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Private Sponsor(s):
Aspen Strategy Group

Travel Dates:
07/15/2026 to 07/17/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$1,161.39	$788.00	$278.00	$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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8/5/26
Date

CHRISTOPHER MURPHY
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: Thursday, July 16 - "After Ankara: The Future of NATO" panel renamed to "It's Not You, It's U.S.: The Future of NATO" - "The Global AI Race: Beyond Washington and Beijing" renamed "Agents of Change: AI Diffusion, Digital Sovereignty, and Security" with speakers: Timothy Haugh and Talal M. Al Kaissi - Bryan Fenton (13th Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command) added as a speaker to panel "The American Example: 250 Years On"

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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June 18, 2026

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Aspen Strategy Group: Aspen Security Forum 2026

CHRISTOPHER MURPHY

Title:
Senator

Employing Office/Committee:
MURPHY, CHRIS

Duty Station:
HARTFORD,CT

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)

Phone Number
(202) 736-5859

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

○ Yes ● No

Address
2300 N St NW, Suite 700

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

Organization URL
www.aspeninstitute.org

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.

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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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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:
07/15/2026 @ 05:22 PM

Trip End Date/Time:
07/17/2026 @ 03:37 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: $1,161.39 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	N/A	$1,161.39

Note
Two one-way flights booked

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $788.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
07/15/2026	07/17/2026	Aspen Meadows Resort	Aspen	Colorado	United States	2	$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: $278.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
07/15/2026	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$0.00**	aspen	Colorado	United States	No
07/16/2026	$35.00	$48.00	$195.00	$0.00	**$278.00**	Aspen	Colorado	United States	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
The cost for the dinner exceeds the per diem; this is reasonable and necessary for an event of this size and caliber. It is the estimated per guest cost for all attendees. This dinner is organized "without regard" to congressional participation. Breakfast, lunch, and snack costs are included in the per day meeting package below.

07/17/2026	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$0.00**	Aspen	Colorado	United States	No

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

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Other (Aspen Security Forum Pass (Waived))	$4,000.00	Breakfast, lunch, and snack costs are included in the per day meeting package below. 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
ASF 2026 Speaker Invitation Murphy

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)*

Danielle Baussan — *(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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July 14 - 17, 2026

Agenda for Senator Chris Murphy

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

Wednesday, July 15

5:22 PM EST	Senator Murphy Departs from Reagan National Airport on Flight AA 1630
6:54 PM	Senator Murphy Arrives at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, IL on flight AA 1630
7:50 PM	Senator Murphy Departs from O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, IL on flight AA 6186
9:57 PM	Senator Murphy Arrives in Aspen, CO on flight AA 6186
10:30 – 10:45 PM	Travel from ASE Airport to Aspen Meadows Resort

Thursday, July 16

7:30 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast available for all participants at the Aspen Meadows
9:00 – 9:45 AM	**Bear in Mind: Ukraine and Russia** • Oleksiy Honcharuk, Former Prime Minister of Ukraine; Chair of the Board of Directors, UFORCE • Stephen E. Biegun, Former Deputy Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State; Vice Chairman, National Endowment for Democracy • Kaupo Rosin, Director General, Estonian Foreign Intelligence Service • Chris Ruddy, CEO, Newsmax Media • *Moderator:* Yaroslav Trofimov, The Wall Street Journal Panelists will discuss the state of the Russia-Ukraine War, the strength of Ukrainian resilience, the effectiveness of military assistance, and more.
9:45 – 10:30 AM	**After Ankara: The Future of NATO** • Nils Schmid, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of Defence, Germany • Chris Brose, President and Chief Strategy Officer, Anduril

- General Christopher Cavoli (Ret.), 19th Commander, U.S. European Command; 20th Supreme Allied Commander Europe
- Mircea Geoană, Former Deputy Secretary General, NATO, Founder, Aspen Institute Romania
- *Moderator:* Courtney Kube, NBC

Following the 2026 NATO Summit in Ankara, this panel will explore the most pressing issues facing NATO today. Panelists will evaluate the U.S.-NATO transatlantic relationship and national security implications, especially as the Russia-Ukraine War persists.

10:30 — 11:00 AM **Fireside Chat with Ambassador Akif Çağatay Kılic**

- Akif Çağatay Kılıç, Chief Adviser on National Security and Foreign Policy to the President, Turkey
- *Moderator:* David E. Sanger, The New York Times

Following President Trump's recent meeting with Turkish leader Recep Tayyip Erdoğan ahead of the NATO summit in Ankara, Ambassador Kilic will engage in a broad discussion about recent U.S. sanctions. The conversation will also touch on NATO leaders' recent gathering in Turkey, as the alliance considers how best to counter Russia.

11:00 — 11:30 AM **Fireside Chat with Minister Ayman Safadi**

- Ayman Safadi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Jordan
- *Moderator:* Andrea Mitchell, NBC

Minister Safadi will discuss Jordan's regional role amid ongoing instability in the Middle East, including efforts to de-escalate conflict and advance prospects for a durable political resolution, as well as explore the state of bilateral U.S.-Jordanian relations.

11:30 AM — 12:15 PM **Let's Get This Strait: The Future of Iran**

- Chris Murphy, U.S. Senator for Connecticut, U.S. Senate
- Robert Greenway, Former Director, Allison Center for National Security, Heritage Foundation; Senior Vice President, American Global Strategies
- Roxana Saberi, Journalist and Author
- Karim Sadjadpour, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- *Moderator:* Jim Sciutto, CNN

Given the Iran War ceasefire, panelists – including Senator Murphy – will discuss the current state of U.S. negotiations with Iran. Other topics include the Strait of Hormuz, uranium enrichments, and additional relevant news by the time of the panel.

