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):
America First Digital Foundation

Travel Dates:
05/27/2025 to 05/29/2025

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$198.74	$170.00	$231.00	$100.00

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.

5/21/26
Date

Eraj Shirvani
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.

5/21/26
Date

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: "See attached for explanation of changes."

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

○ Yes ● No

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

AMERICA FIRST DIGITAL FOUNDATION

April 4, 2025

Eraj Shirvani
Senior Economic Policy Advisor
Senator Justice

Dear Eraj,

On behalf of the America First Digital Foundation, I am pleased to invite you to join our inaugural **Congressional Staff Delegation to Bitcoin Las Vegas 2025**, taking place Monday, May 26 through Thursday, May 29, 2025, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The America First Digital Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is dedicated to equipping Members of Congress and their staff with the knowledge and tools to understand and navigate the rapidly evolving world of Bitcoin and digital assets. Our programming is strictly educational, nonpartisan, and designed to help policymakers explore how cryptocurrency and blockchain technology impact innovation, economic growth, and American leadership in the digital economy.

Participation in Bitcoin 2025, the world's largest Bitcoin-focused gathering, will provide you with direct exposure to thought leaders and innovators shaping the digital asset space. We have curated a series of briefings, policy-relevant conference sessions, and expert-led discussions to deepen congressional understanding of the opportunities and challenges presented by digital currencies and decentralized finance.

The Foundation will cover reasonable travel, lodging, and meal expenses in accordance with all applicable House and Senate ethics rules for privately sponsored travel. A detailed agenda and itinerary are enclosed. A copy will be submitted to the Ethics Committee for pre-approval, as required.

Please note that the America First Digital Foundation does not employ or retain lobbyists. While Bitcoin 2025 is a large public event and may attract attendees who are registered lobbyists, any interaction with such individuals will be incidental, *de minimis*, and outside our programming's scope or control. Our sponsored educational activities will remain strictly nonpartisan and policy-focused, fully complying with ethics guidelines for privately sponsored travel.

An informed Congress is essential to ensuring America's continued leadership in the digital age. We hope you'll join us for this timely and impactful opportunity.

To RSVP, simply reply to this email confirming your attendance by Thursday, April 24, 2025. Once registered, ethics paperwork will be submitted through the committee's privately sponsored travel portal.

For questions or additional information, feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

James Kimmey
America First Digital Foundation

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Itinerary

Monday, May 26, 2025

Departure: Depart Washington, D.C. for Las Vegas

Arrival: Arrive in Las Vegas, check into hotel

Evening: Welcome Dinner (6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, location TBD) – A private dinner for staffers to network and discuss the intersection of Bitcoin and public policy, with a brief keynote from a notable figure.

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

***Full Day Event: Code and Country: America at 250** (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM)

Group Dinner: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM - A private dinner for staffers to network and discuss the intersection of Bitcoin and public policy, with a brief keynote from a notable figure.

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

***Conference Day 1:** Focus on institutional, regulatory, and economic policy sessions.

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM: Bitcoin Mining After The Halving: Scale or Diversify to AI?

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM: How Institutions Impact On-Chain Data

10:45 AM - 11:15 AM: How Do We Fund The Strategic Bitcoin Reserve?

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM: Can Nation State Adoption Precede Institutional Adoption?

1:15 PM - 1:45 PM: Bitcoin Banking: Legacy Integration or a Brand New Model?

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM: BitBonds: As American as Apple Pie

2:45 PM - 3:15 PM: Bitcoin Eating The World of Finance

Group Dinner: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM - A private dinner for staffers to network and discuss the intersection of Bitcoin and public policy, with a brief keynote from a notable figure.

Thursday, May 29, 2025

***Conference Day 2:** Focus on regulatory clarity, societal impact, and closing keynotes.

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM: SAB121/Operation Chokepoint 2.0

9:45 AM - 10:15 AM: How Bitcoin Ends the State's Monopoly on Violence

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM: Stablecoins & Bitcoin: Companions or Competitors?

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM: Hester Peirce

11:45 AM - 12:15 PM: The Bitcoin Paradigm Shift: Impacts on Productivity, Quality of Life & Society

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM: Are Bitcoiners Becoming Sycophants of The State?

