RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Date/Time Stamp

RECEIVED
SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
PUBLIC RECORDS
2026 SEP 15 PM 4:54

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):
Technology Policy Institute

Travel Dates:
08/16/2026 to 08/18/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$1,086.40	$818.00	$884.96	$1,500.00 (waived conference fee)

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.

9/15/26
Date

JOHN CONNOLLY
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.

9/15/2026
Date

Maggie K Hassan
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
Meals	$884.96	The Technology Policy Institute (TPI) planned an informal dinner at the MOLLIE Aspen Hotel on Sunday, 8/16/26, following the opening reception for attendees who did not have dinner plans. There was no formal invitation or guest list. Attendees were provided dinner. There were no speakers. This was a networking opportunity. TPI President Scott Wallsten hosted the event. There were no speakers.
Transportation	$1,086.40	Air transportation cost increased to $1086.40. The class of air ticket was coach and the ticket was non-refundable.

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.

TECHNOLOGY POLICY INSTITUTE

May 7, 2026

John Connolly
109 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
202-224-6361
john_connolly@hirono.senate.gov

Dear John,

The Technology Policy Institute will host its 17th annual summer Aspen Forum on August 16-18, 2026 at the St. Regis Hotel in Aspen, Colorado. It is our pleasure to invite you to participate.

We anticipate this being among the most important TPI Forums to date given new developments domestically and abroad. We will cover artificial intelligence, space, competition, tariffs, broadband, the government's role in promoting science and technology, spectrum regulation, conflicts with China, and much more.

The TPI Forum sets the stage for a wide range of policy debates in Washington in the fall and winter Congressional sessions. Nobel Laureates, tech sector titans, commissioners from U.S. and international agencies, congressional staffers, top academics, and industry leaders routinely attend—often year after year.

We hope you can join us and look forward to seeing you in Aspen.

Best Regards,

Scott Wallsten, Ph.D.
President and Senior Fellow
swallsten@techpolicyinstitute.org
202.730.9441

The Technology Policy Institute is an independent, non-partisan think tank that focuses on the economics of innovation, technological change, and related regulation. TPI is a 501(c)(3) research and educational foundation. This conference is well attended and open to the public.

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:
JOHN CONNOLLY

Employing Office/Committee:
JUDICIARY DEM / HIRONO

Private Sponsor(s):
Technology Policy Institute

Destination(s):
Aspen, Colorado

Travel Dates:

08/16/2026 to 08/18/2026

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.

Going to and participating as a panelist in this forum will support my duties for the Senator because the panel brings together lawyers, Hill staffers, academics, non-profit experts, and the private sector to talk about issues squarely within my policy portfolio (antitrust, telecom, AI, content moderation, and other tech policy). Although the majority view at the conference often does not align with the Senator's policy positions, it is helpful to engage with smart folks she disagrees with.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip? **Name and Relationship to Traveler:**

☐ (signify "yes" by checking box)

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

7/14/2026
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 Mazie K. Hirono (Print Senator's/Officer's Name) hereby authorize John Connolly (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)

7/14/2026
Date

Mazie K Hirono
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Technology Policy Institute: Technology Policy Institute Aspen Forum 2026

JOHN CONNOLLY

Title:
None

Employing Office/Committee:
JUDICIARY DEM

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):

Aspen, Colorado

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

Going to and participating as a panelist in this forum will support my duties for the Senator because the panel brings together lawyers, Hill staffers, academics, non-profit experts, and the private sector to talk about issues squarely within my policy portfolio (antitrust, telecom, AI, content moderation, and other tech policy issues). The overall alignment of the conference is probably more techno-libertarian than the boss's perspective on these issues, but I find it helpful to hear what smart folks she disagrees with are thinking and saying on these issues. Getting to know other staffers who work on these issues has also been valuable in my work for the Senator.

