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.**

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:
04/29/2026 to 05/01/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$741.00	$290.00	$155.00	$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.

8/20/2026
Date

Ryan Orr
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.

8/20/2026
Date

Bill Cassidy M.D.
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.

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 1:11:33 PM Eastern Daylight Time

Subject: ITIF Invitation: Congressional Education Series Staff Trip to Los Angeles, April 29 - May 1
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 1:07:43 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Maggie Henkin
To: Orr, Ryan (Cassidy)
CC: Lauren Comito, Jackie Whisman

Hi Ryan,

On behalf of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF), I'm pleased to invite you to join your congressional staff colleagues and ITIF experts for our next **Education Series Staff Trip to Los Angeles**, California, taking place **Wednesday, April 29 through Friday, May 1, 2026.**

For more than a decade, ITIF has hosted small groups of roughly 15 Hill staffers on educational trips that include visits with leading innovators across science and technology. These experiences offer a unique opportunity to engage directly with engineers, scientists, entrepreneurs, and investors who are shaping the innovation economy and to hear firsthand how emerging technologies intersect with public policy.

Participants will explore Los Angeles' dynamic innovation ecosystem, with tentative visits to organizations including **Amgen, Meta, NBCUniversal, Amazon, Apple, and Disney, among others.**

Trip Highlights:

- **Roundtrip travel from Washington, DC to Los Angeles** (covered by ITIF)
  - **Depart:** Morning of Wednesday, April 29 (DCA → LAX)
  - **Return:** Mid-afternoon on Friday, May 1 (LAX → DCA)
- **Tentative site visits**: Amgen, Meta, NBCUniversal, Amazon, Apple, and Disney
- In-depth discussions on innovation and tech policy

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

If you are able to participate, RSVP here by April 3. If you're unable to attend but would like to 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
M: 202-770-7231 | mhenkin@itif.org

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.

Name of Traveler:
Ryan Orr

Employing Office/Committee:
CASSIDY, WILLIAM

Private Sponsor(s):
Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

Destination(s):
Burbank, California

Travel Dates:
04/29/2026 to 05/01/2026
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.

I am responsible for policy matters regarding AI, technology, and biotechnology. The trip itinerary encompasses visits to stakeholders in all of these domains.

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.

3/30/2026
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)

I Bill Cassidy, M.D.
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize RYAN ORR
(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)

3/30/2026
Date

Bill Cassidy, M.D.
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Information Technology and Innovation Foundation: ITIF Education Series Trip to Los Angeles, CA

Ryan Orr

Title:
Legislative Correspondent

Employing Office/Committee:
CASSIDY, WILLIAM

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):

Burbank, California

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

I am responsible for policy matters regarding AI, technology, and biotechnology. The trip itinerary encompasses visits to stakeholders in all of these domains.

Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Public Charity

Address 2 (Optional)
Suite 600

Phone Number
2406871834

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
(●) Yes ( ) No

Address
700 K Street NW

City, State Zip
Washington, District Of Columbia 20001 United States

Organization URL
www.itif.org

History of Congressional Travel

ITIF was founded in 2006 and has been sponsoring congressional travel for the entirety of its 20 year history. In addition to these regular trips (roughly two per year) we have sponsored a signature policy retreat since 2012. ITIF's 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.

Educational Activities

We engage in policy debates directly and indirectly by presenting policymakers and influencers with compelling data, analysis, arguments, and proposals to advance effective innovation policies and oppose counterproductive ones. 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.

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

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

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?

- [x] 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

- [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
- [ ] 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.

