RE-3 Senators and Officers 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.**

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):

Yale University, Yale Law School

Travel Dates:

10/16/2026 - 10/18/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
N/A	$700	$440	

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.

10/20/26	ChristopherCoons	Chris Coons
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:

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

October 9, 2026

The Honorable Christopher A. Coons
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Coons:

This responds to your recent correspondence requesting approval from the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) to accept an invitation you received to travel to speak on a panel on the future of AI, in New Haven, Connecticut, on October 16-18, 2026, sponsored by Yale University (Yale). Provided that you adhere to the guidance set forth below, it is permissible for you to accept necessary expenses from Yale for this trip.

Background

Based on your communication with the Committee, the background in this matter is as follows.[1] Yale invited you to speak on a panel on the future of AI, in New Haven, Connecticut, on October 16-18, 2026. Yale certified to the Committee that it will pay the necessary expenses related to the travel,[2] and it is not a lobbyist, lobbying firm, agent of a foreign principal, or otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government. Yale also certified that it does not retain or employ a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal and that no registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal will accompany you at any point throughout your trip.[3]

Discussion

Privately sponsored travel includes any gift of travel and travel-related expenses for travel outside the Senate duty station, including transportation, lodging, food and refreshments, and conference fees and materials, whether paid for directly, reimbursed, or provided directly, from a private individual or entity, in connection with a Member's, officer's, or employee's official Senate duties. Incorporating reforms from the Honest Leadership and Open Government

[1] If this letter does not correctly recite the facts, contact the Committee immediately.

[2] The term "necessary expenses" has a specific definition. *See Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 10-13.

[3] The term "any point throughout your trip" has a specific definition. *See Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 15.

Act of 2007 (HLOGA), Pub. L. 110–81 (2007), Senate Rule 35.2 permits Members, officers, and employees to accept privately sponsored travel only with the prior written approval of the Committee.

The Committee's approval process is governed by the *Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* (*Travel Regulations*). The *Travel Regulations* contain detailed requirements regarding who may sponsor travel; time limits for trips; and the type and amount of expenses that can be reimbursed.

Entities that do not retain or employ a lobbyist or foreign agent and all non-profit organizations designated as tax-exempt organizations under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, regardless of whether they retain or employ a lobbyist or foreign agent, may sponsor domestic trips for up to three days. The three-day limitation means three 24-hour periods, calculated from the time of arrival in the trip location to the time of departure from the trip location. With very limited exception, lobbyists and foreign agents are prohibited from accompanying a Senate invitee at any point throughout the trip.[4] This means that neither lobbyists nor foreign agents may accompany Senate invitees at any point to and from the event, at the event itself, or at the location being visited.[5]

Under Senate Rule 35, a Senator or officer who receives payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel must disclose those expenses to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the completed *Senators and Officers Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses* (Form RE-3), along with a copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form*, and all relevant attachments (e.g., the private sponsor's invitation and itinerary) **within 30 days of the conclusion of Privately Sponsored Travel**.

Consistent with these standards and Committee precedent, and Yale factual representations, it is permissible for you to accept necessary expenses from Yale in connection with this trip, provided that the actual travel and travel-related expenses conform to the information you provided, and the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate (Office of Public Records).

Finally, federal law and Senate Rule 34 require a reporting individual,[6] on their financial disclosure report, to make an annual disclosure of the receipt of payments or reimbursements under Senate Rule 35 from a private sponsor for officially-related travel expenses where, in the aggregate, travel expenses exceed $525 from that sponsor during a calendar year. However, if a

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[4] The term "*de minimis*" has a specific definition. *See Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 6-8 for a discussion on the de minimis contact exception.

[5] *See Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 6-10 for a discussion on the de minimis contact exception .

[6] A reporting individual is someone whose salary equals or exceeds 120% of the basic rate of pay for GS-15 ($151,661 for CY 2026) or is a political fund designee and is required to file financial disclosure reports.