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

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Technology Policy Institute

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

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
N/A

Address
2001 L Street, NW

Address 2 (Optional)
Suite 500

City, State Zip
Washington, District Of Columbia 20036 United States

Phone Number
(202) 495-7722

Organization URL
www.techpolicyinstitute.org

History of Congressional Travel

The TPI Aspen Forum is in its 17th year of bringing, coordinating, & executing this policy forum and has complied with all congressional ethics rules for member and staff participation. This is the only event hosted outside of Washington DC that includes congressional-sponsored travel and is done without regard to congressional participation. TPI's annual summer Aspen Forum brings together policymakers, academics & industry to explore various issues related to technology & tech policy. TPI's role in organizing and conducting the trip involves creating a balanced agenda that addresses various technology-related issues and incorporates diverse perspectives.

Educational Activities

TPI's mission is to advance knowledge & inform policymakers by producing independent, rigorous research & scholarship, by sponsoring educational programs & conferences on major issues affecting information technology and communications policy. We elevate policy discussions in tech and telecom matters with rigorous, independent economic analysis. Educational and research activities to further this goal are policy outputs (i.e. popular economics podcast Two Think Minimum, webinars, white papers, conference papers, research presentations, economic analysis, regulatory filings & commentary). We produce digital tools that include a cloud-based national broadband map, as well as generative AI chatbots that answer questions about broadband grants. Our scholars publish their work in peer-reviewed economics journals, law reviews & contribute to machine learning knowledge in the software development community.

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.

Travel to Aspen, Colorado to participate in the Technology Policy Institute's annual conference, the TPI Aspen Forum 2026. The 2026 program is curated to include diverse discussions by experts on economic growth, national security, free speech, content moderation, artificial intelligence, copyright, antitrust, the major questions doctrine, broadband deployment/regulation, spectrum & space governance/policy, & the future of media.

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

The Technology Policy Institute (TPI) is a 501(c)3 educational think tank that examines the role of economics & emerging technologies. The 17th annual Aspen Forum brings together policymakers, academics, and industry to explore a myriad of issues relating to technology and technology policy. We have found the forum to be an important opportunity for relevant stakeholders to meet for candid discussions that will advance economics and technology policy in domestic and international arenas.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

☑ Yes ○ No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

☑ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

☑ The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

☑ No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations

☑ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip

○ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

○ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.

○ 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

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:
08/16/2026 @ 09:07 AM

Trip End Date/Time:
08/18/2026 @ 09:27 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: $863.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$763.00
Note Round trip coach airfare		
Ground Transportation	Coach	$100.00
Note Rideshare/Cabfare to and from airports		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $818.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
08/16/2026	08/18/2026	The MOLLIE	Aspen	Colorado	United States	2	$409.00	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
Lodging is above the GSA rate. TPI planned to provide complimentary lodging to all government participants at the St Regis Aspen Resort, however, a negotiated rate of $519 per night significantly exceeds the government per diem rates for lodging. The MOLLIE Aspen was selected for Senate staff because it is less expensive than the St Regis Aspen Resort and other nearby hotels. As the host venue for the forum, the vast majority of the conference attendees and speakers will be staying at the St Regis Aspen Resort. TPI will arrange for only congressional staff to stay at the MOLLIE Aspen. Efforts are made to contain costs for all aspects of this event.

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $787.50)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
08/16/2026	$0.00	$0.00	$44.10	$0.00	**$44.10**	Aspen	Colorado	United States	No
08/17/2026	$100.80	$132.30	$189.00	$88.20	**$510.30**	Aspen	Colorado	United States	Yes

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
Attachment C Meals are the same provided to all attendees and are included in the registration fee. We were not able to negotiate a less expensive meal option that complies with GSA per diem rate. Efforts are made to contain costs with respect to all aspects of this event. Note the host venue charges a 26% service charge for all meals. This is included in the breakdown of meal costs.

08/18/2026	$100.80	$132.30	$0.00	$0.00	**$233.10**	Aspen	Colorado	United States	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
Attachment C Meals are the same provided to all attendees and are included in the registration fee. We were not able to negotiate a less expensive meal option that complies with GSA per diem rate. Efforts are made to contain costs with respect to all aspects of this event. Note the host venue charges a 26% service charge for all meals. This is included in the breakdown of meal costs.