- [ ] 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** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
04/29/2026 @ 08:30 AM

Trip End Date/Time:
05/01/2026 @ 08:35 AM

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: $741.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$491.00
Note Round Trip DCA to LAX		
Ground Transportation	Coach	$250.00
Note Shuttle bus between site visits		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $290.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
04/29/2026	05/01/2026	Hotel Burbank	Burbank	California	United States	2	$145.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $155.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
04/29/2026	$0.00	$10.00	$35.00	$0.00	**$45.00**	Los Angeles	California	United States	No
04/30/2026	$15.00	$20.00	$40.00	$0.00	**$75.00**	Los Angeles	California	United States	No
05/01/2026	$15.00	$20.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$35.00**	Los Angeles	California	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 Los Angeles, CA

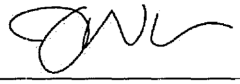
Travel Date(s): April 29 - May 1, 2026

Travel Destination(s): Los Angeles, CA

Sponsor: Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF)

Jackie Whisman — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Chief Development Officer — *(title)*



(signature of sponsor representative)

March 25, 2026 — *(date)*

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ITIF EDUCATION SERIES STAFF TRIP TO LOS ANGELES, CA - INVITEES

First Name	Last Name	Title	Organization Name (Parent)
James	Adams	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Josh Gottheimer
Diane	Adamson	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Jamie Raskin
Elizabeth	Adkins	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Valerie P. Foushee
Isaiah	Akin	Legislative Director	Office of Senator Ron Wyden
Shinnola	Alexander	Policy Advisor	Office of Representative Sara Jacobs
Erica	Andeweg	Senior Policy Advisor	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Hannah	Anton	Policy Analyst	Committee on Energy and Commerce
Uday	Aryal	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Zach	Atran	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Representative Ted W. Lieu
Marie	Baldassarre	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Ro Khanna
Amanda	Baldwin	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Nathaniel Moran
Jennifer	Bel Miller	Chief of Staff/Senior Advisor	Office of Representative Steve Scalise
Brianne	Binder	Counsel	Committee on the Judiciary
Maher	Bitar	Chief Counsel and National Security Advisor	Office of Sen. Adam Schiff (CA)
Sarah	Bittleman	Policy Director	Committee on Finance
Richard	Blackmon	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Robert Garcia (CA-42)
Luke	Blanchat	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Richard Hudson
Patrick	Boland	Chief of Staff	Office of Senator Adam B. Schiff
Lorissa	Bounds	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Jay Obernolte
Andrew	Bower	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Robert Garcia
Drew	Brandewie	Chief of Staff	Office of Senator John Cornyn

Sean	Brislin	Chief of Staff/Legislative Director	Office of Representative Nancy Mace
Jennifer	Burks	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Mazie K. Hirono
Benjamin	Burnett	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Eric Swalwell
William	Burns	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Jay Obernolte
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Molly	Carpenter	Legislative Director	Office of Senator Mike Crapo
Mary Kate	Carter	International Trade Counsel	Committee on Finance
Amanda	Cash	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative James Comer
Selene	Ceja	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Representative Ro Khanna
Marc	Cevasco	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Ted W. Lieu
Sean	Chilson	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Jim Jordan
Abigail	Cipparone	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Jamie Raskin
Sarah	Coffman	Legislative Director	Office of Representative James Comer
John	Cooper	Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director	Office of Representative Doris O. Matsui
Reid	Dagul	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Ben Cline
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Rory	Daly	Professional Staff Member	China Select Committee
Jennifer	Davis	Chief of Staff/Director of Scheduling	Office of Senator Chuck Grassley
Maddy	Davis	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Giulia	DiGuglielmo	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Darrell Edward Issa
Jared	Dilley	Deputy Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Jim Jordan
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Samuel	duPont	Economic Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Chris Coons
Kevin	Eichinger	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Jim Jordan
John	Etue	Chief of Staff	Office of Senator Ted Cruz
Tyler	Fagan	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Mike Johnson
Jamie	Finch	Senior Advisor	Office of Representative Nancy Mace
Liam	Fitzsimmons	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Frank Pallone, Jr.
Jamie	Fleet	Senior Advisor	Office of House Minority Leader
James	Fleming	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Richard Hudson
Conor	Fryer	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Shontel Brown
Jack	Ganter	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Buddy Carter
Marcus	Garza	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Hank Johnson
Kara	Getz	Legislative Counsel/Director	Office of Representative Richard E. Neal
Connor	Glisson	Tech Policy Counsel	Office of Senator Marsha W. Blackburn
Abby	Goins	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Adrian Smith
Brad	Grantz	Staff Director	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
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John	Hoehne	Chief of Staff	Office of Senator Mike Crapo
Cody	Hollerich	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Representative Bill Foster
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Preston	Howey	Legislative Director	Office of Senator Ted Cruz
Russell	Hsiao	Professional Staff Member	China Select Committee
Caleb	Jackson	Judiciary Counsel	Office of Senator Adam B. Schiff
Joshua	Jackson	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Adrian Smith
Megan	Jackson	Staff Director	Committee on Energy and Commerce
Tasia	Jackson	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Hakeem Jeffries
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Virginia	Lenahan	Chief International Trade Counsel	Committee on Finance
Michael	Lestingi	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