12:15 — 1:00 PM **Israel Today**

- Dahlia Scheindlin, Fellow, Century International, The Century Foundation
- Dan Shapiro, Distinguished Fellow, Scowcroft Middle East Security Initiative, Atlantic Council
- Ted Deutch, CEO, American Jewish Committee
- *Moderator:* Jacqui Heinrich, Senior White House Correspondent, Fox News

This panel will explore the enduring complexities of the West Bank and U.S.-Israel Relations, as well as potential pathways for future resolutions.

11:45 — 1:30 PM **Grab-and-Go Lunch Available for all participants at the Aspen Meadows Resort**

1:00 — 1:30 PM **Featured Book Talk in Kaufman Room, Doerr-Hosier Building**
Project Maven: A Marine Colonel, His Team, and the Dawn of AI Warfare

- Katrina Manson, Author, *Project Maven: A Marine Colonel, His Team, and the Dawn of AI Warfare*
- *Moderator:* VADM Trey Whitworth, Former Director, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

Katrina Manson and VADM Trey Whitworth will discuss *Project Maven*, "the dramatic story of the secretive decade-long Pentagon campaign to deliver America into the age of AI warfare" (one of *The Economist*'s "Best Books of 2026").

2:15 — 3:00 PM **AI, National Security, and What's Coming Next**

- David van Weel, Minister of Justice and Security, The Netherlands
- Robin Colwell, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, Intel
- Amber Miller, President, Hewlett Foundation
- Anne Neuberger, Senior Advisor, a16z; Distinguished Fellow, Stanford University and Royal United Services Institute; Former Deputy National Security Advisor for Cyber and Emerging Technologies
- *Moderator:* Mary Louise Kelly, NPR

Panelists will discuss the evolving intersection of artificial intelligence (AI) and national security. Topics include the technological race with China, export controls, the challenges Congress faces in regulating artificial intelligence, the need for new models of public-private collaboration, and more.

3:00 — 3:30 PM **Troubled Waters: Security and Stability in the Indo-Pacific**

- Rahm Emanuel, Former U.S. Ambassador to Japan
- Michael Fullilove, Executive Director, Lowy Institute
- Anja Manuel, Executive Director, Aspen Strategy Group; Principal, Rice, Hadley, Gates & Manuel LLC
- *Moderator:* Demetri Sevastopulo, Financial Times

This panel will Indo-Pacific region's pivotal position within broader U.S.-China competition. Other themes include how to ensure stability, critical energy supplies, and future pathways for engagement in the region.

3:30 – 4:15 PM **Middle Ground in the Middle East?**

- Salam Fayyad, Former Prime Minister, Palestinian Authority; Professor of Public Policy, Princeton University
- Kim Ghattas, Contributing Writer, The Atlantic; Author, *Black Wave*
- Amaney Jamal, Dean, Princeton School of Public and International Affairs
- Herro Mustafa Garg, Former U.S. Ambassador to Egypt and Bulgaria; Founder and Principal, Hollyhock Global Advisory
- *Moderator:* David Ignatius, The Washington Post

This panel will cover the state in the Middle East, including prospects for conflict resolution and the United States' strategy in engaging with the region.

4:15 – 4:50 PM **The Global AI Race: Beyond Washington and Beijing**

- Anja Manuel, Executive Director, Aspen Strategy Group; Principal, Rice, Hadley, Gates & Manuel LLC
- Talal M. Al Kaissi, Group Chief Global Affairs Officer, G42; Chief Executive Officer, Core42
- Philip Zelikow, The Botha-Chan Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University
- *Moderator:* David E. Sanger, The New York Times

Panelists will examine how the artificial intelligence (AI) race is moving beyond Washington and Beijing, focusing on artificial intelligence diffusion and digital sovereignty. Additional topics include infrastructure, security, resilience, and broader AI security.

4:50 – 5:30 PM **The American Example: 250 Years On**

- Karl Rove, Senior Advisor & Deputy Chief of Staff to President George W. Bush
- Jane Harman, Former Member, U.S. Congress
- Kori Schake, Director of Foreign and Defense Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute
- *Moderator:* Edward Luce, Financial Times

This panel will honor and commemorate the American experiment with a discussion on the past 250 years and the centuries to come. Panelists will situate America's first quarter of a millennium in the grand scheme of human history before exploring whether America is living up to the principles outlined in the Declaration of Independence.

5:45 – 7:00 PM **Optional Film Screening in Paepcke Auditorium: *Antidote***

- Christo Grozev, Head of investigations, The Insider
- *Moderator:* Yaroslav Trofimov, The Wall Street Journal

Director Grozev and moderator Trofimov will show an abbreviated "Director's Cut" of the film *Antidote*, a documentary that follows three whistleblowers who faced consequences for their opposition efforts against Putin's regime. Grozev will open the floor for questions and discussion from the audience.

6:30 – 9:30 PM **Pine Creek Cookhouse Dinner**

Friday, July 17

7:30 AM **Senator Murphy Departs from ASE airport on Flight UA 5766**

8:48 AM **Senator Murphy Arrives at Denver International Airport on Flight UA 5766**

9:45 AM **Senator Murphy Departs from Denver on Flight UA 2643**

3:37 PM **Senator Murphy Arrives in Hartford at Bradley International Airport on Flight UA 2643**

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