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $1,500.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Conference Fees	$1,500.00	Conference registration fees help offset the costs of providing meals, lodging, and travel expenses. TPI extends complimentary registration to government participants and speakers, subject to compliance with their respective office or agency ethics guidelines.

Additional Attachments All additional attachments are below.

Document Name

Attachment B - Background

Attachment C - Travel & Meals

Attachment A - Invites

Attachment A - Invites

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: Technology Policy Institute Aspen Forum 2026

Travel Date(s): August 16, 2026 - August 18, 2026

Travel Destination(s): Aspen, Colorado

Sponsor: Technology Policy Institute

Jane Creel — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Corporate Secretary — *(title)*

Jane Creel — *(signature of sponsor representative)*

Digitally signed by Jane Creel
Date: 2026.07.13 08:51:02 -04'00'

07132026 — *(date)*

Attachment A – U.S. Senate Private Sponsor Travel Certification
TPI Aspen Forum 2026 – August 16-18, 2026

Invitations to TPI Aspen Forum from Dr. Sarah Oh Lam, Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute

Last, First Name	Title	Office
Connolly, John S.	Chief Counsel	Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Senate Judiciary Committee
Reinhard, Courtney	Chief Counsel, Telecommunications	Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee
DeMatteo, Thomas	Chief Counsel	Judiciary Committee
Smith, Josh	Counsel	Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee
Pappas, Peter-Anthony	Chief Counsel	Judiciary Committee
Fuller, Sierra	Policy Advisor	Sen. Jacky Rosen (D)

TECHNOLOGY POLICY INSTITUTE

TPI ASPEN FORUM
August 16-18, 2026
St. Regis Aspen Resort

Sunday, August 16th

9:07 am – 1:24 pm	Depart Reagan National Airport (9:07 am EDT), American Airlines Flight 2607, Arrive Chicago O'Hare International Airport (10:30 am CDT), Depart Chicago O'Hare International Airport (11:16 am CDT), American Airlines Flight 4921, Arrive (1:24 pm MDT), Pitkin County Airport, Aspen, Colorado
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Shuttle to Lodging
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Lodging Check-In
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Fountain Courtyard	Welcome Networking Reception The purpose of the welcome reception is to allow attendees to collect conference credentials and meet fellow conference attendees. Scott Wallsten's remarks will be brief and will be delivered from 7:00 pm – 7:15 pm. Scott Wallsten, Senior Fellow & President, Technology Policy Institute

Monday, August 17th

7:30 am – 8:00 am Astor Ballroom 2	Breakfast
8:00 am – 8:10 am Astor Ballroom 1	Welcome Remarks Dr. Wallsten, TPI President, will welcome all attending the event and give an overview of the program. **Scott Wallsten**, President and Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute
8:10 am – 8:50 am Astor Ballroom 1	Keynote Address: AI Innovation, Diffusion, and the Economy This keynote focuses on AI diffusion and innovation. The address will explore how artificial intelligence spreads across firms and markets, what shapes adoption, and what its trajectory means for competition, productivity, policy, and strategy. **Shane Greenstein**, Martin Marshall Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School, Harvard University

Monday, August 17th continued

8:55 am – 9:30 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Fireside Chat: AI and Energy: Economist's View

This fireside chat focuses on artificial intelligence and energy. The discussion will examine AI's electricity demands, grid impacts, efficiency opportunities, market design, investment challenges.

Severin Borenstein, E.T. Grether Professor of Business Administration and Public Policy and Faculty Director of the Energy Institute, Haas School of Business, University of California at Berkeley
Scott Wallsten, President and Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

9:35 am – 10:15 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Discussion: Meeting AI's Power Demand: Who Pays and Who Builds

AI's electricity demand has collided with aging grids, contested rate cases, and the politics of who pays. This panel takes up the question Severin Borenstein frames in the morning fireside, but from inside the organizations that have to act on it. The conversation will cover how cost allocation actually gets decided, where siting fights are won and lost, and whether the timeline AI demands is one the grid can deliver.

Marsden Hanna, Head of Sustainability and Energy Policy, Google
Chuck Hufstetler, Senator, State of Georgia
Debra Raggio, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, PowerBridge
Scott Wallsten, President and Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

10:15 am – 10:30 am

Break

10:30 am – 11:15 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Discussion: Does America Lead in Quantum?

