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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):
Aspen Strategy Group

Travel Dates:
07/16/2026 to 07/18/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$1,632.40	$394.00	$83.00	$4,000.00

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 travel described above was in connection with my duties as an officeholder, and did not create the appearance that I was using public office for private gain.

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Aug 7, 2026
Date

BILL CASSIDY
Printed Name of Traveler

Signature of Traveler

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: Friday, July 17, 2026 - "Denver Dialogue: International Development" panel renamed to "The New National Security: Investing in Frontline Resilience" - "Fireside Chat with Minister Mahmoud Kombo" changed to "Coffee Break," where coffee and refreshments were available to all participants at the Aspen Meadows - Timothy Haugh (4th Commander, U.S. Cyber Command; 19th Director, National Security Agency; Founder, The Haugh Way) was an added speaker for "The Innovation Imperative: Technology, Industry, and U.S. Leadership"

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

○ Yes ● No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.

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Aspen Strategy Group: Aspen Security Forum 2026

BILL CASSIDY

Title:
Senator

Employing Office/Committee:
CASSIDY, WILLIAM

Duty Station:
BATON ROUGE,LA

Destination(s):

Aspen, Colorado

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

Not applicable for Senators and Officers.

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Name and Relationship to Traveler:

Organization Information

Organization Name
Aspen Strategy Group

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
N/A

Address 2 (Optional)
Suite 700

Phone Number
(202) 701-0520

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

○ Yes ● No

Address
2300 N St NW

City, State Zip
Washington, District of Columbia 20037 United States

Organization URL
https://www.aspensecurityforum.org/aspen-security-forum/

History of Congressional Travel

The Aspen Institute has over a 40-year history of conducting non-partisan public and private educational forums. Many of these convenings have included U.S. congressional participation sponsored by our Aspen Institute Congressional Program and the Aspen Strategy Group and Aspen Security Forum. The Aspen Strategy Group (ASG) has previously hosted members of Congress and congressional staffers at our annual ASG Summer Workshops and at our public Aspen Security Forum (ASF) in Aspen, Colorado and public ASF: DC Edition.

Educational Activities

The Aspen Institute holds many educational activities annually, including conferences, roundtables, briefings, seminars, and other non-partisan forums on critical issues facing the U.S. and the world. The Aspen Strategy Group specifically hosts track II dialogues, roundtables, meetings, and public conferences centered on U.S. foreign policy and national security issues throughout the year, in addition to convening members of its Rising Leaders Program for discussions with experts in the field.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyists.*

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

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- ✓ 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

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

The Aspen Security Forum (ASF) is a premier national security and foreign policy public conference in the United States. Presented by the Aspen Strategy Group, the ASF has provided a non-partisan public venue for domestic and global leaders to discuss the key national security and foreign policy issues of the day for the past 17 years. The Forum features the highest caliber of speakers, including senior domestic and international government officials, business executives, leading academics, and noted journalists.

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

The Aspen Institute is an education and policy studies non-profit organization. Its mission is to foster leadership based on enduring values and provide a non-partisan forum for the exchange of ideas surrounding critical issues. The Aspen Security Forum (ASF) provides a public non-partisan venue for the discussion of national security and foreign policy issues facing the United States and the world. At the ASF, we work to feature diverse views and perspectives on our platform and it is important to host senior government officials on our platform as a part of these important discussions.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

- [x] 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

- [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

- [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

- [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
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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:
07/16/2026 @ 03:13 PM

Trip End Date/Time:
07/17/2026 @ 10:07 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: $1,632.40 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	N/A	$1,632.40

Note
We are not providing transportation to or from the airport.

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $394.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
07/16/2026	07/17/2026	Aspen Meadows	Aspen	Colorado	United States	1	$394.00	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
This exceeds the per diem rate, however it's an event organized "without regard" to congressional participation. All speakers receive the same lodging.