Member, officer, or employee properly reports the receipt of necessary expenses for such travel to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the travel, as discussed above, the travel expenses need not be disclosed a second time on their financial disclosure report.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,

Shannon Hamilton Kopplin
Chief Counsel and Staff Director

Enclosure: Member and Officer Privately Sponsored Travel Checklist

Members of Senate Invited as Keynote Speakers for the 2026 Alumni Weekend Slate of Panels

Christopher A. Coons '92 M.A.R., '92 J.D.

Trip Name:

Organization Information

Organization Name:

Yale University
Yale Law School
Office of Alumni Engagement and Development

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

(●) Yes ( ) No

If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:

[✓] Private Foundation [ ] Public Charity

Address:

127 Wall Street

City, State, Zip:

New Haven, CT, 06520

Phone Number:

203.432.1690

Organization URL:

https://law.yale.edu/

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

The office of Alumni Engagement and Development has not previously sponsored congressional travel. For this visit, Yale Law School proposes to provide accommodations for Senator Chris Coons in connection with his participation as a panelist in an educational discussion on artificial intelligence during Alumni Weekend in New Haven, October 16–18, 2026

Educational Activities

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

Yale Law School provides legal education through degree programs, classroom instruction, seminars, and clinical training. Its faculty and research centers advance scholarship on law, public policy, and contemporary societal challenges. The school also convenes lectures, conferences, workshops, and panel discussions that bring together scholars, practitioners, and public officials. Educational programming during the Law School's Alumni Weekend extends these opportunities to alumni through substantive discussions of emerging legal issues.

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.

Christopher Coons is a Yale Law School graduate class of 1992 who is returning to campus after being invited to participate as a speaker panelist on "The Future of AI" panel which is part of our Alumni Weekend programming from 10/16 through 10/18.
As part of the school's standard hospitality practices for Alumni Weekend programming, Yale Law School is sponsoring his lodging and meal expenses, consistent with the support provided to all panel speakers.

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

Senator Coons's trip will enable him to participate in the "Future of AI" panel during Yale Law School's Alumni Weekend. The panel will explore artificial intelligence and its implications for law, policy, and society. His participation will bring a legislative perspective to the discussion and provide an opportunity for dialogue with fellow panelists and attendees. This exchange advances Yale Law School's educational mission by connecting legal scholarship and professional experience with consequential public policy questions and deepening participants' understanding of a rapidly evolving field.

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):

- [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):

- [x] 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:	⇄	Trip End Date/Time:
Friday October 16, 2026		Sunday October 18, 2026

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

○ Yes ☑ No

Transportation (Member/Officer/Employee: $_____ Accompanying Family Member: $_____)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
N/A		

Details (optional)

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

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
10/16	10/18	The Study Hotel at Yale	New Haven	CT	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	$350	yes	This is market rate hotel costs and the Study is the contracted hotel and designated lodging accomodations for all our speakers & panelists participating in the 2026 Alumni Weekend programming

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: $_____ Accompanying Family Member: $_____)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem (Y/N)
10/16	N/A	$60	$145		$205	New Haven	CT	USA	Yes
10/17	$30	$65	$90		$185	New Haven	CT	USA	Yes
10/18	$50	N/A	N/A		$50	New Haven	CT	USA	Yes

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

The meal costs are based on fixed rates negotiated and contracted by Yale with its campus dining vendors. These rates exceed the federal per diem allowance because it is necessary to provide a variety of options and an enhanced dining experience for guests participating in events throughout the weekend. The costs are standard for university-hosted functions and support the hospitality expectations associated with our programs.