The United States is widely described as the world leader in quantum technology. But quantum is not a single race. The United States appears strong across most approaches to quantum computing, while China, through a centralized state program, is close behind in superconducting systems and leads outright in quantum communications. America's advantage rests on a decentralized, bottom-up ecosystem of private firms, universities, national laboratories, public funding, and international talent. That model has produced major milestones, but it raises a hard question about whether fragmented investment can hold the line while the foundational research base faces budget pressure. This conversation tests conventional assumptions head-on, asking where the United States actually leads, where it does not, which advantages matter most for national and economic security, and what it would take to sustain them.

David D. Awschalom, Liew Family Professor in Quantum Science & Engineering, and Physics and Director, Chicago Quantum Institute & Chicago Quantum Exchange, Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering, University of Chicago
Edward Parker, Senior Physical Scientist, RAND
Elizabeth Rossi, Quantum AI External Affairs, Google Quantum AI
Scott Wallsten, President and Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

Monday, August 17th continued

11:20 am – 12:05 pm
Astor Ballroom 1

Fireside Chat: Digital Crossroads, From Telecom to Big Tech

The third edition of Digital Crossroads, the foundational text on U.S. telecommunications and competition policy, arrived in 2026 with a new co-author and an expanded thesis, that decades of telecom regulation hold direct lessons for competition policy in Big Tech. Authors Jon Nuechterlein and Howard Shelanski are interviewed by Phil Weiser, Colorado Attorney General and original co-author of the first two editions, on what's changed in the framework, what's held up, and what the new edition gets right and wrong about platforms, AI, and antitrust.

Jonathan Nuechterlein, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute and Distinguished Scholar, Competition Law Center, George Washington University
Howard Shelanski, Co-head, Antitrust & Competition Practice, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP
Phil Weiser, Attorney General, State of Colorado (moderator)

12:10 pm – 12:55 pm
Astor Ballroom 1

Discussion: Supreme Court Developments

This discussion will feature legal experts and scholars who will analyze recent Supreme Court and significant appellate court cases impacting administrative law, technology, telecommunications, separation of powers, and federal agency review. Topics will include landmark rulings affecting regulatory authority, tech policy, and telecom frameworks, as well as their implications for federal agencies and the balance of powers.

Ian Gershengorn, Partner, Jenner & Block, LLP
James Speta, Elizabeth Froehling Horner Professor of Law, Pritzker School of Law, Northwestern University
Jonathan Nuechterlein, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute and Distinguished Scholar, Competition Law Center, George Washington University (moderator)

12:55 pm – 1:10 pm

Break for Buffett Lunch

1:15 pm – 2:00 pm
Fountain Courtyard

A Fireside Chat with US Federal Trade Commission Chairman Andrew Ferguson

FTC Chairman Andrew Ferguson will join CNBC's Brian Sullivan for a timely fireside chat on antitrust, competition, and the business environment. The conversation will explore enforcement priorities, regulatory uncertainty, market dynamics, and current events shaping how companies invest, compete, innovate, and navigate today's evolving economic and political landscape with confidence.

Andrew Ferguson, Chairman, US Federal Trade Commission
Brian Sullivan, News Anchor & Business Journalist, CNBC (moderator)

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Afternoon Break

Monday August 17th continued

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Astor Ballroom 2

Networking Reception & Tech Hub Experience

The TPI Tech Hub is an interactive showcase running alongside the Forum's panels, keynotes, and breakout sessions. While the main program addresses the difficult policy questions facing the technology sector, the Tech Hub gives attendees a firsthand look at the innovations driving that policy debate and the tangible benefits technology delivers.

The Tech Hub features hands-on demonstrations of products and platforms shaping the digital economy, with companies and researchers presenting innovations spanning artificial intelligence, quantum computing, telecommunications, cybersecurity, and related fields. Specific exhibits include:

- Cybersecurity tools and IoT solutions designed to protect and strengthen critical systems
- Physical quantum computing hardware, linking Forum policy discussions to concrete technical breakthroughs
- Infrastructure exhibits showcasing the AI era

The Tech Hub is intended to complement the Forum's substantive policy programming by giving attendees direct, hands-on exposure to the technologies under discussion.