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $83.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
07/17/2026	$35.00	$48.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$83.00**	Aspen	Colorado	United States	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
Breakfast, lunch, and snack costs are included in the per day meeting package below. This exceeds the per diem rate; however, the expenses are reasonable and necessary for an event of this size and organized "without regard" to Congressional participation. All attendees receive the same meals.

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $4,000.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Conference Fees	$4,000.00	The $4000 conference pass is the all-inclusive 3 day ticket price for the public to purchase a ticket; however, the registration pass price is waived for all Aspen Security Forum speakers and their guest/family member. The price includes a per day meeting package cost of $317 per person which includes Aspen Meadows Resort conference hosting fees, facilities setup, IT, staffing, shuttle service, equipment rentals, enhanced security, food and non-alcoholic refreshments for breakfast, lunch, snacks, and reception.

Additional Attachments All additional attachments are below.

Document Name
Cassidy Invite
Cassidy Invite

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: Aspen Security Forum 2026

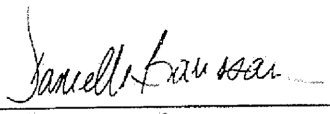
Travel Date(s): July 14-17, 2026

Travel Destination(s): Aspen, CO

Sponsor: The Aspen Institute

Danielle Baussan — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Interim EVP, Policy Programs — *(title)*



(signature of sponsor representative)

7/9/2026 — *(date)*

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Appendix: Senatorial Invitees List for the 2026 Aspen Security Forum

In Reference to Page 3 of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form

Jim Banks, U.S. Senator for Indiana
John Barrasso, U.S. Senator for Wyoming
Ted Budd, U.S. Senator for North Carolina
Bill Cassidy, U.S. Senator for Louisiana
John Cornyn, U.S. Senator for Texas
Kevin Cramer, U.S. Senator for North Dakota
Ted Cruz, U.S. Senator for Texas
John Curtis, U.S. Senator for Utah
Joni Ernst, U.S. Senator for Iowa
Deb Fischer, U.S. Senator for Nebraska
Josh Hawley, U.S. Senator for Missouri
John Kennedy, U.S. Senator for Louisiana
James Lankford, U.S. Senator for Oklahoma
Mike Lee, U.S. Senator for Utah
Dave McCormick, U.S. Senator for Pennsylvania
Jerry Moran, U.S. Senator for Kansas
Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator for Alaska
Chris Murphy, U.S. Senator for Connecticut
Alex Padilla, U.S. Senator for California
Rand Paul, U.S. Senator for Kentucky
Jack Reed, U.S. Senator for Rhode Island
Brian Schatz, U.S. Senator for Hawaii
Eric Schmitt, U.S. Senator for Missouri
Rick Scott, U.S. Senator for Florida
Tim Sheehy, U.S. Senator for Montana
Elissa Slotkin, U.S. Senator for Michigan
John Thune, U.S. Senator for South Dakota
Thom Tillis, U.S. Senator for North Carolina
Roger Wicker, U.S. Senator for Mississippi
Todd Young, U.S. Senator for Indiana

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Agenda for Senator Cassidy

Please note all times are listed in Mountain Time (MT)

Thursday, July 16

3:13 PM EST	Senator Cassidy Departs from Reagan National Airport on flight AA 1624
5:44 PM	Senator Cassidy Arrives at Dallas Fort Worth Intl on flight AA 1624
6:52 PM	Senator Cassidy Departs from Dallas Fort Worth Intl on flight AA 6419
8:17 PM	Senator Cassidy Arrives in Aspen, CO on flight AA 6419
8:30 – 8:45 PM	Travel from ASE Airport to Aspen Meadows Resort

Friday, July 17

7:00 – 9:00 AM — Breakfast Buffet is Available for All Participants at the Aspen Meadows

9:00 – 9:05 AM — Intro Remarks

- Anja Manuel, Executive Director, Aspen Strategy Group; Principal, Rice, Hadley, Gates & Manuel LLC

Anja Manuel will open the day's programming by highlighting the overarching themes and ideas the upcoming sessions will cover.