John	Lin	Senior Counsel	Committee on Energy and Commerce
Clancy	Lyles	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Finance
Matt	Margulies	Professional Staff Member	China Select Committee
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Adam	McBride	Policy Advisor	Office of Representative Doris O. Matsui
Matt	Meyer	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Jason Smith
Jeffrey	Michels	Chief of Staff	Office of Senator Ron Wyden
Charlie	Mleck	Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Bob Latta (OH-05)
Antwoin	Monach	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Hank Johnson
Philip	Murphy	Senior Professional Staff Member	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Molly	Newell	Chief International Trade Counsel	Committee on Finance
Zachary	Newman	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Representative Josh Gottheimer
Megan	Noriega	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Ali	Nouri	Senior Policy Director	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Lauren	O'Brien	Legislative Director	Office of Senator Todd Young
Elizabeth	O'Hara	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Richard E. Neal
John	O'Hara	Counsel/Trade Policy Director	Committee on Finance
Zoë	Oreck	Policy Director	Office of Representative Hakeem Jeffries
Andrew	Orlebeke	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Jan Schakowsky
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Julia	Pan	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Christina	Parisi	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Energy and Commerce
Jake	Parker	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Senator Bill Cassidy
Shil	Patel	Chief of Staff	Office of Senator Thom Tillis

Cirilo	Perez	Senior Professional Staff Member	Committee on the Judiciary
Miranda	Peterson	Policy Advisor	Office of Representative Frank Pallone, Jr.
Hilary	Pinegar	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Jason Smith
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Brannon	Rains	Legislative Assistant	Office of Senator Todd Young
Benjamin	Rakes	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Ben Cline
Arturo	Reyes	Senior Legislative Assistant	Office of Rep. Valerie Foushee (NC-04)
James	Rice	Legislative Director	Office of Senator Chuck Grassley
Gregg	Richard	Staff Director	Committee on Finance
Dylan	Rogers	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Energy and Commerce
Amit	Ronen	Chief of Staff	Office of Senator Maria Cantwell
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Alex	Scheuer	Policy Advisor	Office of the House Minority Leader
Aaron	Schmidt	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Suzan DelBene
Joshua	Sheinkman	Staff Director	Committee on Finance
Elena	Sherman	Trade Policy Analyst	Committee on Finance
Carly	Sincavitch	Legislative Director/Senior Advisor	Office of Representative Eric Swalwell
Sarah	Skirmont	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Linda T. Sánchez
Gabrielle	Slais	Professional Staff Member	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Jacob	Smith	Deputy Legislative Director/Policy Advisor	Office of Senator John Cornyn
Patrick	Souders	Chief of Staff	Office of Senator Dick Durbin
Harden	Spencer	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Valerie P. Foushee
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Megan	Thompson	Senior Advisor	Office of Senator Maria Cantwell
David	Turner	Senior Professional Staff Member	Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Hayden	Upchurch	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Nathaniel Moran
Jonathan	Vecchi	Deputy Chief of Staff / Legislative Director	Office of Representative Gus Bilirakis
Ruth	Ward	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Mike Johnson
Samantha	Warren	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Bill Foster
Alexandra	Whittaker	Chief Trade Counsel	Committee on Ways and Means
Brian	Winseck	Chief of Staff	Office of Senator Chris Coons
Veronica	Wong	Chief of Staff	Office of Representative Darrell Edward Issa
Connor	Wood	Legislative Assistant	Office of Representative Haley Stevens
Annaliese	Yukawa	Senior Policy Advisor	Office of Representative Suzan DelBene
James	Zandstra	Legislative Director	Office of Representative Kevin Kiley
Joseph	Zanoni	Legislative Counsel	Office of Representative Zoe Lofgren
Joseph	Zogby	Chief Counsel, Judiciary Committee	Office of Senator Dick Durbin