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses

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

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
N/A		

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: 2026 Alumni Weekend

Travel Date(s): Friday October 16 - Sunday October 18, 2026

Travel Destination(s): New Haven, CT, Yale Law School Campus

Sponsor: Alumni Engagement and Developemnt Office

Kristen Rozansky — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Associate Dean of Alumni Engagement and Development — *(title)*

Kristen Rozansky — *(signature of sponsor representative)*

10/8/2026 — *(date)*

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Save the Date! Yale Law School Alumni Events

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Boston, MA: September 15 | **New Haven, CT:** October 16–18 *(Alumni Weekend)* | **San Francisco, CA:** November 10 | **Pasadena, CA:** November 12 | **New York, NY:** December 1 *(A Milestone Campaign Celebration: An Evening of Gratitude)*

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From: McComb, Maddie (Coons) <Maddie_McComb@coons.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2026 10:57 AM
To: Rozansky, Kristen <kristen.rozansky@yale.edu>; Williams, Morgan (Coons) <Morgan_Williams@coons.senate.gov>; Neelakantan, Vidya (Coons) <Vidya_Neelakantan@coons.senate.gov>; Barton, James (Judiciary-Dem) <James_Barton@judiciary-dem.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Yale Law School: an invitation to Senator Coons

Hi Kristen! Thanks for reaching out, looping in a few others from my team for assistance with this.

Maddie

From: Rozansky, Kristen <kristen.rozansky@yale.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2026 7:10 AM
To: McComb, Maddie (Coons) <Maddie_McComb@coons.senate.gov>
Subject: Fw: Yale Law School: an invitation to Senator Coons

Hi Maddie, sharing this request. Many thanks! Kristen

Kristen B. Rozansky
Associate Dean, Alumni Engagement and Development
Yale Law School

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From: Rozansky, Kristen <kristen.rozansky@yale.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2026 7:07 AM
To: Will_Baskin-Gerwitz@coons.senate.gov <Will_Baskin-Gerwitz@coons.senate.gov>
Subject: Yale Law School: an invitation to Senator Coons

Dear Will,

I hope you are well. I'm writing today to invite Senator Coons back to Yale Law School this October, during Alumni Weekend, to serve on a panel that explores the rapidly evolving questions artificial intelligence presents for law, policy, national security, and American competitiveness. The panel is slated for Saturday October 17, and the audience will include alumni and law school faculty.

Given the Senator's leadership on AI policy, he would bring an especially valuable perspective about the challenges facing policymakers as they seek to encourage innovation while establishing appropriate safeguards as the technology develops.

I know his classmates and fellow alumni would value the opportunity to hear from him on an issue that will shape the law and public life for years to come.

It would be wonderful to have the Senator with us, both for the panel and other Alumni Weekend activities. If this is of interest, please let me know and I would be happy to share additional details.

Warmly,
Kristen

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Alumni Weekend Itinerary for Senator Chris Coons
October 16 through October 18, 2026
New Haven - CT

Friday, 10/16

12:30 PM ET
Welcome Luncheon
The Courtyard, Sterling Law Building, 127 Wall Street

2:30 PM ET
Panel: What's Next in Healthcare
Levinson Auditorium, Sterling Law Building, 127 Wall Street
Featuring: Alex Azar '91, Troy Brennan '84, Neera Tanden '96, and moderated by Abbe R. Gluck '96, Alfred M. Rankin Professor of Law.

3:30 PM ET
Post-Panel Coffee Reception in the Courtyard
The Courtyard, Sterling Law Building, 127 Wall Street

6:00 PM ET
All Alumni Dinner
Commons, Schwarzman Center, 168 Grove Street, New Haven

Saturday, 10/17

8:00 AM ET
All Alumni Breakfast
Alumni Reading Room, Sterling Law Building, 127 Wall Street

12:30 PM ET
Private Award of Merit Luncheon
This is a special Luncheon for Award of Merit recipients and their invited guests. All other alumni are invited to RSVP for the Autumn Alumni Social instead.

2:15 PM ET
Panel: The Future of AI
Levinson Auditorium, Sterling Law Building, 127 Wall Street
Moderated by Jack M. Balkin and featuring panelists Senator Chris Coons '92, Dennis Hirsch '91 and Laura A. Safdie '11.

Sunday, 10/18

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM ET
Class of 1991 Brunch with Professor Akhil Amar Alumni Reading Room, SLB, 127 Wall Street, New Haven, CT