9:05 AM – 9:30 AM — "Pod Save the World" Live Recording with Annalena Baerbock

- Annalena Baerbock, President of the UN General Assembly; Former Foreign Minister, Germany
- Ben Rhodes, Co-Host, *Pod Save the World*
- Tommy Vietor, Co-Host, *Pod Save the World*

This "Pod Save the World" live recording will include guest Annalena Baerbock for a discussion about the U.S.-European transatlantic relationship and the future of NATO.

9:30 – 10:05 AM — Denver Dialogue: International Development

- Alice Albright, Former CEO, Millennium Challenge Corporation; Carnegie Distinguished Fellow, Columbia University

- Comfort Ero, President and CEO, International Crisis Group
- Alaa Murabit, Managing Partner of Sustainable Growth, 500 Global
- Ana Zacapa, Philanthropy and Non-Profit Advisor, Root Capital
- *Moderator*: Niamh King, Director, Aspen Strategy Group and Aspen Security Forum

As global development enters a period of profound transformation, this panel will discuss how nations, institutions, and other non-state actors can work together to foster peace and prosperity.

10:05 – 10:35 AM **Fireside Chat with Minister Mahmoud Kombo**

- Mahmoud Kombo, Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Tanzania
- *Moderator:* Steve Clemons, The National Interest

Tanzanian Minister Mahmoud Kombo will engage in a broad discussion on the state of U.S.-Tanzania relations, as well as mutually-beneficial opportunities for economic prosperity, investment, and global supply chain integration.

10:35 – 11:05 AM **Fireside Chat with Vincent Biruta**

- Vincent Biruta, Minister of Interior, Government of Rwanda
- *Moderator:* Steve Clemons, The National Interest

Rwandan Minister Vincent Biruta will engage in a broad discussion about recent evolutions regarding the Democratic Republic of Congo peace agreement and the state of U.S.-Rwanda bilateral relations.

11:05 – 11:40 AM **The Arctic: High North, Higher Stakes**

- Thomas Dans, Chairman, U.S. Arctic Research Commission
- General Eirik Kristoffersen, Chief of Defense, Norway
- Pasi Rajala, Political State Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Defence of Finland, Prime Minister's Office of Finland
- *Moderator:* Lara Seligman, The Wall Street Journal

This panel will explore the strategic imperative and geopolitical significance of the Arctic, as well as discuss recent military activity in the region and how to ensure collective security.

11:40 – 12:10 PM **The Innovation Imperative: Technology, Industry, and U.S. Leadership**

- Bill Cassidy, U.S. Senator for Louisiana, U.S. Senate
- John Cornyn, U.S. Senator for Texas, U.S. Senate
- *Moderator:* Jonathan Martin, POLITICO

This panel, including Senator Cassidy and Senator Cornyn, will explore the national security implications of today's technological and industrial innovations. The discussion will consider how the United States can leverage its strategic advantage, strengthen critical industries, and safeguard its credibility and leadership in the digital age.

12:00 – 1:15 PM **Lunch Buffet and Grab-and-Go Lunches Available for all Participants**

12:30 – 12:35 PM **Closing Remarks**

- Anja Manuel, Executive Director, Aspen Strategy Group and Aspen Security Forum; Principal, Rice, Hadley, Gates & Manuel LLC
- Niamh King, Director, Aspen Strategy Group and Aspen Security Forum

Anja and Niamh will conclude the Forum with remarks about the large takeaways from the past few days' discussions.

2:21 PM **Senator Cassidy Leaves Aspen, CO on Flight AA 6384**

5:40 PM **Senator Cassidy Arrives in Dallas. TX at DFW International Airport on Flight AA 6384**

8:39 PM **Senator Cassidy Departs Dallas, TX on Flight AA 3903**

10:07 PM **Senator Cassidy Arrives in Baton Rouge, LA on Flight AA 3903**

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