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ITIF EDUCATION SERIES STAFF TRIP TO LOS ANGELES, CA – AGENDA

Wednesday, April 29, 2026:

8:30 AM ET	**American Airlines Flight 1966 Departs DCA**
11:26 AM PT	**American Airlines Flight 1966 Arrives LAX**
12:00 PM	**Shuttle Departs LAX**
12:10 – 12:30 PM	**Lunch Stop at In-N-Out Burger** (9149 S. Sepulveda Boulevard)
12:45 – 2:00 PM	**SpaceX** (1 Rocket Road, Hawthorne) SpaceX is the world's leading launch and space services provider for crew transportation, satellite launch, and high-speed satellite internet. SpaceX builds and launches its rockets and spacecraft in the United States and relies on a robust network of suppliers across all 50 states, supporting nearly 150,000 jobs with an economic impact of more than $80 billion. During the visit, staff will learn more about the critical services SpaceX provides to the US government. As one of the main manufacturing facilities for the US space industry, SpaceX's Hawthorne campus offers congressional staff a unique behind-the-scenes look at how the world's leading space services provider achieves results that are truly, out of this world.
2:00 – 3:00 PM	**Drive Time + Trip Overview** ITIF's Incoming President Daniel Castro will provide an overview of the organization and Jackie Whisman, Chief Development Officer, will preview what to expect during the trip.
3:00 – 4:30 PM	**Amgen** (1 Amgen Center Drive, Thousand Oaks) Amgen's Thousand Oaks campus is the company's global headquarters and the birthplace of its scientific innovation. From this site, Amgen discovers and develops innovative biologic medicines for patients facing some of the world's most serious diseases, including cancer, inflammation, cardiovascular disease and rare conditions. During the visit, guests will have the opportunity to engage with Amgen scientists, and view a pilot plant used to test and refine manufacturing processes, offering a firsthand look at how scientific discovery is translated into medicines for patients around the world. *Drive Time: 50 – 70 Minutes*
6:00 – 8:00 PM	**Biotechnology Dinner Discussion**

(Castaway Burbank, 1250 E Harvard Road, Burbank)
Moderated dinner conversation with biotechnology entrepreneurs and investors, who will provide background on their businesses and insight on the **region's biotechnology innovation ecosystem.**
ITIF is the sole sponsor of this dinner and will be covering all expenses.

Remain Overnight — **Hotel Burbank** (150 E. Angeleno Avenue, Burbank)

Thursday, April 30, 2026:

7:00 – 8:00 AM — **Breakfast Available at Hotel**

8:00 AM — **Shuttle Departs Hotel** *(Drive Time: 30 Minutes)*

9:00 – 11:00 AM — **Universal Studios** (3900 Lankershim Blvd, Gate 2, Studio City)
NBCUniversal technology and policy experts will provide a briefing on content theft and a new emerging form of piracy. The presentation will include a live demonstration of how consumers typically obtain unlawful content via new devices and apps, as well as the legal and policy efforts the industry is undertaking to reduce the theft of film and television content. The group will visit physical sets, post-production offices with demonstrations on digital editing, and participate in a theme park experience at Universal Studios. Throughout the visit, we will discuss copyrights, trademarks, and the licensing marketplace and the incredible resources that are invested in creating original content and park experiences, as well discussing the importance of protecting valued intellectual property.