2:15 PM - 2:45 PM: Bitcoin Communication: Navigating the Evolving Media Landscape

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM: Information Asymmetry: Bitcoin Edition

Group Dinner: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – a recap & farewell dinner

8:00 PM: Check out and transfer to Las Vegas airport.

Evening Flight: Depart Las Vegas for Washington, D.C.

*Subject to change. Awaiting final Conference agenda

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:
Eraj Shirvani

Employing Office/Committee:
JUSTICE, SEN

Private Sponsor(s):
America First Digital Foundation

Destination(s):
Las Vegas, Nevada

Travel Dates:
05/27/2025 to 05/29/2025

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.

As Senator Justice's Senior Economic Advisor, I advise him on economic policy issues, including the Strategic Bitcoin Reserve bill. This trip activities will improve my understanding of bitcoin so that I can better advise the Senator on related policy issues.

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.

April 25 2025

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)

Sen Justice

Print Senator/Officer's Name

I hereby authorize

Eraj Shirvani

(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 in my official capacity and will not create the appearance that the employee 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)

April 25, 2025

Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

America First Digital Foundation: Congressional Staff Delegation to Bitcoin 2025

Eraj Shirvani

Title:
Senior Economic Advisor

Employing Office/Committee:
JUSTICE, JIM

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):
Las Vegas, Nevada

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As Senator Justice's Senior Economic Advisor, I advise him on economic policy issues, including the Strategic Bitcoin Reserve bill. The trip activities will improve my understanding of bitcoin so that I can better advise the Senator on related policy issues.

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

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
America First Digital Foundation

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

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
N/A

Address
2200 Wilson Blvd

Address 2 (Optional)
Ste 102

City, State Zip
Arlington, Virginia 22201 United States

Phone Number
8583360293

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

The America First Digital Foundation is a newly established nonprofit organization with 501(c)(3) status pending, and this will be our first time sponsoring congressional travel.

Educational Activities

America First Digital Foundation is in the early stages of developing a comprehensive suite of educational programs focused on Bitcoin, blockchain technology, and the broader digital asset space. Our mission is to equip Members of Congress and their staff with the knowledge and tools necessary to navigate the rapidly evolving digital economy. While our inaugural event involves sponsoring congressional travel to the Bitcoin 2025 Conference, we are actively planning additional educational initiatives, including workshops and seminars in Washington, D.C., featuring industry experts to discuss the implications of digital assets on innovation and economic growth along with developing accessible resources that provide clear, nonpartisan information on digital assets and their role in the modern economy. These initiatives aim to foster informed policymaking and support America's leadership in the digital economy.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

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

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

None Entered

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

America First Digital Foundation is sponsoring its first educational delegation for congressional staff to attend Bitcoin 2025 in Las Vegas. This trip is designed to deepen staff understanding of the policy, regulatory, and economic dimensions of Bitcoin and digital assets. Bitcoin 2025 is the world's largest Bitcoin-focused conference, bringing together global leaders in technology, finance, and public policy. AFDF has curated a nonpartisan, policy-relevant experience that includes access to key sessions, private briefings, and nightly dinners featuring expert speakers. Topics will include U.S. digital asset regulation, blockchain innovation, and the economic and geopolitical implications of Bitcoin. AFDF will cover reasonable travel, lodging, and meal expenses in full compliance with Senate and House Ethics rules. This initiative directly supports AFDF's mission to prepare congressional staff to thoughtfully engage with emerging digital technologies shaping the global economy.

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

The purpose of this trip is to provide congressional staff with a deeper understanding of the policy, regulatory, and economic dimensions of Bitcoin and digital assets—topics that are rapidly growing in importance across multiple legislative areas, including finance, national security, technology, and economic competitiveness. This directly aligns with AFDF's mission of equipping Members of Congress and their staff with nonpartisan, accessible education about emerging digital financial technologies. By offering curated access to expert speakers, policy-relevant conference content, and private briefings, this trip supports AFDF's goal of ensuring policymakers are well-informed as they navigate the evolving digital economy. As a newly formed educational organization, this trip represents our first major initiative and reflects our commitment to providing meaningful, ethics-compliant learning opportunities tailored to the needs of congressional staff.