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Ballroom Level

Concurrent Breakout Session Dinner (Chatham House Rule Applies)
Attendees will choose one to attend.

Session I: Spectrum: WRC-27 Countdown and Policy Developments

This discussion will focus on what's actually contested heading into WRC-27 in Shanghai. IMT identifications in 4400-4800 MHz, 7125-8400 MHz, and 14.8-15.35 GHz pit mobile growth against federal incumbents, and force the deeper question of whether new mid-band gets allocated as exclusive licensed spectrum (China's preference), opened for unlicensed and dynamic sharing (the US model), or carved into hybrid arrangements (where Europe and the UK are still landing). Agenda Item 1.14's proposed MSS allocations in the 2 GHz bands sit at the center of the direct-to-device fight. The satellite cluster, covering ESIMs at 47-51 GHz and non-GSO FSS gateways at 51.4-52.4 GHz, will shape how non-geostationary systems scale. With CITEL, CEPT, and APT positions still forming roughly eighteen months out, the dinner will surface where industry, agencies, and allies are aligned and where they aren't.

Scott K. Bergmann, Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, CTIA
Adam Cassady, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Deputy Administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration
John Giusti, Chief Regulatory Officer, GSMA and President, GSMA Foundation
Dale Hatfield, Executive Fellow, Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship and Adjunct Professor, Interdisciplinary Telecommunications Program, University of Colorado at Boulder
Tricia Paoletta, Senior Advisor for Spectrum, National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Megan Stull, Senior Manager, Regulatory Policy and Government Affairs, Apple
Rikin Thakker, Chief Technology Officer and Senior Vice President, Technology, NCTA – The Internet & Television Association
Jennifer Warren, Vice President, Global Regulatory Affairs & Public Policy, Lockheed Martin Corporation
Sarah Oh Lam, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, Technology Policy Institute (co-moderator)
Shane Tews, President, Logan Circle Strategies (co-moderator)

Monday, August 17th continued

Session II: Universal Service Fund Reform

This discussion will convene experts to discuss Universal Service Fund reform and the FCC's broadband subsidy programs. Participants will examine the contribution factor, spending priorities, accountability, and options for voluntary reforms that can strengthen sustainability, improve targeting, and support connectivity goals across communities and networks nationwide.

Will Adams, Vice President, Strategic Policy and Planning, T-Mobile
David Don, Principal, Brite Insights Group
Justin Faulb, Senior Vice President of Policy and General Counsel, NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association
Janice Hauge, Professor and Director of Graduate Admissions, Department of Economics, University of North Texas
John Lin, Senior Counsel, Committee on Energy and Commerce, US House of Representatives*
Carol Mattey, Founder, Mattey Consulting LLC
Gregory L. Rosston, Gordon Cain Senior Fellow and Steering Committee Member, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (moderator)

Session III: Laboratories of Democracy or an American Brussels? States and Digital Regulation

Policy debates often treat digital platform regulation as a European story, built around the DMA, the DSA, and the AI Act. That story is now coming to the US, especially to the states. On competition, California's BASED Act would have barred the largest platforms from favoring their own products before it died in a state Senate committee this spring. New York's 21st Century Antitrust Act, already passed by its Senate more than once, would write a European-style abuse-of-dominance standard into state law. On governance, more than a dozen state privacy laws are now in force, while Colorado's first-in-the-nation AI Act was delayed twice and then scaled back before ever taking effect. The questions are whether any of them work, and at what cost. Two years on, the

Monday, August 17th continued

evidence on the DMA cuts both ways. Some studies find that removing self-preferencing did little to move consumers toward rivals, and businesses such as airlines and hotels report new costs, while supporters point to gains in interoperability and market access and argue enforcement is too young to judge. The state laws face the same test, whether they deliver real protection or mostly add compliance cost and fragmentation. This dinner asks whether the states are providing protections Washington has not, or importing the fragmentation that critics say is hobbling Europe.

