetBlue 1955 Arrives DCA