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 specifically with 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

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
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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:
05/27/2025 @ 06:00 PM

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Trip End Date/Time:
05/29/2025 @ 07:00 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: $198.74 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Ground Transportation	N/A	$198.74

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $170.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
05/27/2025	05/29/2025	Conrad Las Vegas	Las Vegas	Nevada	United States	2	$85.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $231.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
05/27/2025	$0.00	$0.00	$70.00	$0.00	**$70.00**	Las Vegas	Nevada	United States	No
05/28/2025	$0.00	$25.00	$56.00	$0.00	**$81.00**	Las Vegas	Nevada	United States	No

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
05/29/2025	$10.00	$15.00	$55.00	$0.00	**$80.00**	Las Vegas	Nevada	United States	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $100.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Conference Fees	$100.00	Government rate pass to Conference

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: Congressional Delegation to Bitcoin 2025

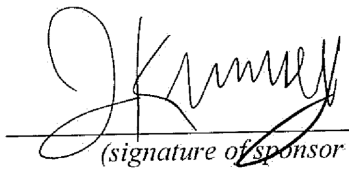
Travel Date(s): May 27 - May 29, 2025

Travel Destination(s): Las Vegas, Nevada

Sponsor: America First Digital Foundation

James Kimmey — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Director — *(title)*



(signature of sponsor representative)

May 20, 2025 — *(date)*

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Senate Invitees

Amelia Breinig, Chief of Staff, Senator Ricketts
Ammon Simon, Chief Counsel, Senate Banking Committee
Andrew Guffee, Legislative Aide, Senator Blackburn
Becky Cole, Chief Economist, Senate Finance Committee
Brent Robertson, Chief of Staff, Senator Marshall
Brian Abraham, Chief of Staff, Senator Justice
Brian Montesinos, Professional Staff Member, Senate Banking Committee
Catherine Fuchs, Staff Director, Senate Banking Committee
Charles Cogar, Chief of Staff, Senator Scott
Christopher Land, Staff Director, Digital Assets Subcommittee (Banking)
Christopher Toppings, Senior Policy Advisor, Majority Leader Thune
Clay Armentrout, Chief of Staff, Senator Britt
Connor Campbell, Chief Counsel, Senator Sullivan
Dan Kunsman, Chief of Staff, Senator Barrasso
Darin Thacker, Chief of Staff, Senator Daines
David Keller, Chief of Staff, Senator Banks
David Stokes, Chief of Staff, Senator Kennedy
Dezmond Ward, Chief of Staff, Senator Rounds
Doug Davis, Chief of Staff, Senator Hyde Smith
Eraj Shirvani, Senior Economic Policy Advisor, Senator Justice
Francesco Castella, Policy Advisor, Senator Budd
Geoff Antell, Chief of Staff, Majority Leader Thune
Gracie Englund, Deputy Press Secretary, Senator Lummis
Haakon Santaella, Legislative Assistant, Senator Cruz
Jack Datin, Legislative Correspondent, Senator Tillis
Janie Faulkner, Deputy Policy Director & Senior Counsel, Senate Banking Committee
Joe Jackson, Senior Advisor, Senator Lummis
John DiGravio, Legislative Assistant, Senator Hagerty
Kate Lindsey, Tax Policy Advisor, Senate Finance Committee
Kathleen Gayle, Legislative Director, Senator Rounds