Andrew DeVore, Vice President & Associate General Counsel, Amazon
Margot Kaminski, Moses Lasky Professor of Law, University of Colorado Law School and Director of the Privacy Initiative, Silicon Flatirons
Christopher Yoo, Imasogie Professor in Law and Technology; Professor of Communication; Professor of Computer and Information Science; Founding Director, Center for Technology, Innovation & Competition; Co-Director, Penn Center on Media, Technology & Democracy, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School
Scott Wallsten, President and Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

Tuesday, August 18th

7:30 am – 8:00 am Breakfast
Astor Ballroom 2

Tuesday, August 18th continued

8:00 am – 8:40 am
Astor Ballroom 1

A Fireside Chat: Frontier AI and What to Watch in 2027

The conversation will explore model scaling, infrastructure bottlenecks, capital formation, chip supply, and how compute is reshaping startup strategy, competition, and innovation.

Anjney Midha, Founder, AMP PBC
Scott Wallsten, President & Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

8:45 am – 9:30 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Discussion: A View from the Hill

The panel discussion, "View from the Hill," features senior staffers from key congressional member offices and the majority and minority offices of the primary subcommittees overseeing technology and telecommunications policy. This panel will provide a rare glimpse into the legislative priorities and agenda for the fall congressional term. Panelists will share perspectives on critical tech and telecom issues, including spectrum policy, broadband deployment, data privacy, and emerging technology regulations, while discussing the political dynamics and strategic considerations shaping Capitol Hill's approach.

John Connolly, Chief Counsel, Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. Senate (minority)*
John Lin, Senior Counsel, Committee on Energy and Commerce, US House of Representatives (majority)*
Johanna Thomas, Senior Counsel, Committee on Energy & Commerce, U.S. House of Representatives (minority)*
Brian Sullivan, News Anchor & Business Journalist, CNBC (moderator)

9:30 am – 9:45 am

Break

9:45 am – 10:30 am
Astor Ballroom 1

Discussion: Overruling Humphrey's Executor, The Implications for Antitrust Enforcement

The Supreme Court recently overturned Humphrey's Executor, which limited presidential control of "independent" agencies, when it issued its opinion in Trump v. Slaughter in June 2026. Would antitrust enforcement be better or worse without an "independent" agency or would it essentially be the same? Would there be any rationale for two enforcers if both were subject to direct presidential control? Would that ultimately lead to a merging of the antitrust responsibilities of the FTC and the antitrust division? This panel will discuss what overturning Humphrey's Executor means for the structure and substance of federal antitrust enforcement.

Dina Kallay, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for International, Policy and Appellate, Antitrust Division, US Department of Justice
William Kovacic, Global Competition Professor of Law and Policy & Director of the Competition Law Center, George Washington University Law School
Maureen Ohlhausen, Partner & Co-Chair of Antitrust and Competition Practice, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
Lawrence White, Robert Kavesh Professor of Economics, Leonard N. Stern School of Business, New York University
Thomas Lenard, Senior Fellow and President Emeritus, Technology Policy Institute (moderator)

Tuesday, August 18th continued

10:35 am – 10:55 am Astor Ballroom 1	A Fireside Chat US Federal Communications Commissioner Anna Gomez The discussion will cover First Amendment issues, broadcasting, WRC agenda items, USF reform, E-Rate, spectrum, infrastructure, enforcement, and the broader regulatory environment shaping communications markets today nationwide. **Anna Gomez**, Commissioner, US Federal Communications Commission **Bryan Tramont**, Managing Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP (moderator)
11:30 am – 11:45 am	Depart St Regis Aspen via complimentary shuttle Arrive Aspen Pitken County Airport
12:50 pm – 9:27 pm	Depart Aspen, Colorado (12:50 pm MDT), American Airlines Flights 4887/472 Arrive Reagan National Airport (9:27 pm EDT)

* Pending Ethics Approval
** Program times noted are U.S. Mountain Daylight Saving Time (UTC–06:00) unless otherwise indicated.