Drive Time: 15-30 Minutes

11:30 – 1:00 PM — **Walt Disney Studios** (Alameda Gate, Burbank)
The tour will begin at Legends Plaza to learn the history of the Studio (including **the history of the studio lot itself), with a focus on Walt Disney's legacy of** innovation and the ways in which the studio has been a leader in creativity and will include a visit to the Team Disney Building.
The group will then visit StudioLAB to learn about Disney's role in partnership with other industries to use technology to drive the art of storytelling. Following the StudioLAB tour, the group will arrive at Animation Studios to learn about the work that goes into creating animated films as well as learning how the process has evolved over the years, including the human and technology elements that drive the creative process.

Drive Time: 30 Minutes

1:30 – 3:00 PM	**Apple** (8777 Washington Boulevard, Culver City) Apple's Culver City campus serves as a major hub for the company's entertainment, services, and technology teams, including Apple TV+ and other digital media initiatives. During the visit, participants will engage with Apple executives and staff to explore how the company integrates hardware, software, and services to deliver seamless user experiences across its ecosystem. Discussions will highlight Apple's approach to innovation, privacy, and intellectual property, as well as the growing role of original content and digital distribution in shaping the future of media and technology. *Drive Time: 15 – 30 Minutes*
3:30 – 5:00 PM	**Universal Music** (2115 Colorado Avenue, Santa Monica) ITIF will join Universal Music Group (UMG) for an educational tour of its Santa Monica recording studio complex and a briefing featuring UMG digital strategy, record label, and studio executives. ITIF will learn about the nexus between music intellectual property (IP) and technology, and how each are utilized by UMG. Additional topics addressed during this highly interactive session will include: the value of artist-label partnerships; music's contributions to the U.S. economy; the risks and opportunities presented by generative artificial intelligence (AI); and how UMG's groundbreaking and innovative licensing deals are establishing a growing AI training market that ensures all parties in the music ecosystem mutually benefit, both commercially and creatively. *Drive Time: 15 – 30 Minutes*
5:30 – 7:30 PM	**Dinner at Amazon/MGM Studios** **(9336 Washington Boulevard, Culver City)** Participants will join Amazon and MGM executives for a moderated dinner discussion focused on the evolving film and television landscape in the streaming era. Over dinner, executives will provide a briefing on Amazon/MGM's content strategy, the integration of technology and storytelling, and the business models shaping global distribution and audience engagement. Following the discussion, participants will take part in a guided tour of the studio facilities, offering a behind-the-scenes look at production and post-production operations. *ITIF is the sole sponsor of this dinner and will be covering all expenses.*
Remain Overnight	**Hotel Burbank** (150 E. Angeleno Avenue, Burbank)

Friday, May 1, 2026:

7:00 – 8:00 AM	**Breakfast Available at Hotel**
8:00 AM	**Shuttle Departs Hotel** *(Drive Time: 45 – 60 Minutes)*
9:00 – 10:15 AM	**Infineon** (101 Pacific Coast Highway, El Segundo) Infineon is a global leader in semiconductor solutions, with a strong focus on power systems, automotive technologies, and secure digital infrastructure. During the visit, participants will meet with company experts to learn how advanced semiconductors enable critical technologies such as electric vehicles, renewable energy systems, and secure connected devices. The discussion will also explore supply chain resilience, the strategic importance of domestic semiconductor manufacturing, and the policy landscape shaping innovation and competitiveness in the global semiconductor industry.
11:00 AM	**Airport Check In**
12:32 PM PT	**American Airlines Flight 591 Departs LAX**
8:35 PM ET	**American Airlines Flight 591 Arrives DCA**