Katie Warbinton, Communications Director, Senator Lummis
Luke Graeter, Policy Advisor, Senator Moreno
Mark Gruman, Chief of Staff, Senator Cramer
Mark Isakowitz, Chief of Staff, Senator McCormick
Matt Venoit, Policy Advisor, Senate Banking Committee
Michael Lucia, Deputy Policy Director, Senate Banking Committee
Mikalah Skates, Deputy Chief of Staff, Senator Lummis
Mitchell Wilkinson, Policy Advisor, Senator McCormick
Nathan Anonick, Counsel, Senate Ag Committee
Philip Letsou, Chief of Staff, Senator Moreno
Rachel Kaldahl, Deputy Staff Director, Senate Banking Committee
Robert Baldwin, National Security Advisor, Senate Banking Committee
Rusk Henry, Legislative Assistant, Senator Tuberville
Ryan Adam, Economic Policy Advisor, Senator Tillis
Shil Patel, Chief of Staff, Senator Tillis
Susan Wheeler, Chief of Staff, Senator Crapo
Toni-Marie Higgins, Chief of Staff, Senator Boozman
William Mascaro, Policy Advisor, Senate Steering Committee

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Itinerary

The America First Digital Foundation (AFDF) is proud to host a delegation of congressional staff from both the U.S. House and Senate for an educational trip to Bitcoin 2025 in Las Vegas, Nevada. This multi-day program provides educational content focused on the future of digital assets, U.S. competitiveness in financial innovation, and emerging regulatory and economic trends in the crypto space. Attendees will participate in curated conference sessions, policy discussions, and site visits designed to enhance their understanding of Bitcoin's role in the evolving digital economy. The AFDF team will accompany participants throughout the trip, offering opportunities to engage directly with subject matter experts and thought leaders shaping the future of U.S. digital asset policy.

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

AFDF Dinner
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (60 minutes)
Kusa Nori
3000 South Las Vegas Boulevard
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Following a full day of Bitcoin 2025 programming, AFDF will host a private dinner to discuss key themes from the sessions, share policy reflections, and preview the following day's agenda.

No additional AFDF programming following dinner.

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

(7 hrs. of educational material provided)

Shuttle to Conference
8:15 AM – 8:30 AM
Conrad Las Vegas to The Venetian Expo

Keynote Address by Vice President JD Vance
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (30 min.)
Nakamoto Stage
Speaker: **JD Vance**, Vice President of the United States of America

A national-level vision for the future of digital currency and its role in America's economy. Reinforces the importance of proactive policy engagement in the digital asset space.

Tour of Expo Hall
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (120 min.)
Expo Hall

A curated walkthrough of cutting-edge Bitcoin companies and technologies. Helps staff see the practical innovations behind policy discussions, enhancing legislative understanding of the ecosystem.

Bitcoin Made in America
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (30 min.)
Nakamoto Stage
Speaker(s): **Eric Trump**, Executive Vice President at the Trump Organization
Donald Trump, Jr., Executive Vice President at the Trump Organization
Mike Ho, Executive Chairman at American Bitcoin
Matt Prusak, CEO at American Bitcoin

Business leaders discuss U.S.-based Bitcoin production and the drive to localize the industry. Introduces key economic and energy policy considerations surrounding domestic Bitcoin development.

Lunch w/ Senator Lummis
12:45 PM - 1:40 PM (60 min.)
Gjelina Las Vegas
3325 S Las Vegas Blvd.

A private lunch discussion with Senator Cynthia Lummis. As one of the foremost advocates for responsible digital asset policy in Congress, Senator Lummis will share her perspective on the current legislative landscape, regulatory priorities, and the role of Congress in shaping the future of financial innovation.

The Impact of Tariffs on Mining Supply Chains: When 1 ZETAHASH?
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (30 min.)
Mining Stage
Speaker(s): **Ghazaleh Barman**, Head of Mining at Riot Platforms Inc
Brandon Bailey, Co-Founder at Second Gate
Matt Lohstroh, Co-Founder & CEO at Giga Energy
Shanon Squires, Chief Mining Officer at Compass Mining

Mining executives unpack how trade policy and tariffs impact digital asset infrastructure. Highlights important intersections between trade, manufacturing, energy policy, and the crypto economy.

How Bitcoin Can Break the Chains of Economic Imperialism
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (30 min.)
Nakamoto Stage
Speaker(s): **Daniel Batten**, Founder at CH4 Capital
John Perkins, Author of *Confessions of an Economic Hitman*

A critical look at Bitcoin's potential to offer financial alternatives to global debt systems. Raises valuable foreign policy questions about U.S. influence, sovereignty, and development models.