ATTACHMENT B
U.S. Senate Private Sponsor Travel Certification
TPI Aspen Forum 2026 – August 16-18, 2026

The Aspen Forum is wholly planned, organized, and executed by the staff and Directors of the Technology Policy Institute. TPI receives general support from a variety of organizations, but none is earmarked for specific activities, including the Aspen Forum.

The Technology Policy Institute receives its funding in the form of general support & in-kind contributions from the following organizations:

- ACTWireless
- Amazon
- Apple
- AT&T
- Charter Communications
- Comcast Corporation
- CTIA – Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association
- Deutsche Telecom
- Google
- Information Technology Industry Council
- Lockheed Martin
- Meta Platforms, Inc.
- Motion Picture Association
- NCTA – The Internet & Television Association
- NetChoice
- Netflix
- Sony Entertainment
- TikTok USDS Joint Venture LLC
- T-Mobile
- USTelecom
- The Walt Disney Company
- Verizon Communications

The Technology Policy Institute funds the TPI Aspen Forum with sales of registration fees for the forum as well as general support donations. None of the donors listed above participated in the planning or organization of the policy forum, nor have they earmarked funds for this Congressional trip.

Jane Creel, Vice President & Corporate Secretary
Technology Policy Institute
2001 L Street, NW Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036
202-828-4405 main / 202-495-7722 direct / 301-751-7855 mobile
jcreel@techpolicyinstitute.org

ATTACHMENT C
U.S. Senate Private Sponsor Travel Certification
TPI Aspen Forum 2026 – August 16-18, 2026

Lodging and meals are above the GSA rate.

TPI planned to provide complimentary lodging to all government participants at the St Regis Aspen Resort, however, a negotiated rate of $519 per night significantly exceeds the government per diem rates for lodging.

The MOLLIE Aspen was selected for Senate staff because it is less expensive than the St Regis Aspen Resort and other nearby hotels. As the host venue for the forum, the vast majority of the conference attendees and speakers will be lodging at the St Regis Aspen Resort. TPI will arrange for only academic, government, and congressional staff to stay at the MOLLIE Aspen.

Efforts are made to contain costs for all aspects of this event.

Meals are the same provided to all attendees and are included in the registration fee. We were not able to negotiate a less expensive meal option that comply with the GSA per diem rate. Efforts are made to contain costs concerning all aspects of this event. Cost breakdown of meals provided:

August 16, 2026	Networking Reception	$ 35
August 17, 2026	Breakfast	$ 80
August 17, 2026	Lunch	$ 105
August 17, 2026	Networking Reception	$ 35
August 17, 2026	Ice Cream Social	$ 35
August 17, 2026	Dinner	$ 150
August 18, 2026	Breakfast	$ 80
August 18, 2026	Lunch	$ 105
Meals Provided		$ 605
Venue 26% Service Charge		$ 157
Total Meal Expense		$ 762

Attachment A – U.S. Senate Private Sponsor Travel Certification
TPI Aspen Forum 2026 – August 16-18, 2026

Invitations to TPI Aspen Forum from Dr. Sarah Oh Lam, Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute

Last, First Name	Title	Office
Connolly, John S.	Chief Counsel	Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Senate Judiciary Committee
Reinhard, Courtney	Chief Counsel, Telecommunications	Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee
DeMatteo, Thomas	Chief Counsel	Judiciary Committee
Smith, Josh	Counsel	Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee
Pappas, Peter-Anthony	Chief Counsel	Judiciary Committee
Fuller, Sierra	Policy Advisor	Sen. Jacky Rosen (D)

Attachment A – U.S. Senate Private Sponsor Travel Certification
TPI Aspen Forum 2026 – August 16-18, 2026

Invitations to TPI Aspen Forum from Dr. Sarah Oh Lam, Senior Fellow, Technology Policy Institute

Last, First Name	Title	Office
Connolly, John S.	Chief Counsel	Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Senate Judiciary Committee
Reinhard, Courtney	Chief Counsel, Telecommunications	Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee
DeMatteo, Thomas	Chief Counsel	Judiciary Committee
Smith, Josh	Counsel	Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee
Pappas, Peter-Anthony	Chief Counsel	Judiciary Committee
Fuller, Sierra	Policy Advisor	Sen. Jacky Rosen (D)