Bitbonds: As American As Apple Pie
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM (30 min.)
Nakamoto Stage
Speaker(s): **Tyler Evans**, BTC Inc.
Andrew Hohns, CEO at Newmarket Capital
Pierre Rochard, Founder at The Bitcoin Bond Company
Matt Cole, CEO at Strive

An introduction to tokenized bond offerings and the future of blockchain-based public finance. Supports understanding of how traditional financial instruments are being reimagined in the crypto age.

Are Bitcoiners Becoming Sycophants of the State?
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (30 min.)
Genesis Stage
Speaker(s): **Danny Knowles**, Host at What Bitcoin Did
Bruce Fenton, CEO at Chainstone Labs
Erik Cason, Cryptosovereignty
Casey Rodarmor, Creator at Ordinals & Runes

A provocative discussion on whether the Bitcoin community is compromising its foundational principles in pursuit of regulatory acceptance and political favor. Speakers debate the balance between sovereignty, decentralization, and engagement with government institutions.

Shuttle to Hotel
4:45 PM – 5:00 PM
The Venetian Expo to Conrad Las Vegas

AFDF Dinner
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (60 minutes)
Piero's Italian Cuisine
355 Convention Center Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Following another full day of Bitcoin 2025 programming, AFDF will host a private dinner to discuss key themes from the sessions, share policy reflections, and preview the following day's agenda.

No additional AFDF programming following dinner.

Thursday, May 29, 2025

(Travel Day/ 5 hr. of educational material provided)

Check- Out of Hotel
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Attendees are encouraged to check out of their rooms and leave luggage with the front desk concierge.

Shuttle to Conference
9:30 AM – 9:45 AM
Conrad Las Vegas to The Venetian Expo

Hester Peirce Fireside
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (30 min.)
Nakamoto Stage
Speaker: **Hester Peirce**, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
Moderator: **Hailey Lennon**, General Counsel at Fold

A candid conversation with SEC Commissioner Peirce on crypto regulation and innovation. Offers rare insight into federal regulatory thinking and its implications for current and future legislation.

Shuttle to CleanSpark
10:45 AM – 11:20 AM
The Venetian Expo to CleanSpark

Tour: CleanSpark - America's Bitcoin Miner
11:30 PM - 1:30 PM (120 min.)
10624 S. Eastern Ave. A-638
Henderson, NV 89052

An on-site visit to a U.S.-based mining operation focused on sustainable energy use. Provides a ground-level perspective on Bitcoin's energy demands and the role of domestic infrastructure. Shuttle transportation will be provided from the Expo Hall to the CleanSpark facility and will return attendees back to the Expo Hall upon conclusion of the tour.

Shuttle to The Venetian Expo
1:35 PM – 2:10 PM
CleanSpark to The Venetian Expo

Jack Mallers Keynote
3:20 PM - 3:50 PM (30 min.)
Nakamoto Stage
Speaker: **Jack Mallers**, Founder & CEO at Strike

Mallers presents Bitcoin's role in revolutionizing payment systems and global remittances. Illustrates the technology's real-world impact on international finance, remittances, and the unbanked.

Michael Saylor Keynote
4:20 PM - 4:55 PM (35 min.)
Nakamoto Stage
Speaker: **Michael Saylor**, Executive Chairman at Strategy

A macroeconomic discussion of Bitcoin as a corporate treasury asset and hedge against inflation. Informs broader economic debates on capital reserves, institutional investment, and financial resilience.

Russ Ulbricht Keynote
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (30 min.)
Nakamoto Stage
Speaker: **Russ Ulbricht**, Freedom Fighter and Founder of Silk Road

A reflection on digital freedom, privacy rights, and state power in the internet age. Provokes deeper thought about the balance between innovation, enforcement, and civil liberties.

Shuttle to Dinner
5:15 PM – 5:30 PM
The Venetian Expo to Conrad Las Vegas

Farewell Dinner
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Brezza
3000 South Las Vegas Boulevard, STE 115
Las Vegas, NV, 89109

A closing dinner to reflect on the week's programming, discuss policy takeaways, and highlight opportunities for continued engagement with AFDF.

Conference Concludes